

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, Rudy Liebmann,
David Shearer, Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Kathleen Raecke,
Gary & Teri Chisholm, Kevin Gladd
John Vickers, Mary Lou Buckley, Amy Zemanski, Bonnie Copeland,
Kohen Dunmire (Wendy Bellin's Grandson), Dottie Chisholm

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Polk Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events

January

Upcoming dates & activities:

1/25 Annual Congregational Meeting 10:30 am
1/25 Linger Longer Luncheon 11 am
1/28 Kids Club Mtg @PUMC 4:30 pm
1/28 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm
1/31 Worship Training Event at Titusville PC
2/1 Communion 9:30 am
2/4 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm
2/5 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
2/10 LEP Meeting @ Titusville PC or via Zoom 11 am
2/11 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm
2/14 Valentine's Day
2/17 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:30 pm
2/18 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7 pm
2/25 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

Per Capita for 2026: \$37

January Mission: Heifer Project
February Missions: CLA ultrasounds, \$28 each, Souper Bowl for Caring, Chair-Lift Repair

Christian Life Academy is trying to pay off a loan from 2016 for an addition to the high school. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. More information in the Narthex.

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.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,
January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after Epiphany**

***The Introit** *“In the Name of the Lord” #132 (Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 27:1-5

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

L: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

P: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Shine, Jesus, Shine” #120
(Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be Your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. You have called Jesus Christ to become a light in the darkness of sin. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling and we have refused to follow our glorified Savior. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of Your powerful presence and the strength of Your Holy Spirit among us. Equip us with eyes to recognize the Kingdom of God when it comes near. Grant us courage to respond as true disciples. We ask these things in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Peter 2:23-24

L: When Jesus was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges with righteousness.

P: Jesus Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds, you have been healed. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Marty Gilliland (1/26)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Rev. Cecelia Armstrong & Rev. Tony Larson Co-Moderators of the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Wayside, Erie
Rev. James Bernhardt, Pastor, Rev. Nathan Royster, Associate 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** *“Who Is on the Lord’s Side”
#421 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 9:1-4 (P) Amen
Matthew 4:12-23 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Are We Walking in Darkness or the Light?”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Westminster Confession
of Faith 6.064, 6.065

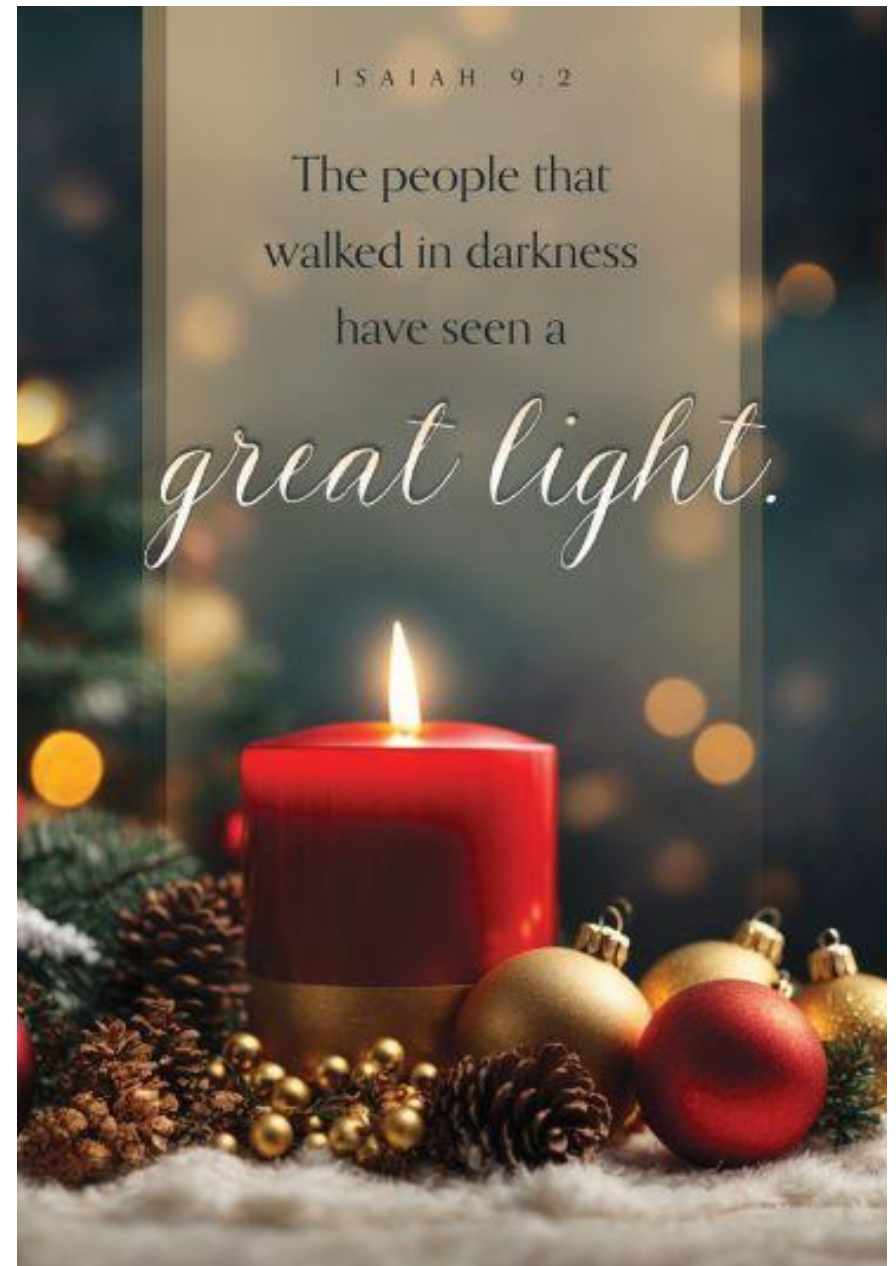
All those whom God has predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ: enlightening their

minds, spiritually and savingly, to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and by his almighty power determining them to that which is good; and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ; yet so as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace. This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, who is altogether passive therein, until, being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Pass It On" #507 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** *"O How He Loves You and Me" #83
(Praise Book)*



Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood
Music: Deb Myers