

**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

August 10, 2025 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Large Print bulletin available

Please silence all cell phones before worship.

* Please stand if you are able.

Pet Blessing Sunday!!!



ENTER TO WORSHIP

Genesis 1:25 – “God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.”

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GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Larry Shackley

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

#626 – As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

A: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.

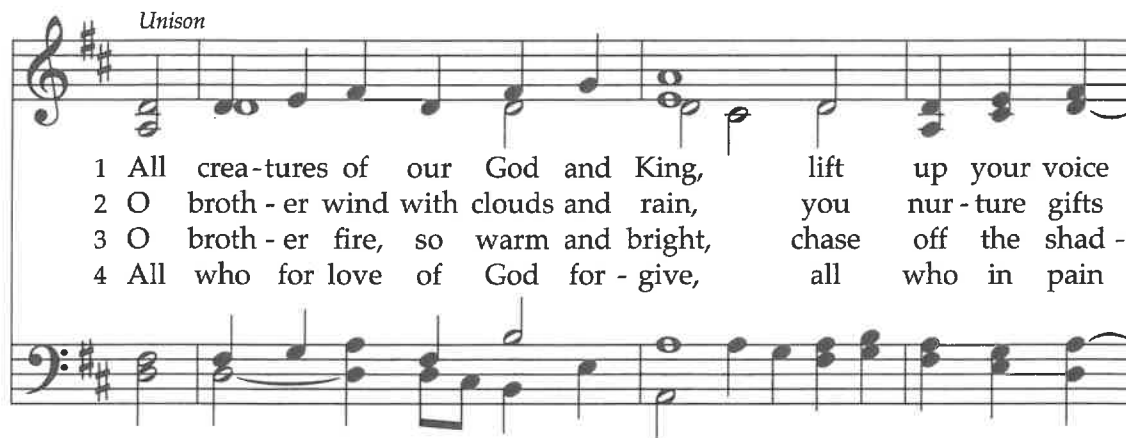
L: Like our faithful pets, may we be loyal and faithful to you.

A: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #15 “All Creatures of Our God and King” vs. 1 & 6**

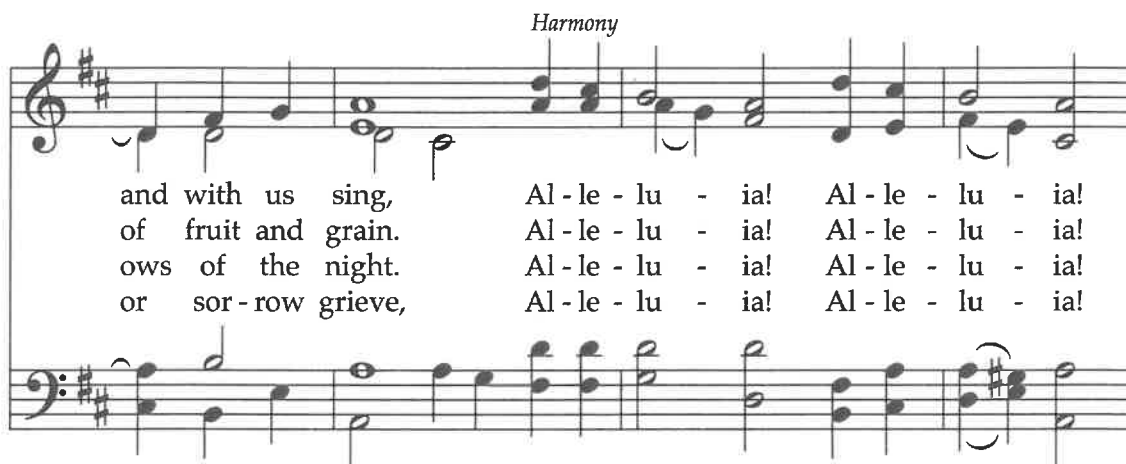
15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison



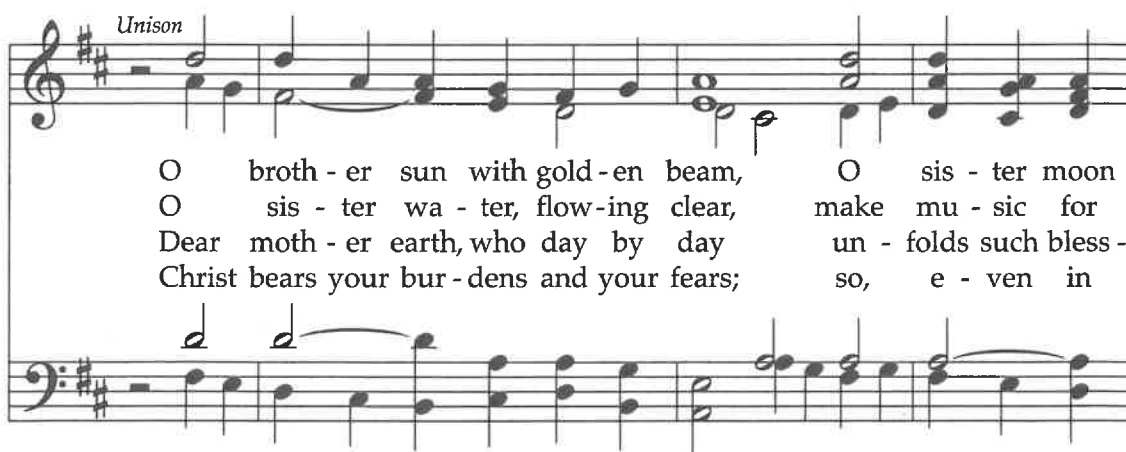
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony



and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ous of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison



O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

MEDITATION & PRAYER as we prepare for Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen.

A Moment of Silence...

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING **Genesis 15:1-6**

New Revised Standard Version Updated Ed. (NRSV)

Introduction

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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 "I Stand In Awe" arr. Jay Rouse

SECOND READING Luke 12:32-40

New Revised Standard Version Updated Ed. (NRSV)

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

"For Where your Treasure is..."
Pastor Lisa Giacomazza

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the needs of the world.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Larry Shackley

***DOXOLOGY #606**

**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 abundance, everything we have is on loan from you. Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources. Bless these gifts we give in return that they might, in turn, be a blessing to others. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE ANIMALS – Pastor will lead a brief prayer and blessing for any animals present or in our hearts. We pray in sincere gratitude for the gift of our furry friends who bring us such joy and show us the true meaning of unconditional love.

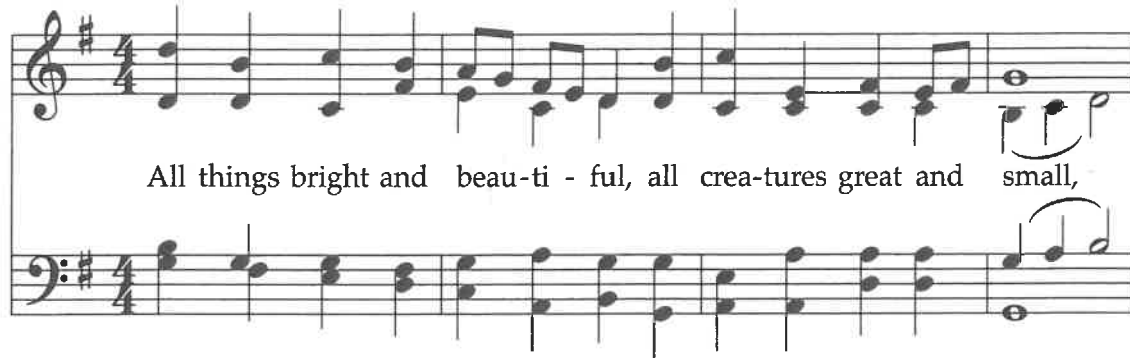
***ACOLYTES CLAIM THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION HYMN #20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

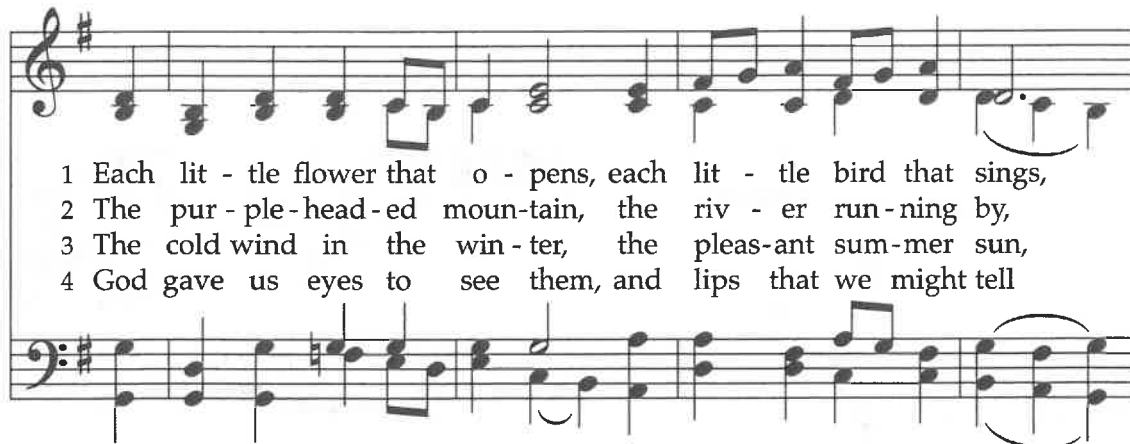
Refrain



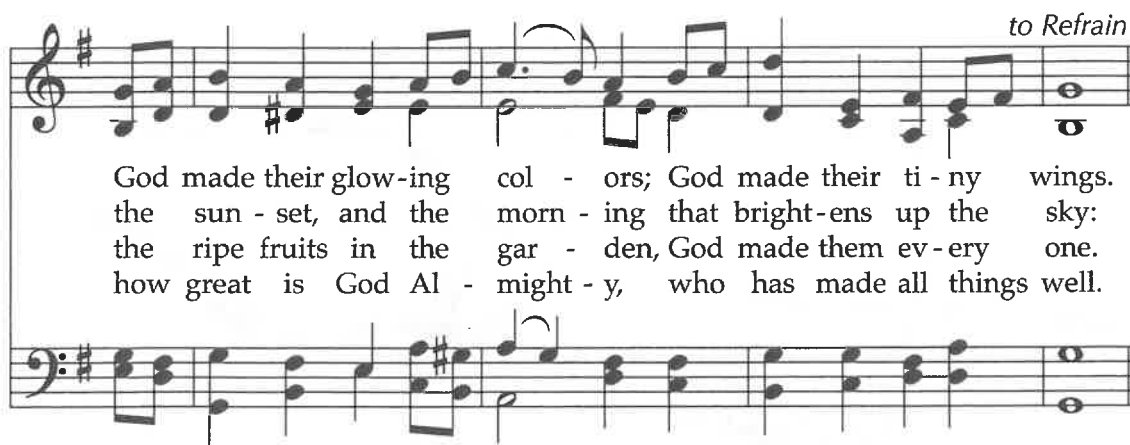
All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.

MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955
Music Harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

ROYAL OAK
7.6.7.6 with refrain

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” Anthony J. Showalter

LITURGIST – *Bill Springer*

Aug. 17 – Norwood Chatmon

Aug. 24 – Jim Cobia

Aug. 31 – Bill Springer

We need Liturgists. Everything is written out for you. Call the church office 716-283-5744

The August NAP (Niagara Area Presbyterians) **dinner is cancelled.** The next dinner is **September 3, 2025 - 5 pm** at **Riverside Presbyterian, Lindburgh and 84th Streets.** No need to bring anything - free will offering gratefully accepted but not necessary.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

We collect year-round for the shoeboxes. This makes it easier on the pocketbook of the donors. Each month there will be a targeted item and *the items for August are school supplies* or any small item that will fit in a shoebox. You can still sponsor a soccer ball for \$10. Just note it on the envelope or your check or Pay Pal.

2025 Fall Festival October 4, 2025 We Need You!!!!

Donations and Volunteers are an essential piece of any successful fundraiser. There are many ways to help.

1. Volunteer your time.
2. Donate a Basket or Gift card to the Basket Auction (Monetary donations are also accepted)
3. Bake Something for our Bake Sale.
4. Promote the event. Tell your family and friends.
5. Like and share our event on Facebook. Each time you interact with the Fall festival event it pushes it out to more people ensuring a larger group of people will see our advertisement.

If you would like to Volunteer, Donate or need more info please call the church at 716-283-5744.

We sincerely thank you for your help in making our event a success.

Fall Festival Craft Show

Are you a Crafter? Then we need you. We are currently accepting registrations for our Fall Festival Craft Show on Saturday, October 4, 2025 – 10 am to 4 pm.

Spaces are \$25. The spaces are 10 x 10 (You must bring your own table and chair)

For more information or a crafter application form, please call 716 283 5744.

Halloween Costume Give Away

We are collecting new or gently used Halloween Costumes. These costumes will then be distributed at our Fall Festival to kids and teens who might need one. If you would like to donate, please contact the church at 716-283-5744.

Bacon's Fall Recipe Cook Off

Do you think you have a prize-winning recipe? Dust off those old family recipes or bring a new one to the table. It's free to enter. Your recipe will be taste tested by a panel of judges and if you have the best recipe, you will win a special prize. If you would like to enter please contact the church at 716-283-5744 so we can get your 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. August 17, 2024

Worship service, Sunday School10:30 am
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm – 5 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

Attendance: August 3, 2025 - outdoors

Weather: Sunny

Adults.....30
Youth.....5
Sermon – Hand delivered.....1
Sermon – mailed.....3
Sermon – emailed.....8
Facebook plays.....172
You Tube views.....0

Our on-line worship can be found on the Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church You Tube channel. You will find a link on our webpage at www.baconmemorial.org. you can download a copy of the bulletin from our webpage so you can follow along with us! If you would like a printed copy of the sermon, you may download from the website or you may call the church at 716-283-5744 and we can send you a written copy of the sermon by email or mail weekly.

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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TODAY

Pet Blessings

We sure do love our pets and we know they are a true gift from God. On Sunday, today we invite members and guests to bring their pets, photo of their pet or some representation thereof and Pastor Lisa will offer a pet blessing for your special pooch. Cats are welcome as well but they need to be secured as we will be outside (weather permitting) and there will be dogs present – all pet owners are responsible for their pets at this event. Please make sure your dog is secure on a leash. If you are not attending worship but still wish to come for a pet blessing, please arrive at 11:30 am.



It's not too late to sponsor a Soccer Ball for Operation Christmas Child

Each ball and pump sponsorship is \$10 – donate as many as you like!

Our goal is to have 100 balls to add to our boxes!

Why a Soccer Ball?

A soccer ball is more than just a toy – it's a way for children to play, connect and experience joy, even in the most challenging circumstances.

Please ask your family, friends and neighbors and get as many sponsors as possible!

Then bring your contributions (cash or check payable to Bacon Memorial).

One soccer ball at a time, we can share joy, love and the light of Christ!