

**BACON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
A family of faith since 1922

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Church office hours - Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

**April 20, 2025 - Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day**  
**10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

Large Print bulletin available – on the table in the Narthex

Please silence all cell phones before worship.

\* Please stand if you are able.

**ENTER TO WORSHIP**

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by Rev. Teri McDermott Ott.

**GOD CALLS US TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty with O Worship the King” Marianne Kim

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please keep announcements brief, especially if they are already in the bulletin.

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**L:** Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.  
The peace of Christ be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

**L:** Let us now offer each other a sign of peace in genuine fellowship and reconciliation in community with one another.

**Enliven Worship**  
**Mary Goes to Jesus – John Debney, Lisbeth Scott**

**Biblical Storytelling**  
**Mary Magdalene discovers the Empty Tomb**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

L: Jesus Christ is risen today!

**A: Alleluia!**

L: Our triumphant and holy day!

**A: Alleluia!**

L: Praise our God, ye heavenly host!

**A: Alleluia!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. Amen**

(confess silently)

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**WE ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING Psalm 118:1-2 and 14-24**

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<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**L: This is the Word of the Lord.  
R: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN #188 seated “Jesus Loves Me” verse 1**

Jesus Loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**CHILDREN’S TIME & \*\*\*\*Lord’s 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

**SPECIAL MUSIC “Jubilate” Todd Brant**

**SECOND READING Luke 24:1-12**

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24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**A: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**SERMON**

**“Believing is Seeing the Believers”**

*Pastor Lisa Giacomazza and Maureen Kwiatkowski*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Please share your joys and concerns so we can pray with you.

## **OFFERING**

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “Toccata on “Hymn to Joy” Douglas Wagner

**\*DOXOLOGY #606** (This may change from time to time)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God\* all creatures here below;  
praise God\* above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

\*some say him

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION and THANKSGIVING** (Unison)

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

## **WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\*ACOLYTES CLAIM THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*BENEDICTION HYMN #826** “Lift High the Cross” verses 1-3

**\*CHARGE**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Toccata: Rejoice Always” Richard A. Williamson

**LITURGIST – *Bill Springer***

April 27 – Norwood Chatmon

May 4 –

May 11 – Bill Springer

May 18 –

May 25 -

We need Liturgists. Everything is written out for you.

Call the church office 716-283-5744

### **Question for Reflection**

When Mary Magdalene first saw the resurrected Jesus, she did not recognize him, even though she knew the tomb was empty. Have you ever experienced the presence of the risen Christ, even when you were not expecting him? Are there times you have been in the presence of the risen Christ but have not recognized him?

How would you know?

### **Prayer for the Week** (Evening)

Lord, the days of sadness are over, for you have risen from the dead. As you conquered the grave, free your servant from fear of harm or death, that I may rest in peace this night and in the morning rise to sing “alleluia.”

Amen.

### **Church Office**

If you leave something in the church office or if you give it to Pastor Lisa or Cher before the service, please make sure it is labeled who or what it is for. We are busy in the morning and may forget. Thank you.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Each month there will be a targeted item for the shoeboxes. *The item for April is stuffies* or any small item that will fit in a shoebox.

**Coffee Hours** – We need help with the coffee hours. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet for coffee hours on the bulletin board in the hallway.

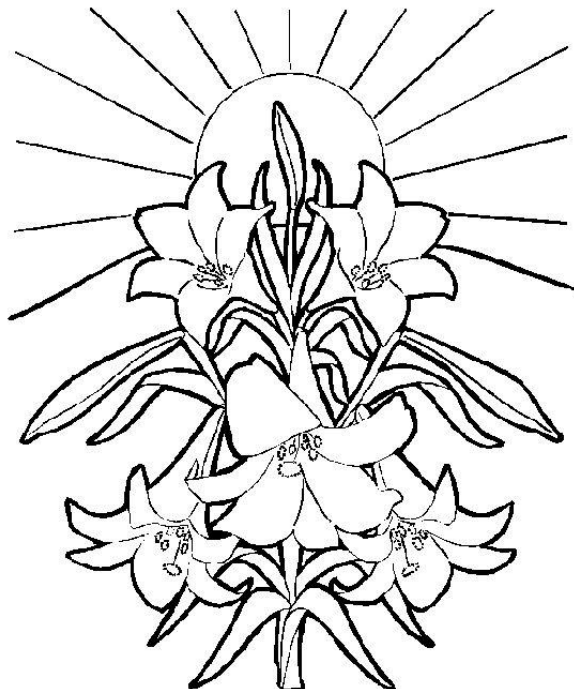
**Bacon Memorial Food Cupboard:** any non-perishable food you would like to donate is always welcome. Most needed are: Protein-rich foods such as tuna, canned chicken, beans or peanut butter. The food cupboard is located at the back of the sanctuary. Please check the expiration dates of donated food.

If you would like to order **flowers for the re-table**, please call Ron Clements at 716-283-9411. You may want to honor someone's memory with flowers in remembrance of a birthday or place a rose when a child is born.

The **Lion's Club** is collecting your used eyeglasses, eyeglass cases and old hearing aids. There is a collection box on the table in the Narthex.

**Like us on Facebook!** Please like and follow the Bacon Memorial Facebook page. Pastor Lisa will be posting regularly including parts of the sermon each week. We also include information on all events taking place at or through Bacon so please join today! Please invite your family members, friends, and neighbors to like us as well. Thank you!!

**Crochet/knitting/quilting/tatting group** meets most Sundays at 2 pm at the church. If you are a beginner, come and learn. You can work on your own project to learn a new stitch or technique. Sometimes we work on small group projects. It's fun! Come and join us! Call 716-283-5744 for more information.



### **Opportunities at Bacon**

There will be someone in the office to answer calls  
**Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

### **Sun. April 27, 2024**

Worship service, Sunday School.....10:30 am  
Crochet, knitting group .....2:00 pm  
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

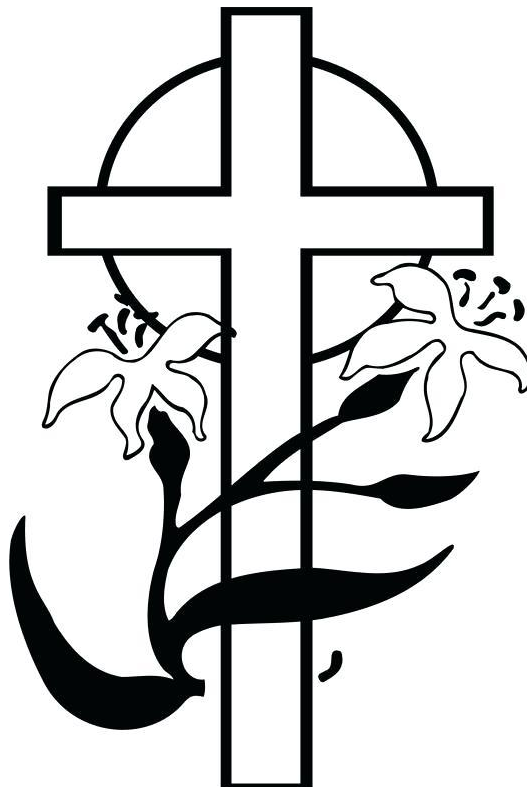
### **Attendance: April 13, 2025**

Weather: Clear

Adults.....65  
Youth.....8  
Sermon – Hand delivered.....1  
Sermon – mailed.....4  
Sermon – emailed.....9  
Facebook plays.....182  
You Tube views.....0

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But if we walk in the light, as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7



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**All was lost in the cyber-crime.**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home)\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Cell)\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birth month and day\_\_\_\_\_

Date you became a member\_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Other household members:**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home)\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Cell)\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birth month and day\_\_\_\_\_

Date you became a member\_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_