



"God sent me ahead of you to preserve
for you a remnant on earth."

Gen.45:7

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 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*)

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come.

**God will bring us to the holy mountain,
a house of prayer for all people.**

**God gathers all the outcasts together,
and makes us joyful!**

* HYMN# 386 O for a World (vs 1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

We call to God, saying, "Have mercy on us!"

We call to God, saying, "Lord, help us!"

We call to God even in the midst of our sin,
knowing that God is gracious and just, let us approach God with faith.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*in unison*)

God of all goodness,

We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts.

We want to focus on the good—

on the love, the compassion, the care—

and ignore the bad—

the greed, the envy, the cruelty.

But before you, God,

we must face it.

Forgive all the ways we have let evil

take hold in our hearts.

Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons,

and empower us to live a Christlike life. Amen (*silent Prayer*)

¹ CTW 561A

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *(Responsibly)*

We have been disobedient to God,
but we have received mercy through Christ.

**We are called to live our lives as those transformed,
by the abundant mercy of God! Amen**

*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.)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read, and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1–15 Page 37

SECOND READING: Psalm 133:1-3 Page 501

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON God's Boundless Mercy

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMNS# 289 O God of Every Nation (vs1-3)

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.

INVITATION & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

SENDING

*HYMNS#276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Major Repair Project has started!

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

Bible2020 Program—Bible Study Program will not meet in August, but resume in September on Wednesdays @7pm

Youth Program and Confirmation

Youth program resumes on Sunday, September 3rd

Confirmation and Youth Service is scheduled for Sunday September 17th. Please plan to attend the service and fellowship after service.

Holy Communion: *Sunday, September 3, 2023*

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

- Aug. 5 Jack Makosy
- Aug. 8 Philip Rice
- Aug. 15 Kristine Segear
- Aug. 24 Phil Brulia
- Aug. 25 Duane Mohny
- Aug. 27 Makenzie Magley De Yulis

Happy Anniversary	
Aug.3	Jack & Sue Makosy
Aug. 7	Ed Baker & Carol Carlisle
Aug. 31	Susan & Matt Wolfe

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 | |
| Albie | |
| Tom R. | |
| Erin M. | |
| Marty F | |

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