

NEWS OF INTEREST

Pennies From Heaven: the monies collected help send children to the camp of their choice (mostly Seneca Hills). Your donations are appreciated and well spent. Other charities are often contributed to as worthy causes from Pennies From Heaven also.

PRAISES AND PRAYER

Please pray for God's guidance in the future of our church. Please pray for the peace of the world. Pray for the leaders of our country as they earnestly seek peaceful solutions to the problems and crises around the globe. Please pray for our military and police forces and their safety throughout each day. Pray for our public school system. Pray for the mental health of people everywhere. Pray for our mission to Ghana. Pray for all the Christian's who are being persecuted in the world.

Would you like to know what our church has been up to? On the bulletin board in the entryway are the minutes and financial ledgers for each month. Please feel free to copy them and if you have a question, ask any session member or the pastor. We think this is the best way to keep everyone informed.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AT HOME or HOSPITALS

Jen & Marty Gilliland, Dottie Dillin, Bonnie, Skip & Nancy Davison,
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers,
David Shearer, Cindy Sweetapple,
Alberta Swendsen, Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Cindy Swendsen,
Lisa Heffern, Tye Karns, Gail Rowland, Brian Hudson, Travis Nelson,
Jane Timblin, Tracy Miller family, Kathleen Raecke, John Baker family,
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Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events December 2024

Upcoming dates & activities:

**12/24 Christmas Eve Service 7 pm
12/25 Christmas Day**

Sunday School at 8:30am

Children Sunday School at 8:30am

Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the church & via Zoom

**<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/559705244> Meeting ID Veterans 559 705
244 The passcode is 202020**

**Prayer Blankets will be done on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00
am**

Missions: Fruit Baskets, Emmaus Haven, Mustard Seed Ministries

**Collecting the following items for Emmaus Haven: Spray Cleaner (ex.
409 no bleach added), snacks and homemade cookies. Item
need to be at the church by Saturday, Dec. 21st. Delivery
will be on Dec. 22nd.**

**Lynn Harriger from Nazarene church in Franklin is collecting grocery
bags to make Mercy Mats. Amy Zemanski will see that Lynn gets any
donations.**

**Save your Poptabs for a hospital in Pittsburgh. There is a container in
the Narthex.**

**Lay Reader: We are in search of another Lay Reader. We would like to
have 3 in the rotation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor
Myers.**



**Polk Presbyterian Church,
December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent**

***The Introit** *“Bless His Holy Name” #155 (Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 12:2-6

L: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

P: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

L: And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

P: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“The Joy of the Lord” #85 v. 1
(Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, hear us when we call to You for help from those dark and scary places of this secular world. Forgive us when we worship the worldly glitter of Christmas instead of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Show us compassion when we are blind to our neighbor in need as we celebrate with extravagant material merchandise. Enable us to experience the true joy of Advent and Christmastide. Teach us to rejoice in our faithful relationship with Jesus Christ who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Luke 15:7

L: Jesus Christ came into this world, died, and rose from death to save the lost.

P: Jesus said, “I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

All: Praise be to Almighty God.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: Jeff, Julie, Heather & Clay
Karns**

Watch and wait for Christ’s coming! We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. We light this candle for peace. We light this candle in joy. (Light the first two purple candles and then the pink candle)

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” **Philippians 4:4**

God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, you are our salvation; we trust in you and are no afraid. Lead us to draw water with rejoicing from the spring of salvation.

A: God of promise, God of joy, into our darkness come.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

ANNIVERSARIES: Roger & Jackie Ghering (15th)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Bradford, First Rev. Katherine Randall and Rev. Rob Klouw, Co-pastors; Rev. Flag Officer G. Dotse, Rev. Captain C. Meteku Chaplains in the Ghana Armed Forces, Tamale

THE LORDS 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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *“Joy to the World” #170*

(Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (P) Amen

Luke 3:7-18, Philippians 4:4-7 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Joy Bearing Fruit with the Lord in Our Midst”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Westminster Shorter
Catechism 7.036

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase in grace, and perseverance therein to the end. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #178 (Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** “Let Us Adore Him ” #49 (Praise Book)



Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Jeff Karns
Music: Deb Myers