

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, Rudy Liebmann,
David Shearer, Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Kathleen Raecke,
Gary & Teri Chisholm, Kevin Gladd
John Vickers, Mary Lou Buckley, Amy Zemanski, Bonnie Copeland,
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Upcoming dates & activities:

- 1/4 Communion During Worship
- 1/6 Epiphany of the Lord
- 1/7 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm
- 1/8 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
- 1/11 Installation of Officers
- 1/11 Reports due for the Annual Report
- 1/14 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm
- 1/21 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm
- 1/25 Annual Congregational Meeting 10:30 am
- 1/25 Linger Longer Luncheon 11 am
- 1/28 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm
- 1/31 Worship Training Event at Titusville PC



Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
January

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 Capita for 2026: \$37

January Mission: Heifer Project

Lake Erie Presbytery is offering a training on January 31, 2026 - Worship: Basics and Beyond at the First Presbyterian Church in Titusville. If you would like to attend let Pam know and I can register everyone together.

Christian Life Academy is trying to pay off a loan from 2016 for an addition to the high school. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. More information in the Narthex.

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.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,
January 4, 2026
Second Sunday of Christmas**

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

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 147:12-20

L: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

P: He sends out his word; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

L: He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

P: He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

All: Praise the Lord!

***PRAISE HYMN: “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place” #159 (Praise Book)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving heavenly Father, forgive us when we become swept up in the hiatus of the commercialization of Christmas and the secular celebrations of the holiday season. Grant us eyes to see the significance of an incarnate baby in a manger, the love displayed on a wooden cross, and the power of an empty tomb. Enable us to accept undeserved grace and dedicate our lives to participating in the divine plan of salvation. In the name of our glorified and risen Lord, Jesus the Christ, living Word of God, we lift this humble prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 1:3-8

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, **P:** Just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

L: He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

P: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Mary Beth Heffern (1/5), Gary Chisholm (1/6), Brian Heffern (1/8)

ANNIVERSARIES: Denny & Debbie Adams (1/1)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Erie, Belle Valley and Elmwood Avenue Rev. Dave Edmunds, Temporary Supply Pastor; Rev. Craig Cashdollar (HR) Rev. Carl Hull (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 “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” #198 (Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1:1-18 (P) Amen

SERMON: “The Word”

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.

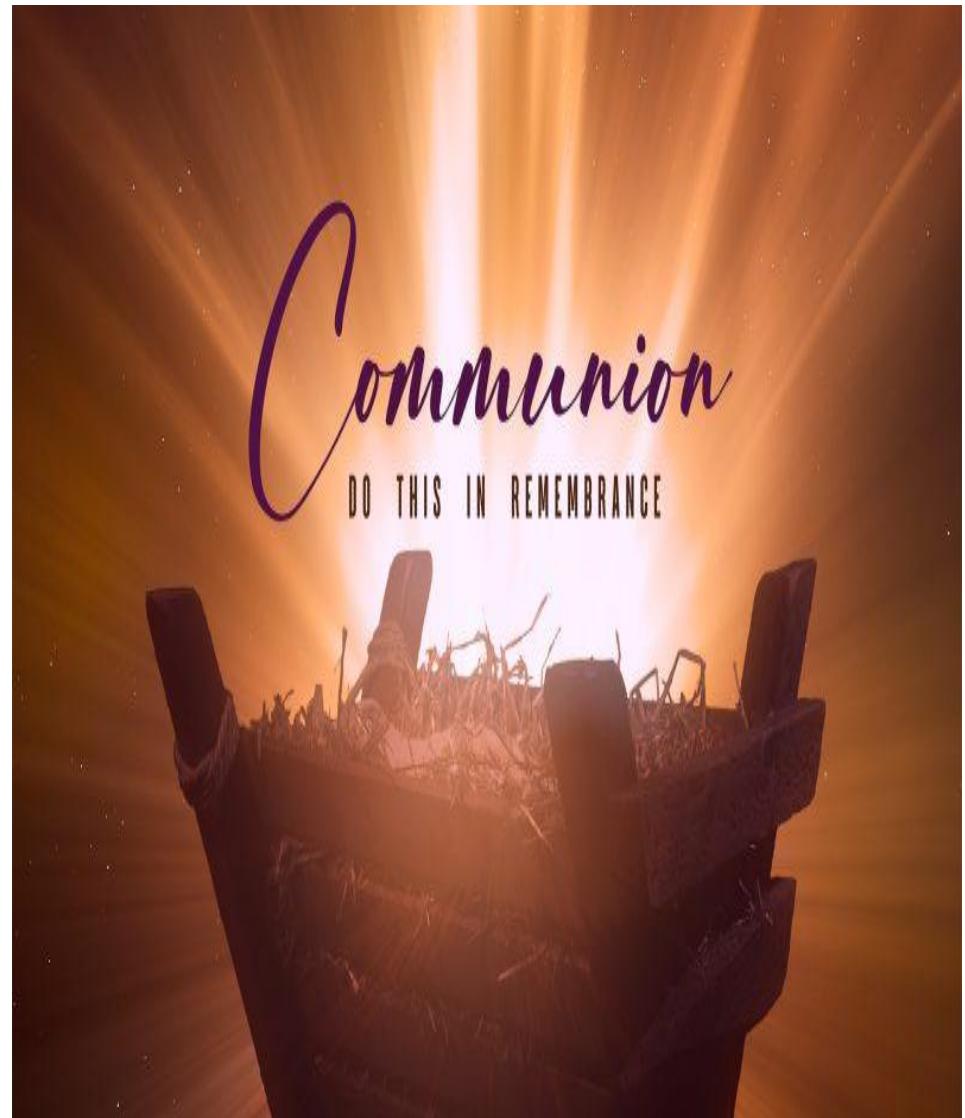
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together #162 (hymnal)

***CLOSING HYMN** “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” #178 (Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** “*O How He Loves You and Me*” #83
(Praise Book)



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