



**Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 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*)

The good news resounds:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

We celebrate the God who is our refuge.

In God's presence there is gladness and rest.

God is always before us,

we shall not be shaken. Praise the Lord!

* HYMN#114 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

God shows us the path of life,

offering companionship along the way.

Therefore, we trust in God,

knowing that we can admit the ways

we struggle to stay on that path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Responsively*)

Embodied God,

you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,

imbuing us with the grace and patience

that you have shown to us time and again.

We experience your presence,

but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do.

We look down on those who ask for proof,

we scorn those who scoff at our faith.

Forgive us and soften our hearts.

Remind us of our own human doubts,

that we might have compassion for all

and freely share your grace. Amen (*silent Prayer*)

¹ CTW 561A

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)
God has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.
Thanks be to God for such a hope. Alleluia!

Joel 2:13

*HYMNS#106 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (vs 2-4)

*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*)

**Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Page 983

SECOND READING: John 20:30-31 Page 883

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

What is a Tested FAITH?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Life in Christ is life eternal.
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We offer our prayers through Christ,
who lives and reigns forever,
and prays for us in heaven.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our 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 TO OFFERINGS

1 John 3:16-17

How does God's love abide in anyone
who has the world's goods
yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need?
Remembering God's great love for the world,
let us offer our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

**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#122 Thine is the Glory

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

May God bless you and keep you.
May He show you his kindness
and have mercy on you.
May the LORD watch over you
and give you peace. **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.

Young Disciples

Youth Program and Confirmation Class—*Sunday, April 16th*

Bible2020 Program

Our Bible Study resumes Wednesday, April 19th @7pm

April Birthdays and Announcements

Clifton J. Harris April 13

Dan Orr April 22

Ralph T. Shuey April 29

Ebensburg and Colver Joint Service

Pentecost Sunday, May 28th 2023

Session Meeting

Monday, May 8th @7pm

REDSTONE PRESBYTERY: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 -Ebensburg Church will be hosting the Presbytery meeting (In Person at 6:00 p.m. and on ZOOM meeting)

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

Thank you to our Bell and Choir Team for giving their amazing performances on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

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