

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, Pat Stewart, Dan Smayda, Jim Dickson, Brenda Sensenbaugh, Jan Archer, David Shearer, Mary Vickers, Keith Reynolds, Connor McCall, Jane & Bob Sandieson

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Upcoming dates & activities:

- 2/22 Session Meeting 6:30 pm**
- 2/25 Fundraising Breakfast for Trevor Wood-8 am**
- 3/3 Communion**
- 3/10 Daylight Saving Time Begins**
- 3/24 Palm Sunday**
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday-PPC Tureen & Servicer 6 pm**
- 3/29 Good Friday-PUMC 12 pm**
- 3/30 Easter Egg Hunt at the Village Green 9 am**
- 3/31 Easter Sun Rise Service-PPC-7 am**
- 3/31 Easter Breakfast-PPC 8**
- 3/31 Easter Service-PPC 9:30 am**



Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
February 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.

Church of the Covenant is hosting an Overnight Shelter for Erie's homeless during the winter months. Donations to fill their cupboards are being accepted. Items can be dropped off at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie, PA.

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.

Kids Club – Feb. 7th thru March 27th, 3:15 – 5 pm @ Polk United Methodist Church on Wednesdays. Volunteers are needed. 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,
February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent**

***The Introit** *“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” #117
(Praise Book)*

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day, every tongue will confess You are God. One day, every knee will bow. Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

Time for meditation and reflection.

Call to Worship Psalm 25:1-5, 8-10

L: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

P: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

L: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

***Praise Hymn** *“Oh How He Loves You and Me” #83 (Praise Book)*

Prayer of Confession

Faithful heavenly Father, have mercy upon us when we act like spoiled and disobedient children, instead of faithful disciples of Christ. Help us to embrace the new covenant, the gift of unmerited grace, our spiritual rebirth, and our Lord’s death that paid our sin debt. Allow the Holy Spirit to convict us of our trespasses, lead us to repentance, and guide us to the path of righteousness. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:5-6

L: Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, no can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

P: What is born of flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

All: If we confess our sin, he who is faithful and just will cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

Presbytery Prayers: Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana Pleasantville Presbyterian; Melinda Wingenbach Administrative Presbytery of Lake Erie

Birthdays: Scott Heffern (26th), Trevor Wood (27th)

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** *“You Are Washed in the Blood!”*

#308 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 9:8-17 Mark 1:9-15

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON: “A Covenant of Grace”

Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith 6.038, 6.039

The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam, and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.

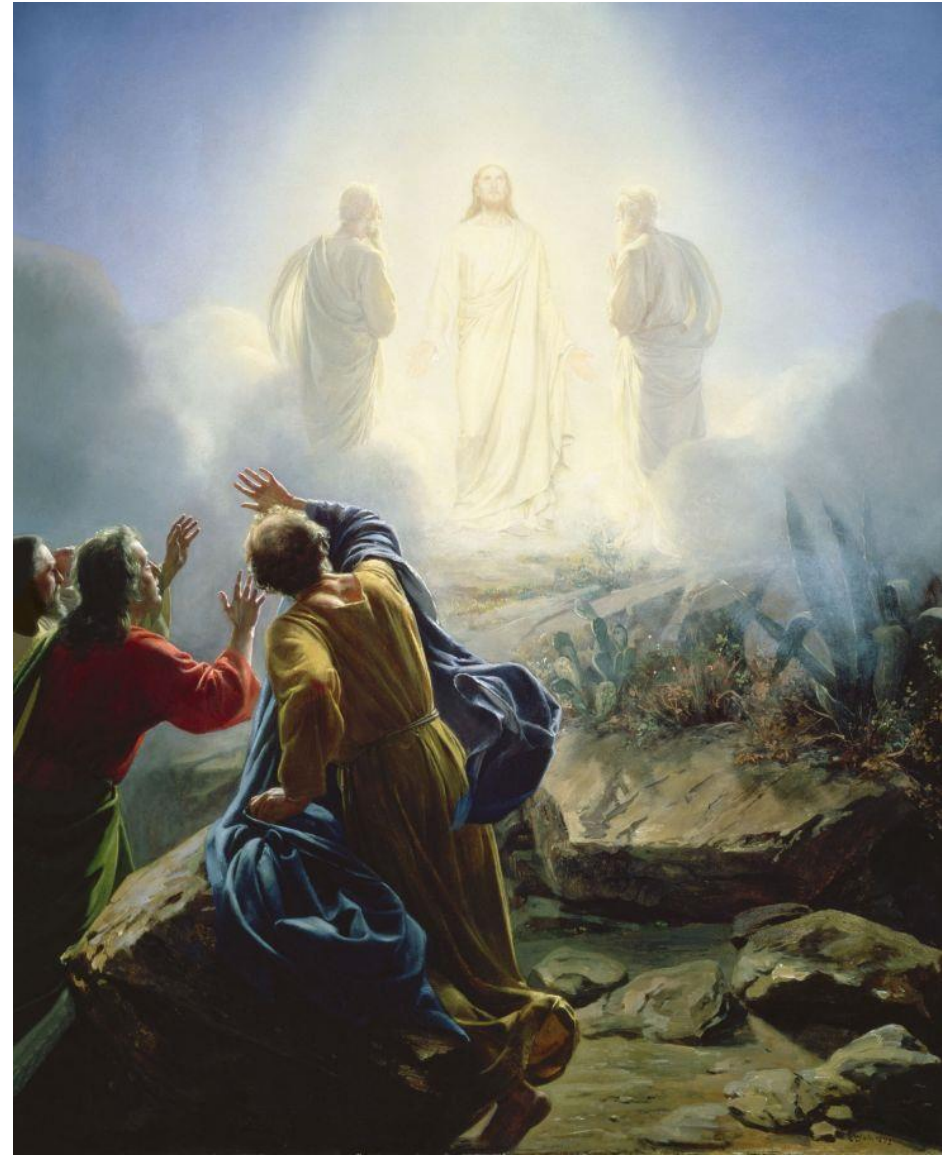
Man, by his Fall, having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace: wherein he freely offered unto sinners, life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring of them faith in him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto life, his Holy Spirit, to make them willing and able to believe. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “God be With You” #105 (Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***Our Response** “Awesome God” (Sing twice) #15 (Praise Book)

*Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow’r and love.
Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!*



**Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood
Music: Debbie Myers**