

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

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Upcoming dates & activities:
12/17 Session Meeting - 11 am
12/20 Bible Study 6:30 pm
12/24 NO morning service
12/24 Candlelight Service – 7 pm

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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.

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 17, 2023
Fourth 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 89:1-4**

L: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

P: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

L: The Lord said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

P: ‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”

***Praise Hymn** *Think About His Love* #24 (Praise Book)

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Heavenly Father, when we arrogantly take matters into our own hands because we assume, we understand the will of God. Teach us humility, as we seek the mind of Christ, and we emulate the faithful Children of God. Grant us eyes to see, ears to listen, hearts to embrace, and faith to act. Empower each of us to swiftly respond obediently as the Virgin Mary, when our Lord calls his followers to Christian service. In the name of the glorified and risen Lord, we lift this humble prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon **Romans 5:1-2**

L: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

P: Through whom we obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Be at peace and know that we are forgiven. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: Lisa & Scott Heffern

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 in hope. We light this candle for peace. We light this candle in joy. We light this candle with love.

(light two purple candles, one pink candle, and the last purple candle)

“I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.” Psalm 89:1

God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, God of love, you are love, and those who abide in love abide in you. Teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world.

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

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

Presbytery Prayers: **Bradford First, Rev. Katherine Randall & Rev. Rob Klouw, Co-Pastors; Rev. Christopher Fujii (HR), C.P. Dan McEldowney (H), Rev. Evon Llyod (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.

