



**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 29, 2023

**EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**Mission Statement**

"Ebensburg Presbyterians  
are Christians giving help  
and hope to all by sharing God's love."

**GATHERING**

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

*(in unison)*

**O Lord our God, we give you thanks  
for the grace that is at work in us through the gift of our baptism—  
the sign of your triune name, the communion of your faithful people,  
the promise of your glorious realm. By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
poured out upon us in baptism, let your grace and peace grow in us,  
until we gather at your heavenly throne to give you thanks and praise  
forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(responsively)*

God speaks to us: You shall be holy, for I am holy.  
**You shall not hate,  
but love your neighbor as yourself.**

HYMN#469 Moring has Broken

CALL TO CONFESSION

God watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.  
We have righteousness within us,  
but we also have wickedness.  
Therefore, let us confess.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(in unison)*

**God of love,  
your commandments are so simple:  
love God, love neighbor, love self.  
Yet we cannot always muster that love.  
Love for you seems too abstract and distant.  
Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining.  
Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant.  
But you are truly the God of love; if there is anyone who can help us  
love, it is you. Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest  
example and help us learn from you. Amen**  
*(Moment of Silent Prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

It is true: we are beloved of God.

The God who loves us does not condemn us.

**We will live in the glory of God's love!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also, with you.**  
(*Please share the peace of Christ with those around.*)

CHOIR ANTHEM

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYR FOR ILLUMINATION

(*in union*)

**Sovereign God,**

**let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit**

**govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Hebrews

12:1-3

P. 978

SECOND READING

Hebrews

11:18-24

P. 979

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Fix your Eyes on Jesus.

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

HYMN#383 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs 1-3)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our shepherd satisfies our needs;

in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the church . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all nations . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

we pray for loved ones . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving shepherd, lead and guide us—

in green pastures and by still waters,

in right paths and through dark valleys,

until we feast with you in glory

and dwell in your house forever;

through Jesus Christ our Savior who taught us to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of the harvest,

you are continually planting the seeds of your love

in our world and in our lives.

As we bring our gifts to you,

may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope,

planted deeply in our community. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*HYMNS#526 For All the Saints

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Mark 12:29-3*

Go in peace to love the Lord your God

with heart and soul and mind and strength,

and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**MAJOR REPAIR PROJECT IS IN ITS LAST PHASE!**

Please continue praying for the project and prayerfully consider donating to this cause—The Lord God will give us success. Please, contact pastor Owar or one of our leaders for more information.

**BIBLE2020 PROGRAM**

Bible Study Program Wednesdays @7pm. Come Join us!

**SESSION MEETING**— Monday, November 13, 2023

**WORSHP SERVICE** starts at 11:00 AM & Facebook Live

**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICER: Sunday November 5, 2023**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Happy Birthday**

October 12	Addyson Bracken
October 14	Effriam Vietmeier
October 14	Averi Bracken
October 20	Laura McGill
October 24	Shannon McGill
October 27	Apay Ojulu

**Happy Anniversary**



**You may join our church in one of three ways:**

- Transfer from another congregation;
  - Reaffirm your faith if you have not been an active church member recently;
  - Profess Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- Please talk to the pastor or one of the leaders

**PRAYER LIST**

If you have any names, you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Eva Tomb               | Claudette Segear        |
| Ray McKim              | John Fedora             |
| Jim Estep              | Gloria P.               |
| Ramona McKim           | Father Pat Kirsch       |
| Candi Elam             | Family of Richard McKim |
| Ben & Patricia Tuchi   | Phil Brulia             |
| Peter & Margaret Funch | Doug Wolfe (new)        |
| Albie                  |                         |
| Tom R.                 |                         |
| Erin M.                |                         |
| Marty F                |                         |

**Use of the Building Scout**

- October 1 - 5-8pm
- October 8 - 5-8pm
- October 22 - 5-8pm
- October 29 - 5-8pm

**Point of Freedom Group**

Every Tuesday

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| October 03 | 6 Pm |
| October 10 | 6 PM |
| October 17 | 6 Pm |
| October 24 | 6 PM |
| October 31 | 6 PM |

**NA Business**

Saturday, October 21 @. 9:45 AM