

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, David Shearer, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,
Kathleen Raecke, Gary & Teri Chisholm,
Kevin Gladd, Mary Lou Buckley, Bonnie Copeland,
Kohen Dunmire (Wendy Bellin's Grandson), Dottie Dillan.
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Upcoming dates & activities:

- 3/25 Kids Club PUMC 3:30 – 5:30 pm**
- 3/25 Isiah Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 3/29 Palm Sunday, Reaffirmation of Baptism**
- 4/1 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm**
- 4/2 Maundy Thursday Tureen Dinner 6 pm**
- 4/2 Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7 pm**
- 4/3 Good Friday Service 7 pm**
- 4/4 Community Easter Egg Hunt 9 am**
- 4/5 Easter Sunrise Service 7 am**
- 4/5 Easter Breakfast 8 am**
- 4/5 Easter Service with Communion 9:30 am**
- 4/8 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm**
- 4/9 Session Meeting 6:30 pm**



**Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
March**

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

March Missions: Varha Riding stables, Chairlift Repair

April Missions: One Great Hour of Sharing, Our Daily Bread

**Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery-Spring Gathering-
Saturday April 25th-Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Erie, PA
More information in the Narthex.**

**Aspire Women's Conference, Saturday April 18th; Watson Run
Church, Conneaut Lake, PA. More information in the narthex.**

**Lynn Harriger from Nazarene church in Franklin is collecting grocery
bags to make Mercy Mats and also jigsaw puzzles for the Soldiers &
Sailors Hospital in Erie. 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,
March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

***The Introit** *“Come Now is the Time to Worship” #117
(Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 130:1-7

L: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our voices!

P: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

L: We wait for the Lord, our soul waits, and in his word, we hope;

P: Our soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

All: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Surely the Presence” #193 (Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of all grace and mercy, forgive us when we allow our sinfulness to cause us to live in a way that satisfies our fleshly desires. Help us to realize that our sinful nature is hostile to a divine God, rejects God’s laws, forces us to hate our neighbor, and drives a wedge between Almighty God and ourselves. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, cover us with Christ’s righteousness, and regenerate us by the living Word so we might live a Spirit filled life. In the name of the risen Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:10-11

L: If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

P: If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Judy Krizon (3/27); Shawnee Wood (3/28)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Westminster, Erie
Darin Alvis, Preaching; Edinboro Pastor Nominating Committee
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana

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** *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #393
(Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ezekiel 37:1-14 (P) Amen

John 11:1-45 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Resurrection Faith”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Second Helvetic

Confession 5.076

THE FRUIT OF CHRIST’S DEATH AND RESURRECTION. Further by his passion and death and everything which he did and endured for our sake by his coming in the flesh, our Lord reconciled all the faithful to the heavenly Father, made expiation for sins, disarmed death, overcame damnation and hell, and by his resurrection from the dead brought again and restored

life and immortality. For he is our righteousness, life and resurrection, in a word, the fulness and perfection of all the faithful, salvation and all sufficiency. For the apostle says: “In him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell,” and, “You have come to fulness of life in him” (Col. chs. 1 and 2). Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “*The Solid Rock*” #340 (*Hymnal*)

*THE BENEDICTION

*OUR RESPONSE “*Majesty*” #8 (*Praise Book*)



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