

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 & Scott Heffern, Kathleen Raecke, Brian Hudson Family,
Joanie Bottomley, Teri Chisholm, George Smith,
John & Pam Vickers, Ralph Willyoung, Sandy Chisholm, Todd Bush,
Bette Bagnal Brooks, Dave Burgoyne, Kevin Gladd, Gail Eakin
Dan Prichard

The Nazarene Church on Pone Lane is praying at various in Franklin on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. This is the list: 3/26-Franklin Courthouse; 4/2-Franklin Police Station; 4/9-Sandycreek Township Building. Please keep these places in your prayers.

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Calendar of Events

March 2025

Upcoming dates & activities:

3/22 Craft Day 10 am

3/23 Varha Potato Bar Fund Raiser 10:45 am

3/26 Genesis 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

March Mission: VARHA Riding Stable

Kid's Club: March 5th thru April 9th – Polk United Methodist Church (on Wednesday's) 3 pm – 5 pm.

Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery Spring Gathering-April 5th, 9 am – 1:30 pm at Oil City First Presbyterian Church. Registration due by March 24th.

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

**Good Friday Laymen's Service 4/18, Grace UM Church, Oil City
More information in the Narthex.**

Oil City Good Friday Crosswalk, 4/18, 10:30 AM. More information in the Narthex.

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,
March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent**

***The Introit** *“Change My Heart, O God” #2 (Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 5:1-2, 7

L: Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

P: He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice
vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine
vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

L: For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the
people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

P: He expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard
a cry!

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“I Worship You, Almighty God” #112
(Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, we admit we have wasted the divine
blessings that have been showered upon us. Like the barren fig
tree, we have accepted your nurturing, compassionate, and loving
grace but have not produced any fruit for the Kingdom of God. We
have wasted your divine gifts on ourselves and used nothing to ease
the burdens of our lost brothers and sisters. Forgive our sinful
actions and apathy. Open our eyes to your abundant grace. Enable
us to repent of our evil ways and produce good fruit. Empower us
to become faithful disciples of our Lord, Jesus the Christ in whose
name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:8-9

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is
not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us
our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Judy Krizon (3/27); Shawnee Wood (3/28)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: First Church of the Covenant, Erie,
Rev. Chris Weichman, Pastor; Rev. Brittany Knight, Assoc. Pastor;
Wayside Erie, Rev. James Bernhardt, Pastor; Rev. Nathan Royster,
Assoc. 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** *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the
Sound” #293 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 55:1-9 (P) Amen

Luke 13:1-9 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “God’s Judgment and Grace”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Second Helvetic
Confession 5.093

The doctrine of Repentance is joined with the Gospel. For so has
the Lord said in the Gospel: “Repentance and forgiveness of sins
should be preached in my name to all nations” (Luke 24:27).

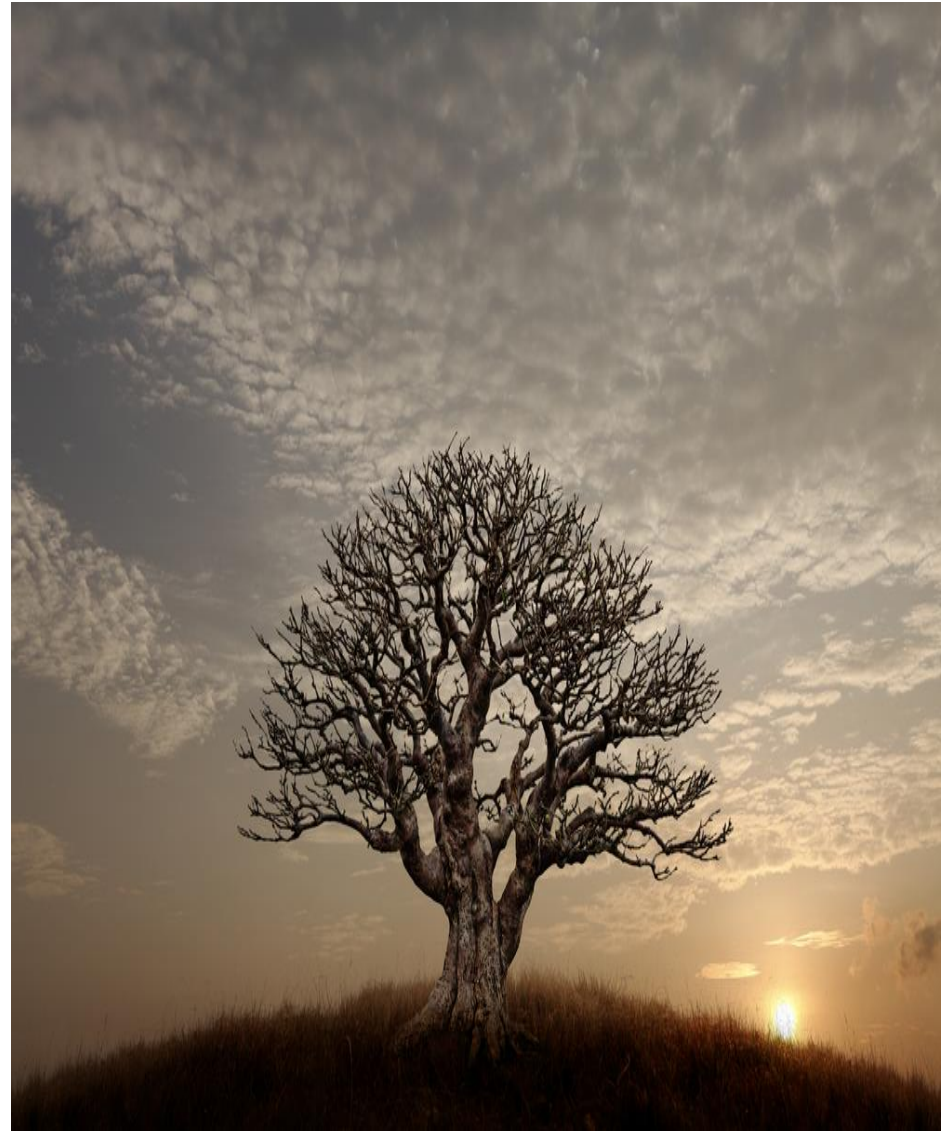
WHAT IS REPENTANCE? By repentance we understand (1) the

recovery of a right mind in sinful man awakened by the Word of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit, and received by true faith, by which the sinner immediately acknowledges his innate corruption and all his sins accused by the Word of God; and (2) grieves for them from his heart, and not only bewails and frankly confesses them before God with a feeling of shame, but also (3) with indignation abominates them; and (4) now zealously considers the amendment of his ways and constantly strives for innocence and virtue in which conscientiously to exercise himself all the rest of his life. Amen and Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *“For Those Tears I Died” #263 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** *“Lord, Be Gloried” #33 (Praise Book)*



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