

"why do you stand here looking into the sky?" Acts 1:11



Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (*Responsively*)

We may not know the time or the place,
but we know that God is restoring the world.

We may not see the risen Christ before us,
but we know his spirit rests on us.

We may not know what God is doing next,
but we come together in faith, excited to discover it!

* HYMN#150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all our anxiety on Jesus, who restores, supports, strengthens, and establishes us. Therefore, let us come to God in a spirit of openness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Responsively*)

Christ our Savior,

as you ascended, you left the work to us.

You called us to keep the movement going,

to witness to the ends of the earth,

to pray, to heal,

to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds,

to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us.

We have fallen short of this call.

We have hidden ourselves in fear,

sought our own comfort,

and resigned ourselves to the status quo.

Forgive us,

and strengthen us to do your will,

that we may be signs of your coming reign. Amen (*silent Prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

John 17

¹ CTW 561A

The tenderness and care for us shows us who Jesus is—the one who hears our prayers, responding to our longing for forgiveness with mercy.
**Thanks be to God,
praise be to Christ,
glory be to the Holy Spirit.**

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (*in unison*)

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING:	Acts	1:6–14	Page
SECOND READING:	John	17:1-11	Page

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON KOINONIA— Christian “Fellowship”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMNS#435 We All Are One in Mission

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

God of all power and glory, receive these prayers,
and continue your mighty work among us,
through Jesus Christ, our living Lord, 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 & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Great God,
to you we give our thanks;
your steadfast love endures forever.
With gratitude we bring our gifts to you.
Bless us and our gifts,
that our lives and our resources
may be a source of healing and hope,
of joy and justice in our world. **Amen.**

SENDING

*HYMNS# #151 Crown Him With Many Crowns (Vs 1-3)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *2 Thess. 3:16, 18*
Now may the Lord of peace
give you peace at all times
and in all ways.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with all of you. **Amen**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Major Repair Project

The Session leadership agreed on restoring storm windows of our church to help preserve stained-glass windows. The bid from Servpro of \$76,000 was accepted and the work will begin as the weather allows. We need your prayers and prayerfully, please consider donating to the Major Repair Fund. Contact pastor Owar or one of our leaders.

THE 75TH Anniversary celebration of Pine Springs Camp—

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023. Registration is required and the deadline is WEDNESDAY, MAY 26. Go to www.pinesprings.org/75th to register or call 814-629-9834 for more information.

VBS @ Ebensburg Methodist Church—Sunday thru Thursday (June 4-8, 2023). Registration before or one June 4th both in-person or on www.ebensburgmethodist.org or on Facebook page.

Bible2020 Program—Bible Study Program, Wednesdays @7pm

Women's Association First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown—warmly invites ladies to join them for an AFTERNOON TEA on Monday, June 19, 2023 A2 12:00 PM. Please RSV by June 12 to Caroline, church secretary, at 814-536-8141

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 7 Lucas Taylor

May 8 Happy Anniversary—*Becky Carlin & Ralph Shuey*

May 11 Kayt Makosy Williamson

May 14 Owar Ojha Ojulu

May 21 Ojha Owar Ojha

May 23 Kevin McKenrick,
Chase Forberger

May 24 Neil McKenrick

May 26 David Sowers

May 28 Happy Anniversary *Roger & Laura McGill*

May 29 Sarah Elizabeth Segear

May 31 Jim Stratton

Ebensburg-Colver Joint Service—Pentecost Sunday, May 28th 2023

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.

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

Richard McKim

Phil Brulia