

“Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” Gen. 28:16



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 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 come. We wait.

We long. We hope.

We suffer. We pray.

We rejoice. We sing.

We know we are children of God.

We wait for Christ to set all things right.

We come to worship the Lord!

* HYMN#485 To God be the Glory

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

There is goodness within us that grows like fresh wheat.

There is also sin within us that chokes that wheat like weeds.

Let us bring all of who we are to God,

who can separate out what is good,

so that we are not overcome with evil.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Responsively*)

Faithful God,

There is no place where you are not with us.

You see us at our worst and at our best.

There is much we would hide from you—

the ways we harm your creation,

the ways we mistreat others,

the ways we turn away when we should turn toward.

Even as you know us, forgive us.

Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions,

that you may delight in us as we delight you. Amen (*silent Prayer*)

¹ CTW 561A

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

Friends, hear the good news:

God knows us and forgives us

and leads us in the way of everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

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

*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 (*In unison*)

O Lord,

guide us by the Spirit of truth.

to hear the Word of life you speak,

and to give all glory, honor, and praise

to your threefold name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: Genesis 28: 10–19 Page 22

SECOND READING: Psalm 139:1–12, 23–Page 503

The Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Stairway of God

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMNS#338 Kum ba Yah

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

SENDING

*HYMNS#482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Ephesians 4:20

Now to our God and Father

be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

*CHORAL BLESSING

****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. We need your prayers and prayerfully, please consider donating to the Major Repair Fund. Contact pastor Owar or one of our leaders.

Joint Service and Picnic: Our annual joint service will be on Sunday, August 13, 2023 in Colver Presbyterian Church. And we will be Communion

during and picnic after the service.

Bible2020 Program—Bible Study Program, Wednesdays @7pm

Food Pantry- The Mission Committee is collecting funds for our local St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry during July. Please give generously!

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

- July 1 Bill Carlisle, Sr.
- July 7 Bennett Vaughn
- July 8 Walter Feath
- July 13 Marcus Magley
- July 16 Luke Vietmeir
- July 26 Richard “Nik” Nikolishen
- July 28 Judy Carl
- July 29 Pat Mohney
- July 30 Aric Bracken

Happy Anniversary	
July 9	Herman & Judy Carl
July 15	Tim & Kristy Forberger
July 17	Tim & Debra Shamble
July 17	Owar & Apay Ojulu

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 | Sharon Westrick |
| Ramona McKim | Ruthan Noderer |
| Candi Elam | Gloria P. |
| Ben & Patricia Tuchi | Mary R. ```` |
| Peter & Margaret Funch | Father Pat Kirsch |
| Albie | Bob & Mary Clare Stofko |
| Tom R. | Family of Richard McKim |
| Joe P | Phil Brulia |
| 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