

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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Upcoming dates & activities:

1/22 Bible Study 6:30 pm

1/26 Yearly Congregational Mtg 10:30 am

1/29 Bible Study 6:30 pm



**Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
January 2025**

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 19, 2025
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

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

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Amos 9:13-14

L: The time is surely coming, says the Lord, when the one who plows shall overtake the one who reaps, and the treader of grapes, the one who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.

P: I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” #19
(Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us Lord when we eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. Have mercy when we become drunk with the unfaithful cup of our own pride, selfish lifestyles, and sinful actions. Have compassion upon our foolish ways and give us eyes to see the signs that lead to the cup of salvation. Allow us to spiritually drink from the Living Waters that flow from the throne of grace and eat of the Bread of Heaven. We ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103: 8-12

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

P: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Amen

***Gloria Patri** # 42

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Woodcock Gravel Run Administrative Commission's faithful work; Rev. Charlie McClung (HR), Rev. John Dietz (HR)

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 *“Open My Eyes That I May See” #119
(Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY** # 39

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 62:1-5 (P) Amen

John 2:1-11 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Recognizing the Signs”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Second Helvetic Confession
5.134, 5.135

Of The Notes Or Signs Of The True Church. Moreover, as we acknowledge no other head of the Church than Christ, so we do not acknowledge every church to be the true Church which boasts herself to be such; but we teach that the true Church is that in which the signs or marks of the true Church are to be found, especially the lawful and sincere preaching of the Word of God as it was delivered to us in the books of the prophets and the apostles, which all lead us unto Christ.

And those who are such in the Church have one faith and one spirit; and therefore, they worship but one God, and him alone they worship in spirit and in truth, loving him alone with all their hearts and with all their strength, praying unto him alone through Jesus Christ, the only Mediator and Intercessor; and they do not seek righteousness and life outside Christ and faith in him. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *“To God Be the Glory” #8 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

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



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