

Resurrection of the Lord

April 9, 2023

EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
200 North Center Street, P.O. Box 327
Ebensburg, Pennsylvania 15931

www.ebgpresby.org
[Ebensburg Presbyterian Church | Facebook](#)
[E-mail: ebgpresby@gmail.com](mailto:ebgpresby@gmail.com)
[Phone Number: 814-472-6920](tel:814-472-6920)

Mission Statement

“Ebensburg Presbyterians
are Christians giving help
and hope to all by sharing God’s love.”

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

~Song of the Wind~

Bell Choir

~Easter Bells~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God has answered us!

God has come to earth to become our salvation!

This is the day the Lord has made:

let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

* HYMN #204 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” *red hymnal*

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God

is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let us approach the mercy seat of God
with confidence and seek forgiveness and restoration.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*in unison*)

Resurrected Christ,

there is nothing we can do

to deserve the grace, you give us.

There is no way we can earn your love,

**there is no way we can be worthy
of your forgiveness.**

And yet you shower these mercies on us.

You, who have taken away the sting of death,

meet us where we are,

in our doubt and fear,

in our regrets and shame,

in our delight and awe.

Meet us here in this place,

and call us once again to trust in you. Amen (*Silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsibly)

Brothers and Sisters go now
and proclaim the good news of God.
We need not fear; we are forgiven,
we are loved, we are redeemed! **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.)

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Eric Schell

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: Colossians 3:1-4 Page 957

SECOND READING: Luke 24:1-8 Page 860

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON He is NOT Here!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMNS#208 "The Day of Resurrection!" *red hymnal*

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**

WE RESPOND BY GIVING

OFFERTORY

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

*HYMNS#213 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *red hymnal*

CHARGE AND BLESSING: (*Responsively*)

Go forth and live boldly,
because death has no power over you anymore
Go, live life filled with love,
service and encourage one another.
Go in peace, proclaim the Good News of Christ.
Christ is risen! He is alive! Hallelujah!

**The gate of Hades is broken,
Christ is risen,
He is risen today!
Hallelujah!**

*CHORAL BLESSING

**Please stand as you are able.*

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT OF
ERIC SCHELL

Elder/Clerk of the Session *James Stratton*
Eric Schell is presented by the session, for the reaffirming of the baptismal covenant into which he was once baptized. He now desires to profess his faith and to assume greater responsibility in the life of the church, and God's mission in the world.

Minister: *Pastor Owar Ojulu*
You came to us as members of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters, and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. As you join with us in the worship and service of this congregation, it is fitting that together we reaffirm the covenant into which we were baptized, claiming again the promises of God which are ours in our baptism.

Hear these words from Holy Scripture: *Matt. 51: 4-16*
You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

PROFESSION OF FAITH
Sisters and brothers in Christ,
Our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin,
And of our being grafted into Christ.
Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ,

The power of sin was broken, and God's kingdom entered our world.

Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you therefore, once again to reject sin, and to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, in which we were baptized.

RENUNCIATIONS *Owar & Eric*

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
Do you turn from the ways of sin
And renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
And accept him as your Lord and Savior,
Trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
Obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce all evil,
And powers in the world
Which defy God's righteousness and love?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin
That separate you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
And accept him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
Obeying his Word and showing his love,

To your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
Do you turn from the ways of sin
And renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
Obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

PROFESSION (*in unison*)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (*Responsively*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. By water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew in Eric the covenant you made in his baptism. Continue the good work you have begun in him. Send him forth in the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Loving God, uphold *Eric Schell* by your Holy Spirit.

Daily increase in him your gifts of grace:

The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and might,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
The spirit of joy in your presence,
Both now and forever. **Amen**

WELCOME

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you, **And also with you**

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—*Resumes after Easter*

April Birthdays and Announcements

Eva Tomb	April 8
Tina Taylor	April 11
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, April 10 @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

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

2023 Easter Flowers



Given by

In Loving Memory of

Given by

In Loving Memory of

Addy Bracken

Pat Bodenshatz

Owar Ojulu

My Father, Ojha Ojulu

Bob and Becky Bracken

Paul & Helen Bracken
Bob & Leona Sowers

Segear Family

Robert & Leona Sowers

Herman & Judy Carl

Bob & Anna Carl
H Calvin & Carolyn Cooper

Jani & Jim Stratton

Our parents & brothers

Estep, O'Brien & Jeffers
Families

James F Estep, Sr
Jean McSperran Estep

Susan & Matt Wolfe & Family

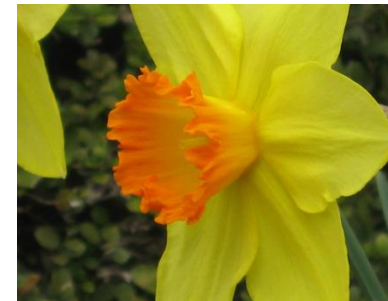
Paul & Pauline Pellas
Paula Yeckley

Dave & Roxanne Lamer

Mr & Mrs Leo Mullen
Mr & Mrs Richard Mullen

Jim & Laurel Lyons

Emerson & Gladys Henry
William & Evelyn Thompson
Dwain Henry
Jim & Betty Lyons
Jim & Ella Lyons
Bud & Leona Houck



Scott & Sandy Magley

Patricia Albright
Dorothy Sheehan
Patrick J. Sheehan
Karen Wheeler

Given by

In Honor of

Herman and Judy Carl

Our family

Kevin McKenrick

Bruce Fremont McKenrick
Margaret Harvey McKenrick &
Fremont Jones McKenrick

Segear Family

Claudette Segear

O'Brien & Jeffers Families

Richard G O'Brien