

Welcome to Worship with Ebenezer Presbyterian Church
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Welcome and Announcements
Prelude

“Prelude in F”

Beethoven/Kendall

Gathering to Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 17

I will call on you, for you will answer me, O God; bend you ear to me, hear my words.
Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries.

Hymn of Gathering #655 **Come Away from Rush and Hurry** verses 1, 3

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace;
From our vain ambition’s worry, come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life’s demands, and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God’s face.

Come then, children, with your burdens—life’s confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his kingdom’s reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, when we think that the messy struggles in our families and in the workplace are beyond your concern, forgive us. If we prefer to hold onto these struggles rather than to find reconciliation because we do not want to give up our selfishness, forgive us. If we fear that lives will be dislocated because of your kingdom’s values of mercy, justice, and peace, forgive us. We pray you to hear our prayer for the sake of our Lord, your Anointed One, who preached that your Kingdom is with us and in us. Amen. *Silent prayers of confession.*

Assurance of Pardon

Receiving the Word

Message for Youth

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament reading **Genesis 32:21-32**

Gospel reading **Romans 9:1-5**

Sermon

“Esau vs. Jacob vs. God”

Rev. David Greene

Hymn of Reflection

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”

verses 1-4

Come, O Thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold but cannot see;
My company before is gone, and I am left alone with Thee;
With Thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell Thee who I am, my sin and misery declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name, look on Thy hands, and read it there;
But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou? Tell me Thy name, and tell me now.

In vain Thou strugglest to get free; I never will unloose my hold;
Art Thou the Man that died for me? The secret of Thy love unfold;
Wrestling, I will not let Thee go, till I Thy name, Thy nature know.

Yield to me now, for I am weak, but confident in self-despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak, be conquered by my instant prayer;
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move, and tell me if Thy name be Love.

--Charles Wesley

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and Earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Prayer of Intercession (*Offering prayers for the church, nations, community, and loved ones*)

Individual Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering and Offering Prayer

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn of Preparation #695 **“As We Gather at Your Table”** verse 1

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with your sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love’s victory known.

Eucharistic Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

One: It is truly meet and right, our joy and our salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord. By Christ the angels praise your majesty, Dominions stand in awe, the heavens and the heavenly hosts and the blessed seraphim united in one joy extol you. With their songs, we pray you, join our voices in one proclamation of your praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed be he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Sending the Disciples Out into the World

Closing Hymn #707 **"We Thank You, God, for Feeding Us"** verses 1, 3

We thank you, God, for feeding us in Jesus Christ, our Lord:
His body broken is our food, our life his cleansing blood.

So send us out into the world your glory to proclaim,
And in your Holy Spirit's power to live and praise your name.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Community of Christ"

Murray/Lyon

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PRAYER CONCERNS

**Margaret Pope (is home now), The Family of Barry Norris (Polly Stewart’s brother), Clara Barbour, The PNC members, Jimmy & Carol Byrd, Clover Clemmons (infant) Rebecca & Mickey (mom & dad) (Kevin Nelson’s great-niece born at 30 weeks and in NICU), McKinzie King (heart procedure recovery), Ricky Downing (heart catherization recovery), John & Kathi Ennis and Sheila Campbell, JoAnne Turlington, Gary Brown, Doris and John Nolan, Angie Stewart, Clara Wood, Baby Sadie Hurlocker, Sky & Malena McCallister, Terry Parker, Jude Lauder, Wyatt James (4 year old great nephew of Penny Lee -battling leukemia), Christopher Grunewald (Lec’s grandson), Tommy & Judy Ennis, Barbara Denning, Stacey & Betty Johnson, Ed Parker, Betty McLaine, Kay & Kenneth Ennis, Connie Humphries, Cindy Johnson, Kaylan King, Jonathan Langston, Jr., Morgan McMurtry, Kimberly Pope, Steve Quade, Jaylen Stanley, Ellen Whittington
Military: Reid West, Michael Justin Dunn, Michael Dials & Fred Adams**

Standing Ministries and Chairs

**Trustees.....Doris Nolan, Tommy Ennis, H.L. Sorrell
WorshipHilda Bailey
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