

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, Nancy Davison,
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers,
David Shearer, Alberta Swendson, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,
Lisa & Scott Heffern, Gail Rowland, Kathleen Raecke,
Becky Hedglin, Joanie Bottomley, Teri Chisholm,
John & Pam Vickers

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Upcoming dates & activities:

2/19 Bible Study 6:30 pm

2/23 Linger Longer 10:30 am

2/26 Bible Study 6:30 pm



**Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
February 2025**

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

Prayer Blankets will be done on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am

Per Capita for 2025: \$35

February: Souper Bowl for Caring; CLA Ultrasounds for Pregnancy Centers (\$28 each); Meal Home Delivery List

Pam B. on vacation Feb. 15th thru Feb. 22nd .

Feb. 20: Christian Worldview In Focus, Inaugural Venango County lecture series, 1st Baptist Church of Franklin, 6:30 – 8 pm; Purpose In Every Reason-No matter What Age, Health, Circumstance, or Ability

Lynn Harriger from Nazarene church in Franklin is collecting grocery bags to make Mercy Mats. Amy Zemanski will see that Lynn gets any donations.

Save your Poptabs for a hospital in Pittsburgh. There is a container in the Narthex.

Lay Reader: We are in search of another Lay Reader. We would like to have 3 in the rotation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Myers.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,
February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

***The Introit** *“In the Name of the Lord” #132 (Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 1

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

P: But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, they meditate day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

P: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

L: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

P: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord” #53
(Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful heavenly Father, forgive us when we act like greedy, spoiled, and defiant children. Have compassion on us when we stand at the fork in life’s road and take the path of least resistance that leads to sin, death, and destruction. Empower us to heed the direction of the Holy Spirit, repent of our wayward sinful choices, and return to the path of righteousness. Enable us to choose the path of a faithful disciple of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, in whose name we humbly pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Titus 3:3-8

L: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another.

P: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

L: This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

P: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Pam Vickers (2/16); Pam Bottomley (2/18)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Oil City, First Commissioned Pastor Josh Botts; Presbytery of Lake Erie’s Bubble Up, participants Children of Lake Erie Pastors

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** *“Make Me A Blessing” #389
(Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10 (P) Amen

Luke 6:17-26 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “The Blessings of Discipleship”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Second Helvetic Confession
5.127

PARTS OR FORMS OF THE CHURCH. The Church is divided into different parts or forms; not because it is divided or rent asunder in itself, but rather because it is distinguished by the diversity of the numbers that are in it.

MILITANT AND TRIUMPHANT. For the one is called the Church Militant, the other the Church Triumphant. The former still wages war on earth, and fights against the flesh, the world, and the prince of this world, the devil; against sin and death. But the latter, having been now discharged, triumphs in heaven immediately after having overcome all those things and rejoices before the Lord.

Notwithstanding both have fellowship and union one with another.

***CLOSING HYMN** “*Count Your Blessings*” #430 (Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** “*Alleluia*” v. 1 #142 (Praise Book)



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