

## GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

*Psalm 121*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?

**Our help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.  
God is our keeper and our shade.**

Let us lift our eyes to God.

\*HYMN#426 Lord Speak To Me That I may Speak (Vs.1-2,4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Psalm 18:10*

The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. Trusting in unending grace, let us turn to God for forgiveness.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)<sup>1</sup>

**Teacher,**

**you call us to go,**

**following the plan that you have set out for us.**

**You promise us blessings and purpose,**

**but we do not trust your words.**

**We cling to what we already know,**

**we trust in what we can see and touch,**

**we make excuses for our failure to trust in you.**

**Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit.**

**Help us to believe and give us the abundant life**

**that comes from following your will. Amen [*silent confession*]**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*responsively*)

This son of mine was dead and has now returned to life.

He was lost, but now he is found!

God finds us in our transgressions and forgives us all our sins.

Friends believe the good news of the Gospel!

**In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent!**

"... 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'" Luke 15:9



**Second Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 5, 2023**

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Mission Statement

"Ebensburg Presbyterians are Christians giving help and hope to all by sharing 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.*)

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.**

FIRST READING:                      John 3:1–17                      Page 863-4

SECOND READING:                      Luke 15:1-7                      Page 850

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                                      Lost and Found

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\* INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (2 *Chr.* 9:7)  
*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

\*INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

\*HYMN #93 Ah, Holy Jesus (Vs.1&4)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God...

Therefore, we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior...

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast and proclaim victory.

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen to life,  
Christ will come again in glory.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; Through the Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray, saying:

**Our Father...**

**BREAKING THE BREAD**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the gifts of grace  
we have received from your hand.  
Now send us forth to reflect your light,  
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection  
until you come again in glory. Amen.**

— **SENDING** —

\*HYMN#482 The Light of God is Falling (*insert/ red hymnal*)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**May God of love keep you from falling and wandering  
May the Lord of mercy sanctify you  
May God strengthen your faith,  
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless  
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ’s returns. AMEN**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

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

**SESSION MEETING**

Monday, March 13@7pm

**Bible Study Program**

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

**Birthday and Announcements**

James Estep, Jr. March 13<sup>th</sup>

Leif Vietmeir, March 15<sup>th</sup>

**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](mailto: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

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Albie

Tom R.

Joe P

Erin M.

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Claudette Segear

John Fedora

Sharon Westrick

Ruthan Noderer

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Father Pat Kirsch

Bob & Mary Clare Stofko

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