

“If they keep quiet, the stones
along the road will burst into
cheers!” Luke 19:40



Palm Sunday

April 2, 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 WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

Hosanna! Save us!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the Lord our God!

* HYMN#85 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

Christ comes to the center of our busy, conflicted lives. He comes in triumph and humility. He comes in glory and in mercy. He comes knowing the best of who we are, and he comes knowing our worst. Trusting in God’s grace, let us make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*in unison*)

Christ our Redeemer,

try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us and help us to follow. Amen (*Silent Prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

Joel 2:13

Even in the face of hatred and violence, we know that Christ loves us. Even when enduring death, Christ cares for us; Christ forgives us.

Thanks be to the God of mercy. Alleluia!

*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:

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-13 Page 773

SECOND READING: Luke 19:28-44 Page 854

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON A KING ON A DONKEY

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMNS#187 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Matt. 6:21)*

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.**

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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:
In our suffering and sorrow, we trust in your saving power,
for you are good and gracious; our lives are in your hands.
With you as our helper, we will not be put to shame.

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:

Betrayed and denied by those whom he loved; Jesus surrendered himself to death—death on a cross. There he gave his life in love for the world.

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

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. By your Spirit, let us share the mind of Christ, who emptied himself, suffering shame and death, so that all might know the fullness of your glory.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. And we pray in unison the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying: **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**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION & BREAKING THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

We give you thanks, Holy God, for the body and blood of our Lord, given with love for the world. Send us out in your Spirit to share the good news of salvation and give ourselves for others; in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMNS #188 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Psalms 51:1, 11

May the steadfast love of God,
the abundant grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit
be with you this day and always. **Amen**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

KID'S EASTER EGGSTRAVGANZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2022 10:30 AM—NOON

KIDS FROM AGES 1-11 WELCOME!!

One Great Hour Of Sharing

OGHS offering will be taken today Sunday, April 2nd

Holy Communion

Communion Sunday, April 2nd and first Sunday of each month.

Maundy Thursday

Service will be on Thursday, April 6th at 7PM

Good Friday Also, the Colver Church invites us to join them for their **Good Friday** service on Friday, April 7th at 7PM

Young Disciples

Youth Program and Confirmation Class—*Resumes after Easter*

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.

Birthday and Announcements

Eva Tomb	April 8
Tina Taylor	April 11
Clifton J. Harris	April 13
Dan Orr	April 22
Ralph T. Shuey	April 29

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