

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
Joanie Bottomley, Teri Chisholm,
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Polk Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events

February 2025

Upcoming dates & activities:

- 3/12 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 3/13 Prayer Blankets 9 am**
- 3/13 Session Meeting 6:30 pm ?**
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day**
- 3/19 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 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.

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,
March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent**

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

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 91:1-4

L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”

P: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

L: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;

P: His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“In Moments Like These” #41 (Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, hear our repentant cries of anguish from the dark places of our lives created by our own sinful decisions. Much too often we find ourselves in dismal lonely situations because we have followed our own foolish way, made wrong turns at the intersections of life, or refused to obey Your biblical directions. Show us compassion, demonstrate Your grace, teach us repentance, and lead us back to the path of righteousness. Enable us to look to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as our role model in times of temptation. In the precious name of Jesus the Christ, we lift this humble and penitent prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 10:8-11

L: “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

P: Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

L: For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

P: The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

All: Thanks Be to Almighty God

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Eric Dilley 3/12; Whitney Hansen (3/15)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Rt. Rev. Dr. Lt. Col. Biss Divine Agbeko (Rtd.), Moderator of the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana; Rev. Dr. Lawson Dzanku, Clerk of the G. A. Pr. Dr. Salome Otame-Abutiate, Presbyterian Executive of the G. A.

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** *“Stand Up for Jesus” #456
(Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (P) Amen

Luke 4:1-13 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “A Model for Times of Temptation”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Heidelberg Confession

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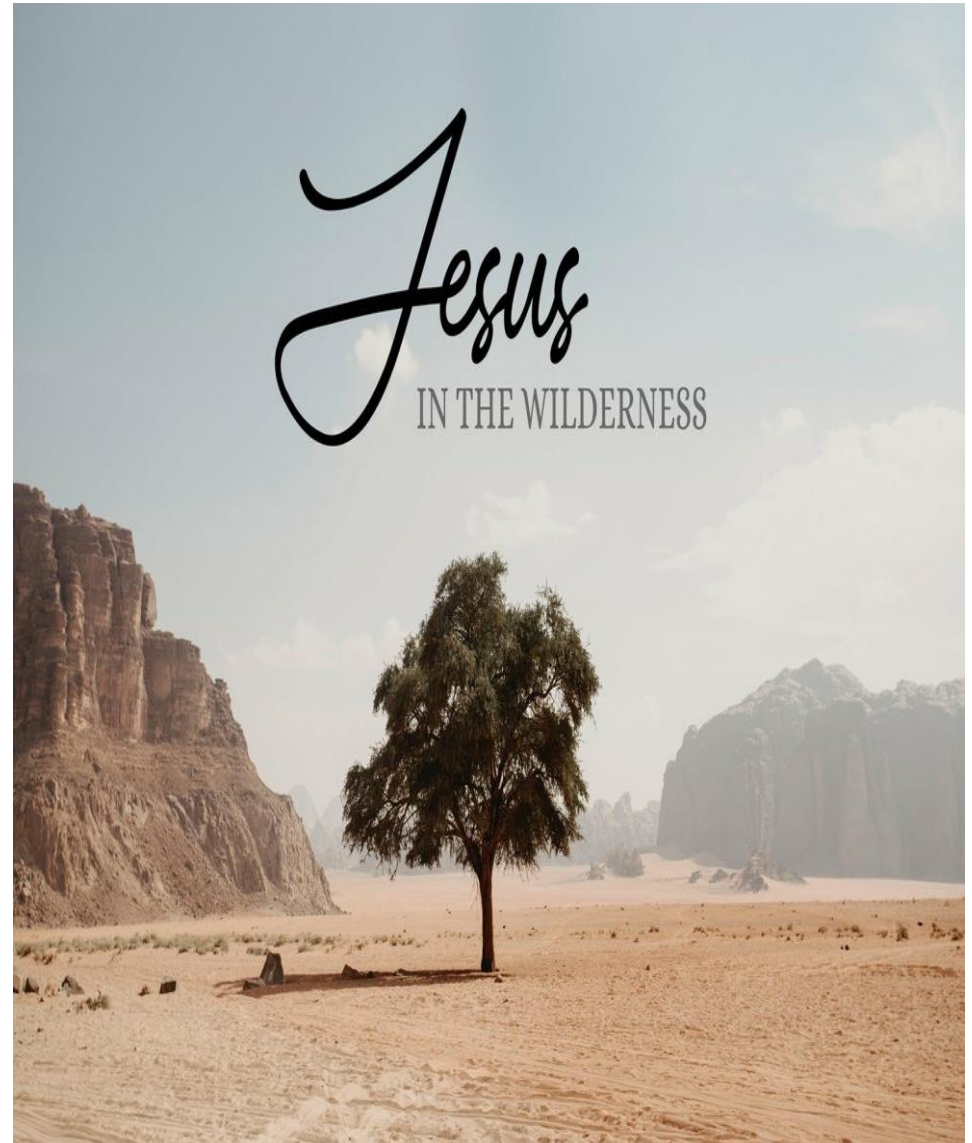
Q. 127. What does the sixth petition (of the Lord's Prayer) mean?

A. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." That is: since we are so weak that we cannot stand by ourselves for one moment, and besides, since our sworn enemies, the devil, the world, and our own sin, ceaselessly assail us, Lord be pleased to preserve and strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may stand firm against them, and not be defeated in this spiritual warfare, until at last we obtain complete victory. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"I Need Thee Every Hour" #382 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

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



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