

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.
Tim Vickers, Dave Kochis,

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Upcoming dates & activities:

9/2 Isaiah Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
9/6 Communion during Worship
9/7 Labor Day
9/9 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm
9/12 Session Meeting
9/16 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm
9/22 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting at Ripley, NY PC 2 pm
9/23 See You at the flag Pole in the AM
9/26 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm
9/30 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm



Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events September

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

August Mission: Reliant Mission (Trevor's Ministry)

September Mission: Salvation Army

Our Mission in October & December is Emmaus Haven. Here is a list of items that are needed. Shower shoes – size 10 & up; travel size deodorant, shaving cream & shampoo/conditioner combo; bath towels, Men briefs – size L & XL; white t-shirts – size L & XL; drawstring shorts – size L & XL; pajama bottoms – size L & XL; pants – size L & XL; Tide Pods

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,
August 30, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Higher Education Sunday**

***The Introit “Holy Ground” #129 (Praise Book)**

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105:1-6

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

L: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

P: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

L: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and his spoken judgments,

P: O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

***PRAISE HYMN: “Here I Am, Lord” #54 (Praise Book)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty God, author of all life, forgive our feeble attempts to steer our own course in this life. Have mercy upon us when we allow Satan to lure us away from the path of righteousness. Show compassion toward us when our human desires cause us to become a stumbling block on the faith journey of our brothers and sisters. Give us the mind of Christ so that we might faithfully follow our Lord to Jerusalem where we can identify with his rejection, shame, suffering, and death. In the name of Jesus the Christ, our risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 2:4-9

L: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is a gift from God.

P: Salvation is not the results of our works, so that no one may boast.

L: We were dead through our trespasses but made alive together with Christ.

P: By grace, we have been saved, raised up with Christ, and seated with him in heavenly places. Glory be to Almighty God.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Ernie Banks (8/30)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Polk Rev. Larry Myers, Temporary Supply Pastor; Sugar Grove Cambridge Springs

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 “I have Decided to Follow Jesus” #454 (Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 3:1-15 P (Amen)
Matthew 16:21-28 P (Thanks be to God)**

SERMON: “Following Jesus Christ to Jerusalem”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Heidelberg
Catechism 4.001**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

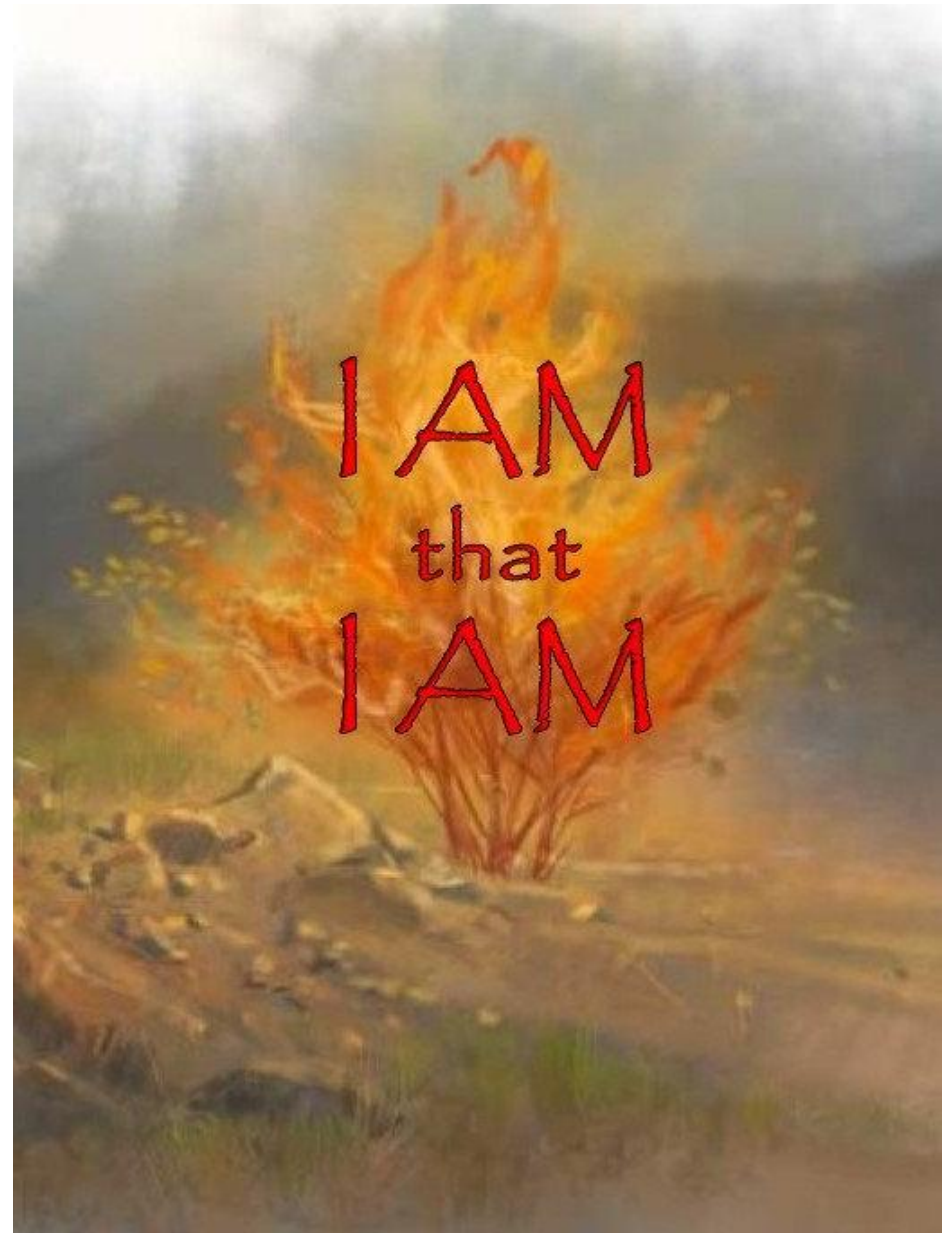
A. That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and

has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CLOSING HYMN: “*Jesus Calls Us*” #424 (Hymnal)

*THE BENEDICTION

*OUR RESPONSE “*Sanctuary*” #158 (Praise Book)



Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Judy Krizon
Music: Deb Myers