

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,
Cindy Pankratz, David Shearer, Cindy Sweetapple,
Linda McDevitt, Chris Doyle, Alberta Swendsen,
Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Lincoln (4 yr old Great-grandson of Skip & Nancy)
Cindy Swendsen, Lisa Heffern, Cheryl Hedglin Family, Tye Karns,
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Calendar of Events

November 2024

Upcoming dates & activities:

11/10 Linger Longer Luncheon to honor Veterans
11/12 Lake Erie Presbytery Mtg at Girard PC 2 pm
11/14 Prayer Blankets 9 am
11/14 Session Mtg 6:30 pm
11/24 Decorating the Sanctuary/Church for Advent
11/28 Thanksgiving Day
12/1 First Sunday of Advent
12/1 Worship with Communion

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

Mission: Venango Community Services, Salvation Army, Emmaus Haven, Samaritans Purse Disaster Relief

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is on the ground responding to the many urgent needs following the destruction Hurricane Helene left in her path.

GIVE: Immediate donations can be made online, by scanning the QR code below with your mobile device, calling (800) 728-7228, ext. 5885 or mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

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. Would like to have 3 in the rotation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Myers.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,
November 10, 2024
25th Sunday after Pentecost**

***The Introit** “*Lord, We Praise You*” #22 (*Praise Book*)

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 127:3-5

L: Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

P: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one’s youth.

L: Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.

P: He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

***PRAISE HYMN:** “*Find Us Faithful*” #227

(*Praise Book*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and righteous heavenly Father, we dare to approach the throne of grace only because You have drawn us into Your divine presence with Your all-encompassing love, as a moth is drawn to the flame. We confess our sinful nature, our attraction to evil practices, our love of material possessions, our prideful ambitions, and our selfish desires. Enable us to embrace the powerful guidance of the Holy Spirit that leads to the path of righteousness. Empower us to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, Savior, and Redeemer, Jesus the Christ, in whose name we humbly pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Hebrews 10:21-23

L: Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

P: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for our Redeemer who was promised is faithful. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Roger Ghering (7th)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Rev. Evon Lloyd (HR), Rev. Brian Jensen (HR); Rev. Hal Kelley (HR), Rev. Nelson “Bud” Horne (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 “*We Give Thee But Thine Own*”
#435 (*Hymnal*)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 (P) Amen

Mark 12:38-44 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Lessons in Selfless Sacrificial Giving”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.10-9.11

The risen Christ is the Savior for all men. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. The same Jesus Christ is the judge of all men. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God’s final victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal; to refuse life from him is to choose the death which is

separation from God. All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *“I Surrender All” #451 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** *“Spirit of the Living God” #201 (Praise Book)*



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