

## **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, Bonnie, Nancy Davison Family,  
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers,  
David Shearer, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,  
Lisa & Scott Heffern, Kathleen Raecke,  
Gary & Teri Chisholm, Kevin Gladd  
Bleakley Strawbridge (4 yr old friend of Tripp Hansen  
Who has Lyme's Disease), Sandy Chisholm, Dave Burgoyne

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

**5/26 Memorial Day**  
**5/28 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**  
**5/29 Ascension Day of our Lord**  
**6/1 Communion**  
**6/4 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**  
**6/8 Day of Pentecost**  
**6/11 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**  
**6/12 Session Meeting 6:30 pm**  
**6/15 Father's Day**  
**6/18 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**  
**6/19 Father / Son Banquet 6 pm**  
**6/25 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**



**Polk Presbyterian Church  
Calendar of Events  
May**

**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 not be done in June, July or August.**

**May Mission: Seneca Hills camping Scholarships**  
**Baby Bottle Boomerang (May 11-June 15)**

**Flowers around the Church sign were donated and planted in loving memory of the family of Millie and Bill Noland.**

**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,  
May 25, 2025  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**\*The Introit** *“Lord, We Praise You” #22 (Praise Book)*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 67:1-4

**L:** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**P:** That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

**L:** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**P:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** *“Soon and Very Soon” #27 (Praise Book)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, forgive us when we allow sin, evil, and our earthly desires to cloud our judgment and take rule of our lives. Have mercy upon us when guilt, fear, and doubt prevent us from faithfully walking in the light of Christ. Enable us to heed the calling of the Holy Spirit who guides us toward the path of righteousness. Spiritually empower us to reflect the love, compassion, and peace of Christ in our daily living as Christian disciples in service to the Kingdom of God. In Christ's precious name, we pray. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Ephesians 2:17-22

**L:** So, Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

**P:** So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,

**L:** Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

**P:** In Christ the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Rev. Rachel Johns, Rev. George Espy (HR); Rev. Jihyun Oh, Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

**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** *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” #319 (Hymnal)*

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Revelation 21:10, 22-27, 22:1-5 (P) Amen  
John 14:23-29 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “The Kingdom Life of Love and Peace”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Confession of 1967  
9.54 & 9.55

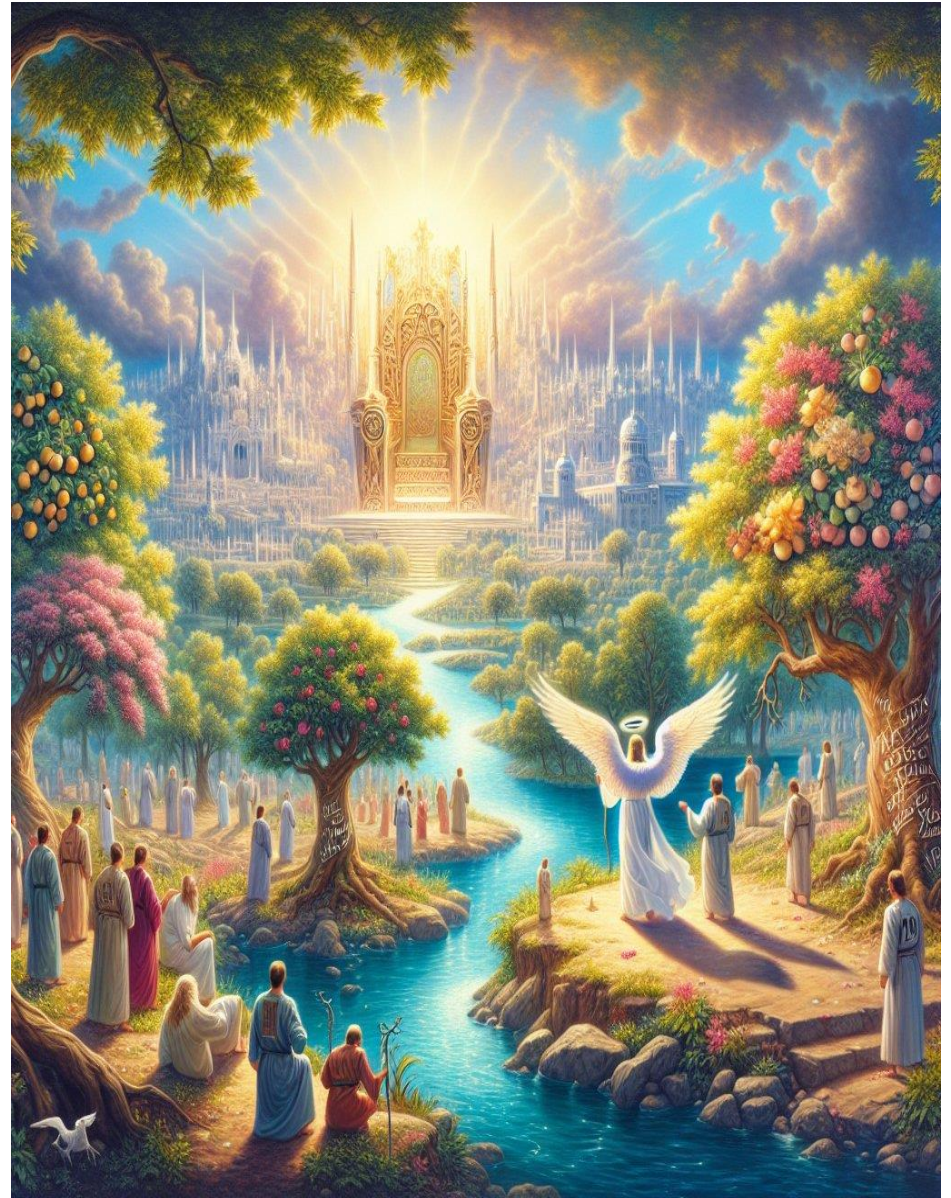
Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of

God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in human beings and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of Almighty God. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"Peace Like a River" #345 (Hymnal)*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR RESPONSE** *"Bless His Holy Name" #155 (Praise Book)*



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