



"...life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." Luke 12:15

First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 26, 2023
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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

**O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the mercy you so freely offer us
through the grace of our baptism—safe passage
through the sea,
justice rolling down like water, deliverance from sin
and death
forever. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured
out upon us in
baptism, teach us to love and serve you faithfully and
reconcile us to
you and to one another as members of one, living
body;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsively)*

For forty days and forty nights,
led by the Spirit,
Christ fasted in the wilderness.
For forty days and forty nights,
we prepare ourselves to meet
the crucified and risen Christ.

*HYMN# 469 Morning Has Broken

CALL TO CONFESSION

Acts 3:19

Now change your mind and attitude to God
and turn to Him so He can cleanse away your sins
and send you wonderful times of refreshment
from the presence of the Lord.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*¹

**Merciful One,
we are so easily tempted.
We turn away from your word so quickly.
We seek anything that claims to save us from
discomfort, inconvenience, pain,
fear, and emptiness.
But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind.
You are our true hope and salvation,
our hiding place, our guide, our guardian.
We confess our transgressions to you:
forgive our sins. Amen *[silent confession]***

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *(responsively)* *1Thess.*
5:9-10

For God did not destine us for wrath
but for gaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
He died for us so that whether we are alert or asleep,
we will come to life together with him.
Friends, this is Goodnews!

In Jesus Christ we are forgive, renewed, and sent.

*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.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

**Gracious God,
our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word
through these forty days, and minister to us with
your Holy Spirit,
so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed;
through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON YOU Are Not Forgotten RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN#81 Lod, Who Throughout These Forty Days
(Vs. 1-3)

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Matthew 6:21

Jesus says: Where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

**God of grace,
you have gifted us with life in Christ.
Today we bring the gifts of our work**

and the gifts of our hearts.
May all that we bring and all that we are
be your means of grace in the world,
that all people may encounter your good news.
Amen.

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# 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:21

May God be glorified forever
and ever through all generations
because of His plan of salvation
for the Church in Christ Jesus. Amen

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Please take your fish tank today for Special offerings on
Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Monthly Holy Communion Service, Sunday, March 5,
2023

Bible Study Program

Please join us for a Bible Study on Wednesday @7pm.
In-person or/zoom

Birthday and Announcements

Jani Stratton, Feb. 28

Jeff Vietmeier, March 5

Bell Choir Practice

We will start bell choir practices this Sunday February
5th. Practice starts at 12:00 immediately following the
service.

Pastoral Care – Please feel free to call Pastor Owar
Ojulu at 507-304-5958 for any pastoral needs.

You may join our church in one of three ways:

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

REDSTONE PRESBYTERY: Tuesday, May 23, 2023
-Ebensburg Church will be hosting the Presbytery
meeting

PRAYER LIST

Year 2023 New Prayer Lists begins. If you have any
names to add to the Prayer List, please call the church
office at 472-6920, send email to ebgpresby@gmail.com
or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of
the front entrances. Thank you.

Eva Tomb

Ray McKim

Jim Estep

Ramona McKim

Candi Elam

Ben & Patricia Tuchi

Peter & Margaret Funch

Albie

Tom R.

Joe P

Erin M.

Marty F.

Claudette Segear

John Fedora

Sharon Westrick

Ruthan Noderer

Gloria P.

Mary R.

Father Pat Kirsch

Bob & Mary Clare Stofko