

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, David Shearer, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,
Kathleen Raecke, Gary & Teri Chisholm,
Kevin Gladd, Mary Lou Buckley, Bonnie Copeland,
Kohen Dunmire (Wendy Bellin's Grandson), Dottie Dillan.
Becky Hedglin, Gary Hedglin, Chris Latchaw, Tim Vickers

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Upcoming dates & activities:

- 3/14 Officer Training at Polk PC 9:30 am – 2:30 pm**
- 3/18 Kids Club PUMC 3:30 – 5:30 pm**
- 3/18 Isiah Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 3/25 Kids Club PUMC 3:30 – 5:30 pm**
- 3/25 Isiah Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 3/29 Palm Sunday, Reaffirmation of Baptism**



**Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
March**

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

March Missions: Varha Riding stables, Chairlift Repair

**Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery-Spring Gathering-
Saturday April 25th-Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Erie, PA
More information in the Narthex.**

**Aspire Women's Conference, Saturday April 18th; Watson Run
Church, Conneaut Lake, PA. More information in the narthex.**

**Lynn Harriger from Nazarene church in Franklin is collecting grocery
bags to make Mercy Mats and also jigsaw puzzles for the Soldiers &
Sailors Hospital in Erie. 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,
March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

***The Introit** *“Praise the Name of Jesus #167 (Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Luke 4:18-19

L: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

P: He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Open the Eyes of My Heart” #111
(Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Compassionate God, have mercy upon us when our sin blinds our perception of truth, our love for darkness holds us hostage, and our pride conceals the Light of the World as our Savior. Forgive us when we place our trust in physical idols instead of looking to Jesus Christ as our Lord. Give us spiritual eyes to see the heart of our brothers and sisters of the Christian faith. We ask these things in the name of our living Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Acts 26:17-18

L: Jesus said, “I am sending you to open the eyes of the blind so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God,

P: So that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” Amen.

***Gloria Patri** # 42

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Whitney Smith (3/15)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Rev. Harvey Boal (HR)
Rev. Sue Montgomery (HR); Titusville
Rev. Vaughan Smith, 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** *“Open My Eyes” #119 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY** # 39

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION** ,

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (P) Amen
John 9:1-41 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Using Spiritual Eyes”

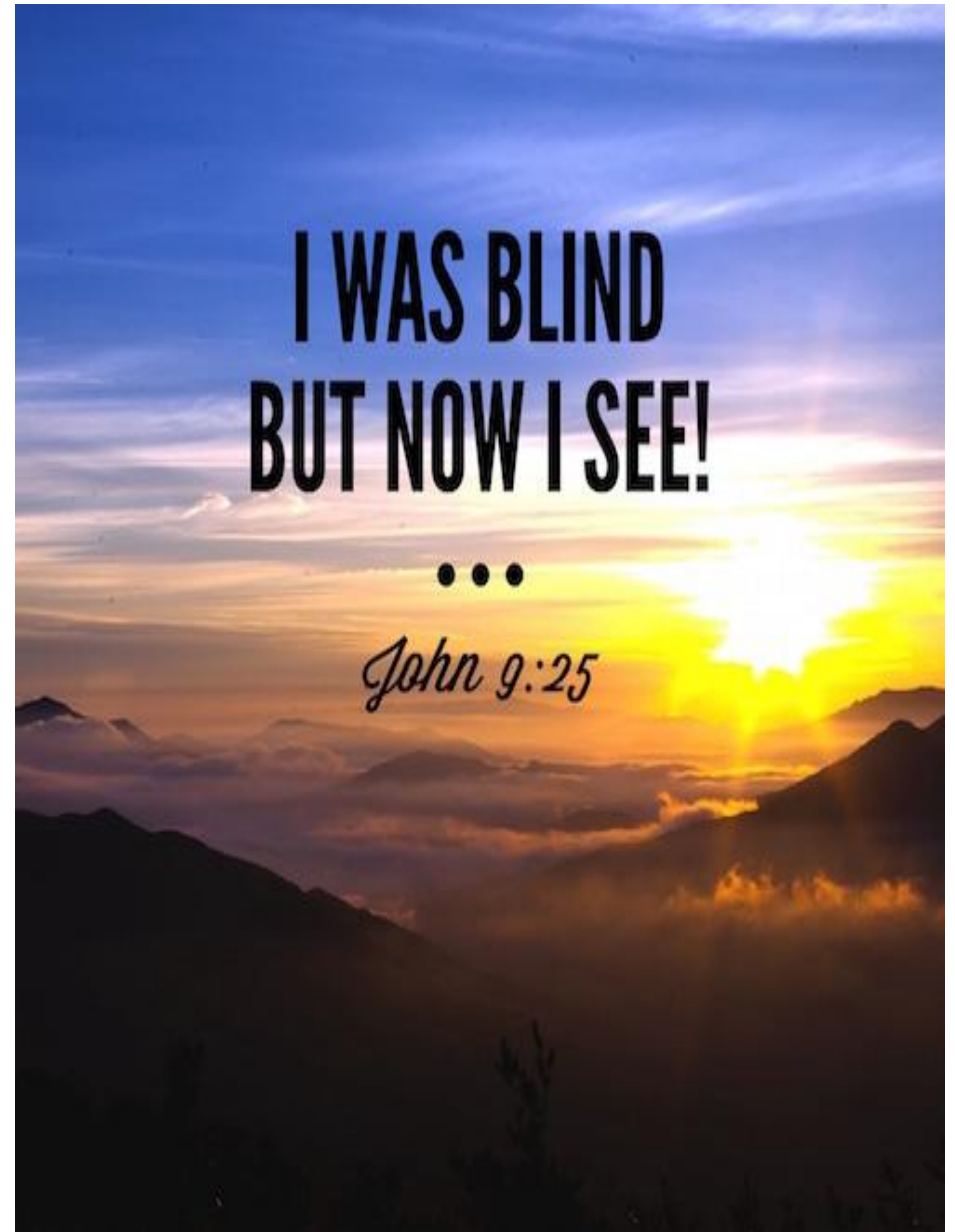
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Scots Confession 3.12
Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from flesh and blood, that is to say, from natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; whom we confess to be God, equal with the Father and with his Son, who sanctifies us, and brings us into all truth by his own working, without whom we should remain forever enemies to God and ignorant of his Son, Christ Jesus. For by nature we are so dead, blind, and perverse, that neither can we feel when we are pricked, see the light when it shines, nor assent to the will of God when it is revealed, unless the Spirit of the Lord Jesus quicken that which is dead, remove the darkness from our minds, and bow our stubborn hearts to the obedience of his blessed

will. And so, as we confess that God the Father created us when we were not, as his Son our Lord Jesus redeemed us when we were enemies to him, so also do we confess that the Holy Ghost does sanctify and regenerate us, without respect to any merit proceeding from us, be it before or be it after our regeneration. To put this even more plainly; as we willingly disclaim any honor and glory for our own creation and redemption, so do we willingly also for our regeneration and sanctification; for by ourselves we are not capable of thinking one good thought, but he who has begun the work in us alone continues us in it, to the praise and glory of his undeserved grace. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN “He Touched Me” #532 (Hymnal)**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE “One Flock, One Shepherd” #60 (Praise Book)**



**Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Judy Krizon
Music: Deb Myers**