

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,
Becky Hedglin, Motter Family, Lorna Conner Family

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Polk Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events

January 2025

Upcoming dates & activities:

1/26 Yearly Congregational Mtg 10:30 am
1/29 Bible Study 6:30 pm
2/2 Communion
2/5 Bible Study 6:30 pm
2/9 Souper Bowl for Caring
2/12 Bible Study 6:30 pm
2/13 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
2/14 Valentines Day
2/19 Bible Study 6:30 pm
2/23 Linger Longer 10:30 am
2/26 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: January - Heifer Project

February: Souper Bowl for Caring; CLA Ultrasounds for Pregnancy Centers (\$28 each); Meal Home Delivery List

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 26, 2025
Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 19:1-4

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

P: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Here I Am, Lord” #54 (Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God have mercy upon us when we worship idols erected of our own making and teach others our evil ways. Forgive us when we take lightly our Christian calling and make excuses for our indifference, fear, and lack of faith. Renew our spirits, give us hearts of service, and lead us in the paths of righteousness. Enable each of us to receive the true Word of God, fix our vision upon the living Christ, accept our Lord’s grace, and walk in our Savior’s footsteps. In the name of the risen and glorified Christ, we 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: Marty Gilliland (26th); Conrad Houk (29th)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Westminster, Erie, Darin Alvis, Preaching; Rev. Jack Graham (HR), Rev. Patricia Giles (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** *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #62 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (P) Amen

Luke 4:14-21 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Anointed to Preach & Teach?”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.49

PREACHING AND TEACHING: God instructs his church and equips it for mission through preaching and teaching. By these, when they are carried on in fidelity to the Scriptures and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, the people hear the Word of God and accept and follow Christ. The message is addressed to people in particular situations. Therefore, effective preaching, teaching, and personal witness require disciplined study of both the Bible and the contemporary world. All acts of public worship should be

conducive to men and women's hearing of the gospel in a particular time and place and responding with fitting obedience. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"I Love to Tell the Story" #516 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

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



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