



"Get up, pick up your STRETCHER, and go home, for you are healed!" Luke 5:24

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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

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 40:1–11

I waited patiently for the LORD;
He inclined to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
He set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.

*HYMN#376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like the early disciples, we are curious about this Jesus,
this Son of God.
We may be tempted to stay away,
for we know we are not worthy of Him.
But Jesus does not care about worth, wealth and power.
Jesus seeks those who would follow honestly,
willing to face their failures in order to grow closer to God.
In that spirit, let us turn to Christ.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of the ages,
We do not always wait with patience.
We do not always sing your praises.
We do not always recognize your work in our lives.
We would rather take the credit for ourselves.
We would rather take the easy way out.
We would rather step on others
if it means more for ourselves.
Forgive us for all the ways we forget you.

**Help us to delight to do your will.
Help us to trust in you
and return us to the path of righteousness. Amen** [*silent confession*]

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsively)

The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world.

The Lamb of God takes away the sins
of each and every one of us.

Christ has mercy on us, forgiving our sins.

Alleluia!

*GLORY 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Leviticus 13:45-46 Page 88

SECOND READING: Luke 5:12-15 Page 836

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Be Clean!"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN # 391 "Take My Life" (Vs 1,5-6)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving
sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator
who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

— *SENDING* —

*HYMN# 492 "Baptized in Water"

BLESSING AND CHARGE: (*responsively*)

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

***Please stand if you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday, January 29th—Congregational Meeting

Year 2023 New Prayer Lists begins. Please send us email, call the church or Rev. Ojulu if you have a person to add to the prayer lists.

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REDSTONE PRESBYTERY:

Saturday, January 28, 2023 -First Regular Presbyterian meeting of the year (In Person at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, 1:00 p.m. This will also be a ZOOM meeting)

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 -Ebensburg Church will be hosting the Presbytery meeting (In Person at 6:00 p.m. This will also be a ZOOM meeting)

FLEECE FABRIC DONATIONS The Young Disciples are working on a fleece tie blanket project for the shut-ins. If you are willing to donate fleece fabric (1.5-2 yards) each or make a monetary donation, please see Melissa or Owar

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names to add 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.

Tim and Paula Craw

Father Pat Kirsch

James O'Hara

Gloria P.

Dan Quaglia

Mary R.

Cathy Rocus

Bob & Mary Clare Stofko

Claudette Segear

Tim Forberger

Katrin Wolf & Family

Chris Wolfe

Eva Tomb

Richard McKim

Jim Estep

Ramona McKim(new)

Candi Elam (new)

Ben & Patricia Tuchi Peter (new)

Margaret Funch(new)

Albie(new)

Tom R. (new)

Joe P (new)

Erin M. (new)