

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, Tye Karns, Gail Rowland, Brian Hudson,
Jane Timblin, Kathleen Raecke, Cindy Sweetapple family,
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Upcoming dates & activities:

12/25 Christmas Day
1/1 New Year's Day
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



**Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
December 2024**

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: Fruit Baskets, Emmaus Haven, Mustard Seed Ministries

**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,
December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve**

Christmas Greeting

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-4

L: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

L: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

P: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

Prayer BCW

Most merciful and gracious God, on this holy night You gave us Your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a humble manger. On this holy night, we are drawn into the mystery of Your amazing love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing Your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have long waited, Jesus the Christ, the Messiah and Lord. Grant that the light of Christ might shine anew into our darkness, dispel all our sadness, and enable us to proclaim the true reason for this Christmas season. In the name of the risen and glorified Christ, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: Wood Family

We have watched and waited for Christ's coming! We have lit candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Tonight, we light this candle in hope. We light this candle in peace. We light this candle in joy. We light this candle in love. Now our redemption draws near as we light the long-awaited Christ candle. (light two purple, one pink, one purple candles; and one white candle)

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

Luke 2:10-11

Glory to God in the highest!

A: Alleluia! Amen!

Isaiah 9:2-7 (Judy)

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #172 Verse 1

Luke 2:1-20 (Pam)

² In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

O Little Town of Bethlehem #192 Verse 1

(Judy) ⁵ Joseph went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Away in a Manger #187 Verse 1

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Isn't He Beautiful" (Choir)

(Pam) ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

While Shepherd Watched Their Flocks #189 Verse 1

(Judy) ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

The First Noel #188 Verse 1

(Pam) ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Angels We Have Heard on High #179 Verse 1

(Judy) ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

What Child Is This # 180 Verse 1

SPECIAL MUSIC: Emmanuel (Choir)

(Pam) ¹⁷ When the shepherds saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Go Tell It on the Mountain #176 Verse 1

Silent Night! Holy Night #184

Joy to the World #170

***THE BENEDICTION**



Pastor: Larry Myers
Readers: Judy Krizon & Pam Bottomley
Music: Deb Myers