

# Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church

“Pursuing a faith that makes a difference”

## Crossroads Outpost

Lamoille, Nevada



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### Our Vision

We stand together at the crossroads where God's powerful love compels us to worship Him fully, follow Jesus daily, and live in the Spirit joyfully.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to pursue this vision with commitment, character, and in community.



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP



## The Love God Desires



God's love is never meant to stop with us; it's meant to flow through us. When we love others, we reflect his very heart. As 1 John 4:12 (NIV) reminds us, "If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

This is the true mark of a Christian — love that reaches beyond comfort zones, opinions and differences. Jesus said in John 13:35 (NIV), "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The world is watching, not to see how loudly we profess our faith but how deeply we practice it. Every act of compassion, every gentle word and every moment of grace reveals something divine — God's love at work in us. The more we give that love away, the more it grows within us, mirroring the heart of Christ, who gave Himself for all. So ask yourself: Does the world recognize you as his disciple by the way you love?

## The Upside-Down Blessing



The Beatitudes are more than poetic lines from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. They're a radical redefinition of what it means to be blessed. The Greek word *makarios* doesn't just mean "happy." It describes a deep, untouchable joy that pain, loss or hardship cannot erase. As scholar William Barclay wrote, it is "the joy which shines through tears."

Jesus flips the world's idea of success upside down. The "blessed" aren't the powerful or prosperous, but the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek and the merciful. Imagine reading them as "Congratulations, you who feel broken, God's kingdom belongs to you!" His words assure us that, even in suffering, we stand in God's favor.

Real blessing isn't about shiny possessions or smooth sailing. It's the steady, saving presence of God — a life preserver tossed to us when we're struggling to stay afloat. And it's not just an individual promise. Jesus spoke these blessings to a community, a we more than a me. Together, as the body of Christ, we find comfort, strength and the courage to live with joy that nothing in life or death can take away.

— Adapted from *HomileticsOnline.com*



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Cheering you on LAND boys!

It's that time of year again! The LAND boys are on the move as Wrestling Season is underway.

Basketball has tipped off once again also and there are several church members that will also be hitting the courts here soon.



Building strength, teamwork, and having a lot of fun along the way. Love seeing our kids involved, active, and giving

*Bee-loved by Jesus!*

Todd and Nancy Pehrson took on a Hockey Game while they were in Minnesota for the month of January.

Sounds like fun, but very COLD!



## Spring Cleaning for the Soul

Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026, and it marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us.

More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life.

Lent is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ.

## Stuck on repeat?

In *Groundhog Day*, Bill Murray is doomed to repeat the same day over and over. For Christians, the "sin cycle" is similar: mess up, repent, resolve to do better — and fail yet again, often in the exact same ways.

That movie is really about grace, contends Mark Lockard. "We fail in small ways ... and in tragic ways," he writes on MinistryMatters.com. "Sometimes I think it would be nice to be able to hit repeat and try again the next day, to aim for perfection, to be the saintly Phil Connors we see at movie's end. But that takes away the spontaneity of the new day, the challenge of being more Christ-like despite a brand new set of circumstances."

On earth, the "chill" of sin keeps biting, but we can "face the stark winter day wrapped warmly in the knowing that it's okay to get it wrong," Lockard writes. "That's part of figuring out who we are as a beloved child of God. That's what grace is all about."



## A Vision Rooted in Faith and Freedom

Washington's wisdom has been an inspiration for large numbers of our leading men and women in every decade since his time. He had the uncanny foresight of seeking to build a nation upon the bedrock of strong patriotism, unquestioned integrity, opportunities for all, high ideals and love of God.

May our great land, conceived in prayer for peace, bring new concepts of living to all the peoples of the world.

— James Francis Cook, in *The Etude*

## Shine Without Wax



How sincere are you, really? How honest, dependable, and genuine? These are traits that shape our character and help others see Christ in us. The word *sincere* comes from an old Latin phrase meaning "without wax." In ancient Rome, potters sometimes used wax to hide cracks in flawed pottery. Buyers would hold each piece up to the sunlight to see if it was truly solid and not hiding any imperfections.

When we allow the light of Christ to shine through our lives, it reveals both our rough spots and our strengths. The good news is that Jesus never shames us for the cracks; he restores us. As his light works within us, we grow into people of integrity who are whole, authentic, and sincerely his.

## Per Capita: Committing to Connection

Per capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. Per capita is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century.

The work of the PC(USA), and in particular the work of the General Assembly, is only possible because members of the church have said they are "all in" and committed to connection through per capita support. It is about joining together as a community and being one body, the body that is Christ's church in the world.

Despite everything else going up in this world, Our Per Capita is \$48 per member and has been that for several years now. If we, (our church) sends this amount in before February fifteenth, we will get a 10% discount.

Please make sure to either place your Money in the envelopes provided, or on your check, write what it is for. Per Capita...



## Mountain-Top Moments

In Matthew 17, we read a remarkable story about Jesus taking Peter, James and John up a high mountain. What seemed like an ordinary hike turned into a moment that changed their understanding of who Jesus really is. Matthew writes, "And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light" (Matthew 17:2, NASB). The disciples saw Jesus in a brilliant, heavenly glory — a glimpse of his true identity as the Son of God.

But that wasn't all. A voice from the cloud declared, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!" (Matthew 17:5, NASB). Imagine the awe and holy fear those disciples felt. Just like many of us would, they fell to the ground, overwhelmed by God's presence. Yet Jesus didn't leave them trembling. He came close, touched them and said those comforting words we all long to hear: "Do not be afraid."

After the moment passed, Jesus led them back down the mountain and into everyday life again. This powerful encounter reminds us that Jesus is truly the Son of God — radiant, holy and worthy of our worship. But it also shows us his heart: gentle, reassuring and near to us when we are afraid.

We may not stand on that mountain, but we can still experience our own "mountain-top moments" — times in worship, prayer or Scripture when we glimpse God's glory in a fresh way. And just like the disciples, we are invited to rise up, follow Jesus and listen to him every step of the journey.

## A Taste of Loving-Kindness

A Sunday school teacher once asked her class, "What do you think the Bible means when it speaks of loving-kindness?"

A young boy thought for a moment and replied, "Well, if I were hungry and someone gave me a piece of bread with butter on it, that would be kindness. But if they added a spoonful of jam, that would be loving-kindness."

## Bible Quiz

The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the **selfless, sacrificial love** that God shows to humanity?

- A. Eros
- B. Phileo
- C. Agape
- D. Storge

Answer: C (See John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13)

## Stop, Look and Listen

Why should we observe Lent?

We observe Lent because it causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile." Lent says, "Stop doing wrong."

We observe Lent because it tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ with healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.

We observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen. These three words are important for our safety in travel, but they may also be helpful for our journey through the days of Lent.

## Christian Symbol



**CORNERSTONE** — The cornerstone is a symbol for Christ. It has Old Testament roots in Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 28:16). In the New Testament, Christ is called the cornerstone in Ephesians 2:20. The IHC and XP on the stone's sides are abbreviations for "Jesus" and "Christ" in Greek.






## Sunday School volunteers Needed!

We are currently in need of Sunday School volunteers to help upstairs during the sermon. This is a wonderful way to support our children, families & our church. If you feel led to serve or would like more information, please let us know. We would love to have you.

A mother was teaching her three-year old the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime the little girl repeated the prayer after her mother. One night she said she was ready to say it by herself. The mother listened with pride as her child carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."

# February 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Rick Glass	2	3	4 Brinley Sarmen (B)	5 Jim Connelley (B) Caleb Jensen (B) Kim & Whip Up- ton (A)	6	7
8 Joel Jund	9	10 Allyson Sasgen (B)	11	12	13	
15 Tom Finch	16 	17	18 	19	20	21 Bailey Powell (B)
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## **Quotes about Love**

"No matter what sin we have committed, no matter how terrible it may be, God loves us."

—Billy Graham

"Love is perhaps the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity."

—Helen Hayes

"Love is the river of life in the world."

—Henry Ward Beecher

"This is the miracle that happens every time to those who really love; the more they give, the more they possess."

—Rainer Maria Rilke

"A heart set on love will do no wrong."

—Confucius

"There is a net of love by which you can catch souls."

—Mother Teresa

## **Valentine's Day jokes for animal lovers**

What did one sheep say to the other?

*I love ewe!*

And how did the other sheep respond?

*You're not so baaa-d yourself.*

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?

*They are very scent-imental creatures.*

What did the enamored deer say?

*I'm very fawn-ed of you!*

What question did the penguin ask on February 14?

*Waddle I do without you?*

What do you call two birds in love?

*Tweethearts!*

What did one bee say to the other?

*I love bee-ing with you, honey!*

## **Valentine's Day — God's Love Theme**

"We love because he first loved us." — 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

Happy Valentine's Day! Valentines Day is a sweet reminder that God's love is the very source of all love. May we share it freely — with kind words, grateful hearts and acts of compassion. #GodIsLove #ValentinesDay