

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, Nancy Davison,
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers,
David Shearer, Alberta Swendson, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,
Lisa Heffern, Gail Rowland, Kathleen Raecke,
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Polk Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events

January 2025

Upcoming dates & activities:

- 1/12 Installation of Officers**
- 1/12 Yearly reports due to Church Office**
- 1/15 Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 1/16 Session Meeting 6:30 pm**
- 1/18 Officer's Training 10 am – 4 pm**
- 1/22 Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 1/26 Yearly Congregational Mtg 10:30 am**
- 1/29 Bible Study 6:30 pm**

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 559 705 244
The passcode is 202020

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

Per Capita for 2025: \$35

Missions: Heifer Project

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,
January 12, 2025
Baptism of the Lord**

***The Introit** *“Lift Up Your Heads” #107 (Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Romans 6:3-8

L: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

P: Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

L: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

P: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Shine, Jesus, Shine” #120 (Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION BCW

Merciful God, in baptism you promised forgiveness of our sins and newness of life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from our brothers and sisters in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another as disciples of Christ. Forgive us when we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we might rise to new life and live together in the grace of our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Titus 3:4-8

L: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

P: This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

All: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Rev. Tim Harmon, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Lake Erie; North Warren, Rev. Buddy Ward, Pastor

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 *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” #89 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 43:1-7 (P) Amen

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Baptized With the Holy Spirit and Fire”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.51

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to human beings in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals

are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Spirit of the Living God” #90 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** *“Change My Heart, O God” #2 (Praise Book)*



Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood
Music: Deb Myers