



Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 11, 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 say we come to worship to be with God,
but the beautiful truth is:

God is already with us.

God is always with us.

So in this time together,

let us lift our voices in praise

of this loving, ever-present God!

* HYMN# 469 Morning Has Broken

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

Christ came for us in the midst of our sins.

Knowing that Jesus meets us where we are,

let us offer our prayers of confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Responsively*)

Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt,

and seek your face and your forgiveness.

For we have not offered steadfast love

**to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith,
but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear.**

Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you,

rejoicing in the knowledge of your love. Amen (*silent Prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

Friends, hear and believe the good news:

Christ came to bring healing,

forgiveness, and new life

to all who sin and suffer.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

we are forgiven,

renewed and sent!

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also, with you.**

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around.)

¹ CTW 561A

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (*in unison*)

**God of mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal Word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-9 Page 8-9

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13–25 Page 916

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON NOW WHAT? You're A Blessing

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMNS#341 Blessed Assurance

INVITATION & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Luke 6:38*

For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give—large or small—will be used to measure what is given back to you."

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the church . . .

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, fill us with the hope of the gospel—the hope that will never disappoint us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the earth . . .

Let all the earth make a joyful noise to you, for your steadfast love endures forever and your faithfulness is for all generations.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for all nations . . .

Teach the leaders of this and every nation to keep their promises and follow your way, so that all may have fullness of life in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for this community . . .

Let us be laborers in the field of your harvest, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and helping those who are suffering.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones . . .

Incline your ear to those who cry for help. Pour out your saving, life-giving power for those who call upon your holy name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray in unison, 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.

SENDING

*HYMNS# 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. 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.

REDSTONE PRESBYTERY: joint worship service and fellowship picnic July 16; 10:00 a.m. c. C. Hays log chapel

Rsvp—presbytery center 724.837.6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.or

Sponsoring a Counselor: The Mission Committee has answered the call to sponsor a staff member at Pine Springs Camp, as we have been doing for many years. This year we will be sponsoring a counselor, Ellyse Betler. If you wish to participate in this outreach, please consider donating something to be included in a shoebox of small gifts that we will be sending in early July. Possible items to be included in the box are listed below. **Please note that some staff members are allergic to nuts, so we should refrain from sending anything containing tree nuts or peanuts or that is made with peanut oil.** Possible items include:

- 1) Cards and notes
- 2) Small quantities of candy bars, snacks, or “fun items” (**Avoiding nuts, peanuts, and peanut oil**)
- 3) A \$25.00 gas gift card (Giant Eagle Get-Go is recommended, but another type would be fine.)
- 4) A \$25.00 restaurant gift card (Ruby Tuesdays, Eat and Park, Subway, Applebee’s, and Chili’s are all nearby)
- 5) Small devotional book or other spiritual encouragement items

We are all invited to send additional notes of thanks and encouragement through the end of the camp season, which is August 9th. Please address any direct correspondence to:

Ellyse Betler
Pine Springs Camp
C/O Maddy Duffield
P.O Box 186
371 Pine Springs Camp Road
Jennerstown, PA 15547
Thank you for your support!

Wheels & Wings, June 22 @5-9 pm

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

June’s Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| June 14 | Claudia Gironda |
| June 17 | Rebecca Bracken |
| June 17 | Kristy Forberger |
| June 21 | Scott Magley |
| June 21 | Mary Lou Carlisle |
| June 22 | James Lyons III |
| June 23 | Magdalene Bracken |
| June 23 | Brooke Lyons |
| June 29 | June Fedora |
| June 29 | Doug Weber |

Happy Anniversary

Bill & “R” McKim, June 9

Duane & Pat Mohnney, June 9

Jim & Jani Stratton June 22

Jim & Shirley Cassidy June 25

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.

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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. | Richard McKim |
| Joe P | Phil Brulia |
| Erin M. | |
| Marty F. | |

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**JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE
AND
FELLOWSHIP PICNIC**

**JOIN US AS A CONGREGATION, AS FAMILIES
OR AS INDIVIDUALS IN THIS CELEBRATION
OF THE EARLIEST MINISTRY AT CAMP
ON JULY 16; 10:00 a.m.
CALVIN C. HAYS LOG CHAPEL;
PINE SPRINGS CAMP**

(bring your lawn chairs for outdoor seating)

**Let us know how many are coming in order to plan for
food.**

RSVP—PRESBYTERY CENTER 724.837.6737 or
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