

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, John Karns,
Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat
Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Dennis Dingle, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Bill
Foster, Rudy Liebann, Janet Heister, Jerry Baum, Bill Heffern, Pat Stewart,
James Stewart, Shirley Zihaver, Dan Smayda, Mason Martin, Jim Dixon

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Upcoming dates & activities:

12/10 Sugar Valley Lodge Christmas Party 11 am

12/13 Bible Study 6:30 pm

12/17 Session Meeting - 11 am

12/24 NO morning service

12/24 Candlelight Service – 7 pm

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Polk Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events

December 2023

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

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

Dec. – Collecting Food for the Salvation Army.

Dec 16th – Victorian Christmas Concert at First Baptist Church of Franklin
Doors open at 6 pm, concert starts at 7 pm.

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.

Feed-A-Family – Lakeview Area Helping Hands Center, Inc.

Care Giver needed for a 92 year old male near Wesley. See insert for more information.

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,
December 10, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent**

***The Introit** *“You Are My All in All” #1 (Praise Book)*

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking You a precious jewel. Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

*Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is your name.*

Time for meditation and reflection.

Call to Worship **Psalm 126:3-6**

L: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

P: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

L: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

P: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

***Praise Hymn** *Joy to the World #170 (Hymnal v. 1)*

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have called us to become a light to the nations and to demonstrate our Lord's faithful righteousness through our love to our brothers and sisters, acts of compassion to our neighbors, and praise of our Savior. Forgive us when we quench the power of the Holy Spirit, despise the Word of God, and worship sinful idols. May the peace of God sanctify us; may we rejoice always; and may our body, soul, and spirit be kept sound and blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon **Isaiah 61:10-11**

L: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

P: For as the earth brings forth it shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before the nations.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: The Wood Family
Watch and wait for Christ's coming! We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer. We light this candle of hope. We light this candle for peace. We light this candle in joy. (Light the first two purple candles and then pink candle)

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”¹ Thessalonians 5:16-18

God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, you are our salvation; we trust in you and are not afraid. Lead us to draw water with rejoicing from the spring of salvation.

A: God of promise, God of joy, into our darkness come.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

Happy Birthday: Rich Mahood, Debora Perry, Yvonne Doyle, Patrick Scurry

Presbytery Prayers: Meadville, First Rev. Brian Jensen, Pastor; Rev. Dan Corll, Pastor of Visitation; District Pastor Rev. Mark Tawiah-Tutu, Chereoni District, Upper Northern Presbytery, 10 Congregations

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 *Good Christian Men Rejoice*
#198 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY** # 39

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON “Oaks of Righteousness”

Affirmation of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith
6.180 & 6.181

God has appointed a day, wherein he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, to who all power and judgment is given of the Father. The end of God’s appointing this day, is for the manifestation of the glory of his mercy in the eternal salvation of the elect; and of his justice in the damnation of the reprobate, who are wicked and disobedient. For then shall the righteous go into everlasting life, and receive the fullness of joy and refreshing which shall come from the presence of the Lord; but the wicked, who do not know God, and do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ, shall be cast into eternal torments, and punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. Amen.



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

***CLOSING HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #171 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

***Our Response** *“ Lord, We Praise You” Vs 1 #22 (Praise Book)*

Lord we praise You.

Lord we praise You.

Lord we praise You.

We praise You, Lord.