

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 Liebmann, Janet Heister, Jerry Baum, Pat Stewart, Dan Smayda, Mason Martin, Jim Dickson, 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
- 2/13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00 pm
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday
- 2/22 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
- 2/25 Fundraising Breakfast for Trevor Wood 8:00 am
- 3/3 Communion
- 3/10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 3/24 Palm Sunday
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday
- 3/29 Good Friday
- 3/31 Easter Sun Rise Service 7:00 am
- 3/31 Easter Breakfast 8:00 am
- 3/31 Easter Service 9:30 am



Polk Presbyterian Church 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.
Collecting food and monetary donations for Salvation Army.

Feb. - Souper Bowl for Caring (Community Services);
Trevor Wood Fundraising Breakfast
Ultra Sounds thru Christian Life Academy – AFA Radio – **Pre-Born**-this organization saves the lives of babies and also presents the gospel to moms. Each ultrasound costs \$28.

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 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

***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 111:1,10**

L: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P: Praise the Lord!

L: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

P: His praise endures forever.

***Praise Hymn** *How Majestic Is Your Name #243 (Praise Book)*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us when we are led astray by the physical attractions of this world, we chase after false prophets, or we listen to our selfish desires. Pardon our sins of fear, doubt, hatred or anxiety that open the door for evil to gain a foothold in our lives. Grant us ears to hear those who speak with the authority of God so we might discern the divine truth. Enable the living Word of God to fill our hearts so we too might reflect the authority of our Lord. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we humbly pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon **1 John 1:6-9**

L: If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true.

P: But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from sin.

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

Birthdays: Zachary Stryffeler; Conrad Houk

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** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*
#319 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Mark 1:21-28

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON “Functioning with Authority”

Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith 11.2

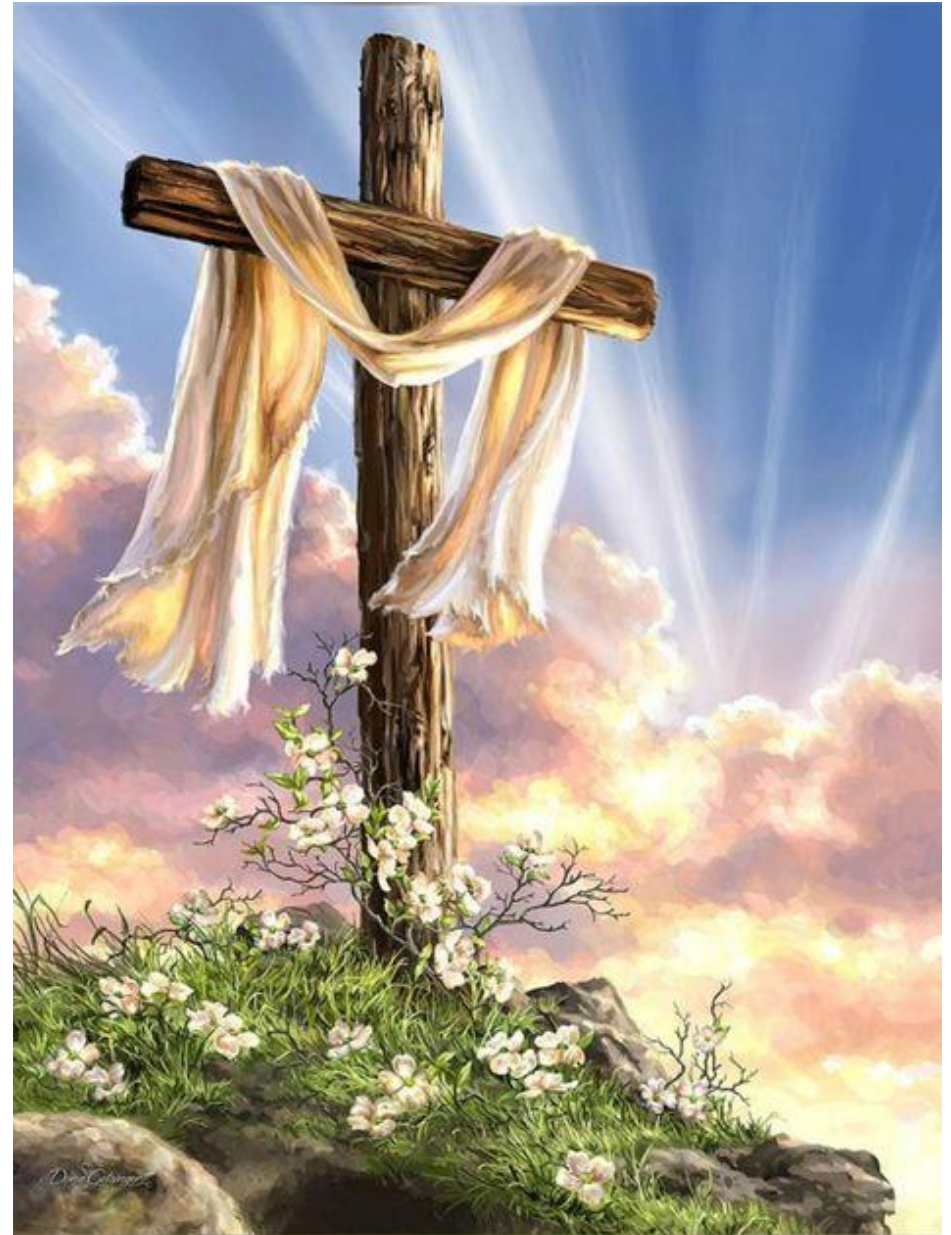
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, and delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *This is My Father’s World #56 (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: Shawnee Wood
Music: Debbie Myers