

## **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:**  
**11/26 First Sunday of Advent**  
**11/29 Bible Study – 6:30 pm**  
**12/2 Craft Day – 10 am – 12 pm**  
**12/3 Communion**  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month downstairs in our Friendship Hall.

**Nov.** – Collecting Food for the Salvation Army.

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** – 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. See insert.

**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,  
November 26, 2023  
First Sunday of Advent**

**\*The Introit**    *“Surely the Presence” #159 (Praise Book)*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**Call to Worship**                  **Psalm 80:1-4**

**L:** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**P:** You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

**L:** Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**P:** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**\*Praise Hymn**    *In Moments Like These #41 (Praise Book)*

**Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us Lord when we are drawn into the secular glitter of this holiday season, and we become complacent about our responsibilities to the Kingdom of God. Have mercy when we fail to live the Christian life but call out to our Lord to rescue us from our earthly predicaments. Help us to keep vigilant in our watching for the return of our Lord, in our call to service, and in our walk of faith. Heavenly Father, instill within us the hope of your presence among us, of your promise of salvation, and of your unending love. In the name of our risen and long-awaited Lord, we humbly pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**                  **Titus 2:11-14**

**L:** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,

**P:** Training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly,

**L:** While we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**P:** He who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE:** Judy & Eddy Krizon

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. (Light the first purple candle)

“He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 1:8

God of hope, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, so that we may be alert to the dawning of Christ’s advent among us.

**A:** God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Joys and concerns

**Happy Birthday:** Larry Myers

**Happy Anniversary:** Fred & Yvonne Doyle

**Presbytery Prayers:** East Minster, Erie, Commissioned Pastor Henry Rafferty; Rev. Nelson “Bud” Horne (HR), Hartstown

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

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY** # 39

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Isaiah 64:1-9    1 Corinthians 1:3-9

(P) Thanks be to God

**SERMON**    “Patiently Waiting for the Advent”

**Affirmation of Faith**    The Apostles’ Creed    2.1-.3  
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.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
#172 (Hymnal)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

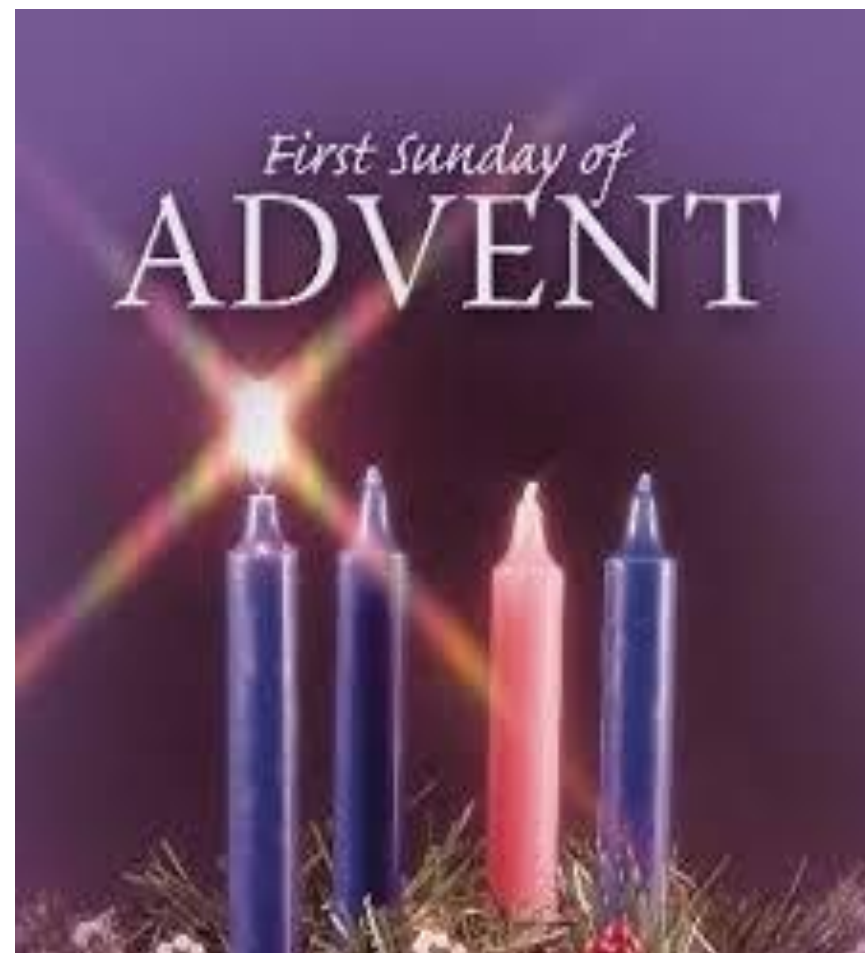
**\*Our Response**    “Praise the Name of Jesus” #167 (Praise Book)

*Praise the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus.*

*He's my Rock, He's my Fortress,*

*He's my Deliverer; in Him will I trust.*

*Praise the name of Jesus.*



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