

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, Pam Bottomley, Pat & John Karns, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Dennis Dingle, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebann, Janet Heister, Jerry Baum, Pat Stewart, Dan Smayda, Mason Martin, Jim Dickson, Family of Ethel Eckleberger, Ronda McCartney, Brenda Sensenbaugh, Jan Archer, Robert Shearer

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Upcoming dates & activities:

- 1/21 Per Capita Sunday**
- 1/21 Session Meeting 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**
- 1/24 Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 1/28 Annual Congregational Meeting 10:30-11:00 am**
- 1/28 Linger Longer Luncheon 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**
- 1/31 Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 2/4 Communion**
- 2/11 Super Bowl of Caring Offering**
- 2/13 Making Blankets 10 am – 12 pm**
- 2/14 Valentine's Day**



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Calendar of Events

January 2024

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 Capitata for 2024 is \$34

Tuesdays: Prayer Blankets will be made on the 2nd Tuesday of each month downstairs in our Friendship Hall.

Jan. – Collecting monetary donations for Trevor Wood's mission.

Church of the Covenant will be hosting an Overnight Shelter for Erie's homeless during the winter months. Their cupboards are running low on supplies. Items can be dropped off at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie, PA.

Kids Club – Feb. 7th thru March 27th, 3:15 – 5 pm @ Polk United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed. Meals need to be provided. For additional information contact Pam B or Nancy Kerr from PUMC.

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,
January 21, 2024
Per Capita Sunday**

***The Introit** *“The Servant Song” (v. 1) #40 (Praise Book)*

*Brother, let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.*

Time for meditation and reflection.

Call to Worship Psalm 62:5-8

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

P: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

L: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

P: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him.

All: God is a refuge for us.

***Praise Hymn** *Change My Heart, O God #2 (Praise Book)*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we readily declare that we are willing to do whatever you ask of us but when the time comes for action, we are held captive by fear, doubt, insecurity, and shame. We hide from your divine presence, run from our commitments, shirk our responsibilities, avoid demonstrating our faith, and deny we are followers of the Lord. Forgive us in our time of weakness, lead us to repentance, and enable us to be faithful disciples. Empower us to spread the message of salvation to the lost souls in our area of influence. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray.

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 1:3-8

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

P: Just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

L: God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

P: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

Presbytery Prayers: Rev. Michael R. Wilson Stated Clerk of Synod of the Trinity; Rev. Charlie McClung (HR), Rev. John Dietz (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 Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
#508 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Mark 1:14-20

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON “God’s Kingdom of Grace”

Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967 9.54

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father’s house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The Kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in human beings and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Amazing Grace #293 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

***Our Response** *“Lord, Be Glorified” #33 (Praise Book)*

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In Your Church, Lord, be glorified today.



**Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Jeff Karns
Music: Debbie Myers**