

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, Skip & Nancy Davison,
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers,
David Shearer, Alberta Swendson, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,
Lisa Heffern, Gail Rowland, Brian Hudson,
Jane Timblin, Kathleen Raecke, Cindy Gregory, Karen Miller,
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Polk Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events

January 2025

Upcoming dates & activities:

1/5 Communion
1/8 Bible Study 6:30 pm
1/9 Prayer Blankets 9 am
1/12 Installation of Officers
1/12 Yearly reports due to Church Office
1/15 Bible Study 6:30 pm
1/16 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
1/18 Officer's Training 10 am – 4 pm
1/22 Bible Study 6:30 pm
1/26 Yearly Congregational Mtg 10:30 am
1/29 Bible Study 6:30 pm

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

Missions: Heifer Project

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,
January 5, 2025
Epiphany of the Lord**

***The Introit** *“Lift Up Your Heads” #107 (Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Ephesians 3:5-6, 17-18

L: In former generations this mystery of Christ was not made known to humankind, as it is now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

P: That is, the Gentiles as well as the Jews have become heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise of Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

L: Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to you who were near.

P: For through our Lord both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Go Light Your World” #39 (Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and Almighty heavenly Father, forgive our indifference to Your presence in our lives, our blindness to the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst, and our lack of response to Your purpose of salvation to a fallen world. Be merciful when our selfish interests overshadow Your calling to repentance, salvation, and service. Give us a clear vision to see Your light of salvation in the darkness of our sin. Empower us to seek Jesus the Christ our risen Lord, in whose name we humbly pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:6-9

L: If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

P: But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from sin.

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Gary Chisholm (6th), Brian Heffern (8th)

ANNIVERSARIES: Debbie & Denny Adams (1st)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Meadville First, Rev. Ben Black; 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 *“We Three Kings” #197 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6 (P) Amen

Matthew 2:1-12 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Using 4 D Glasses”

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** “Go Tell It on the Mountain” #176 (Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** “Change My Heart, O God” #2 (Praise Book)



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