

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, the unspoken request, Robin's mom Betty, Dottie Dillin, Polk Center, Bonnie and Cookie Copeland, Dave Allman, Pam Bottomley, John Karns, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Amy Zemanski, Christian & Megan and family, Carol Morrow, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Rose, Janet Heister, Joseph family, Betty Moore, Sarah, Baby Brogan and family, Hank, Lori and granddaughter, Joanne, Diecher family, Holly, Hunter Anderson, Kris, Mark, Dale, Alberta, Diane, Lisa's family, Althea, Kish family, Violet, Linda MacDonald, Neal Rothen family, Harry Johns family, Rich, Bryan Hudson, Larry Steve Caldwell, Drussell family, Dennis Dingle, Rachel Johns, East Palestine OH, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Ellen Kelly, Zena & baby, our country

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Calendar of Events

April 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

2023 Mission: “Revival is a Team Effort”—We will be coordinating with other local churches to attend and participate with their mission programs and events. Specific events will be advertised as they are announced throughout the year.

2024 Mission: “Revival...It Is Time” –We will be hosting our Revival Weekend on 7/12/24. Revival is 7 days a week; 12 months of the year; 24 hours a day. Join us in prayer and planning as we prepare for this mission event.

Our congregational mission in the month of March is our support of members of the **Citizen’s Church in Akron** and their Puerto Rico mission trip. Throughout the month, we will be collecting donations to offset the cost for these dedicated young missionaries. Please mark your offerings “Citizens Akron” to participate in this outreach.

May 20 10am to 1:30pm: Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery are holding the Spring Gathering at Irvine Presbyterian Church. This year topic is “The Power of One – You!” More information is in the vestibule.

Camp Lambec Summer Camps schedule is posted in the vestibule. Starting date is June 18th. A place apart to explore God’s love!

Upcoming dates & activities:

4/2 9:30am Palm Sunday/Reaffirmation of Baptism

4/6 6pm Maundy Thursday Tureen Dinner

4/6 7pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

4/7 7pm Good Friday Service

4/9 7am Easter Sunrise Service

4/9 8am Easter Breakfast

4/9 9:30am Easter Service

4/13 6:30pm Session Meeting

4/22 10am Revival Planning Meeting



Polk Presbyterian Church
April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday Reaffirmation of Baptism

***The Introit Alleluia by Jerry Sinclair # 142**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118: 24-27

- L: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
P: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
P: We bless you from the house of the Lord.
L: The Lord is God, and he has given us light.
P: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

***Praise Hymn The Bond of Love**
by Otis Skillings # 206

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy upon us. Remember the promises You made to us in our baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us up to new life in Jesus Christ so that we may be Your faithful servants, demonstrating Your healing love to the world. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Colossians 2:12

- L: Hear the good news! In baptism, we were buried with Christ. In baptism, we also were raised to life with Christ, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead.
P: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Amen.

***Gloria Patri # 42**

Special by the Choir In the Name of the Lord

CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION :

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joys and concerns:

Happy Birthday: Erma Martin, Julie Motter

Presbytery Prayers: Franklin and Rocky Grove, Rev. Rachel Johns, Temp. Supply Pastor; Tidioute and Irvine, Commissioned Pastor Dennis Ledebur

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 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna # 211

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY # 39**

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON "What's the Parade All About"

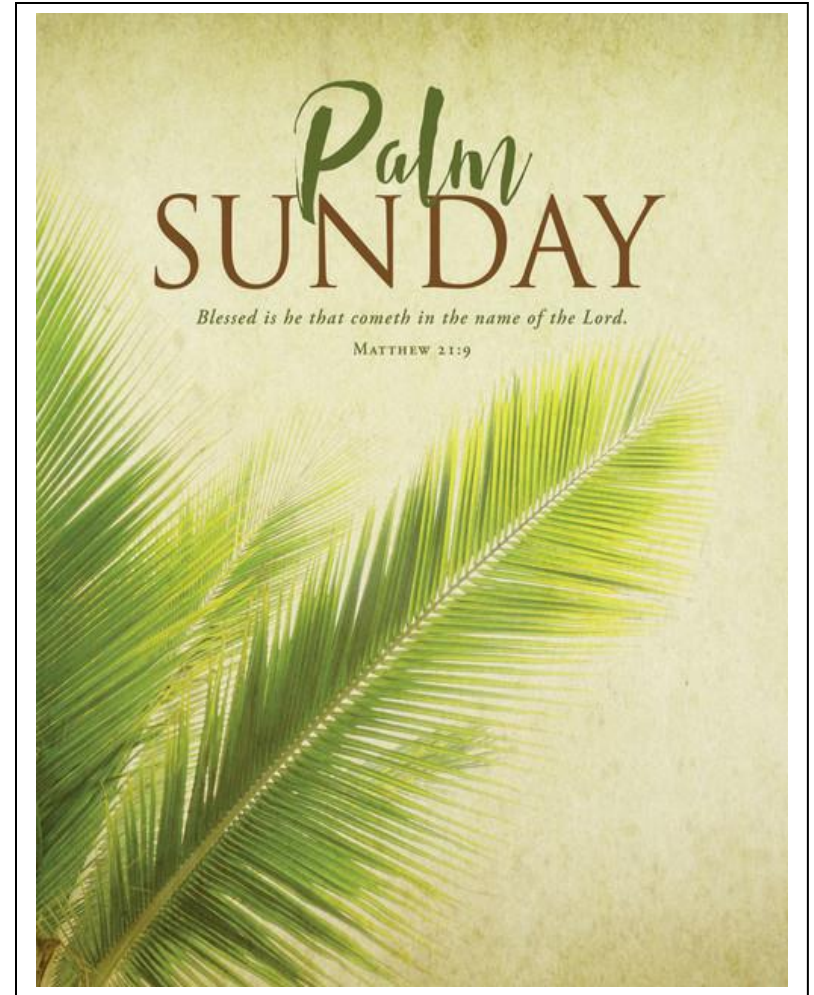
REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISM COVENANT
See insert

***CLOSING HYMN** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* # 508

***THE BENEDICTION**

***Our Response** *What a Mighty God We Serve* # 177

What a mighty God we serve.
What a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before Him
Heaven and earth adore Him;
What a mighty God we serve.



Pastor: Rev. Larry Myers
Elder on Call: Robin Russell
Music: Debbie Myers
Greeter: Ed & Judy Krizon

Reaffirmation of the Baptism Covenant

Scripture Sentence

1 Peter 2:9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you might proclaim his mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

Profession of Faith.

Questions

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Apostle's Creed

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Anointing with Oil Those wishing to be anointed come forward to the Baptismal Font area.

Matthew 21:1-11

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷ The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Psalms 118:1-2,19-29

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Benediction:

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

May the Peace, Love, and Fellowship of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, walk with you in your individual roads of life now and forever more. Amen

Themes:

- Hosanna – “save us we beseech you”, “save us we pray”
- Our Lord comes as the sacrificial lamb – selection of paschal lamb on this day.
- Those who witnessed the raising of Lazarus were now attempting to make Jesus their King.
- How does reaffirmation of baptism relate to Palm Sunday?
 - Union with Christ at our baptism.
 - Who is your Lord and Savior?
 - “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”
 - Christ is the paschal lamb that is sacrificed.
 - Christ’s triumphal entry resembles the festal process to the horns of the sacrificial altar. Hosanna!
 - “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
 - We die and are resurrected with our Lord at baptism.