

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:

12/3 Communion

12/6 Bible Study 6:30 pm

12/10 Sugar Valley Lodge Christmas Party 11 am

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

November 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.

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 3, 2023
Second 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 85:8-13**

L: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

P: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

L: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

P: Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

***Praise Hymn** *Peace Like a River* #345 (Hymnal v. 1)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us when we seek our own way, become lost in sin, and wonder blindly through the lonely wilderness. Seek us out as a shepherd, who searches for his lost lambs, gathers them in his loving arms, carries them safely to the sheepfold, and restores them to his own flock. Help us to remember our own baptism of repentance, confess our sins, and embrace the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In the name of our glorified Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon **Psalm 107:1-6**

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for his is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east, west, north, and south.

L: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

P: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way to the path of righteousness. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: Pam & John Vickers

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 of peace. (Light the first two purple candles)

“Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.” Psalm 85:10-11

God of hope, God of peace, you speak peace into the world through the way of the Christ-child. Help us to live as peacemakers that we may be called the children of God.

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

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

Happy Birthday: Debra Crum, DeWayne Douth

Presbytery Prayers: Conneaut Lake, Sam Heagy, Preaching; Rev. Jim McCormick (HR), C.P. Tim Olsen (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 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
#172 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY** # 39

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-15a

(P) Thanks be to God

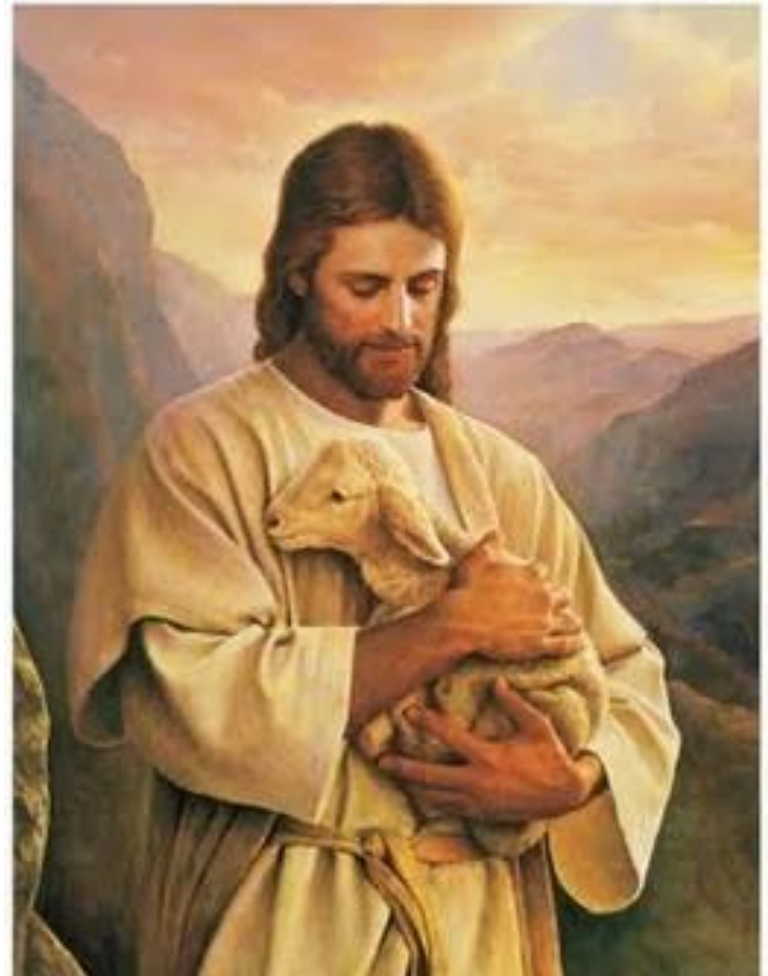
SERMON “God Prepares a Way in the Wilderness”

Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967 9.45

God’s reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all powers of government are called to serve and defend. The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace. This search requires that the nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line of conflict, even at risk to national security, to reduce areas of strife and to broaden international understanding. Reconciliation among nations becomes peculiarly urgent as countries develop nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, diverting their manpower and resources from constructive uses and risking the annihilation of humankind. Although nations may serve God’s purposes in history, the church which identifies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life with the cause of God denies the Lordship of Christ and betrays its calling.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together #162 (Hymnal)



Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood
Music: Deb Myers

***CLOSING HYMN** *Go, Tell It On the Mountain #175 (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.