

**BACON MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**A family of faith since 1922**

166 59th Street  
Niagara Falls, New York 14304-3812  
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Church office hours - Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

**August 24, 2025 - Eleventh 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.

**ENTER TO WORSHIP**

*<sup>17</sup> When Jesus said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him. – Luke 13:17*

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**GOD CALLS US TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE “Praise and Worship”** Ruth Elaine Shaun

**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!**

**#414 – Be Still and Know That I am God**

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God. (repeat)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In you, O God, we seek refuge; in Your justice, deliver us.

**A: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress, because You are our rock and fortress.**

L: For you, O Lord, are our hope and trust.

**A: Our praise is continually of You**

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

**MEDITATION & PRAYER** as we prepare for Confession

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION & Words of Forgiveness**

**O God, our creator, sustainer and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might realize our calling as disciples of Jesus. Amen.**

*A Moment of Silence...*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

### **WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Introduction*

### **FIRST READING Isaiah 58:9-14**

New Revised Standard Version Updated Ed. (NRSV)

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**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 “Wonderful, Merciful Savior with I Will Sing of the Mercies”**

Carol Tornquist

**SECOND READING     Luke 13:10-17**

New Revised Standard Version Updated Ed. (NRSV)

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**“When Jesus Saw Her...”**

*Pastor Lisa Giacomazza*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the needs of the world.

**OFFERING**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**”OFFERTORY “tune Lobe Den Herren”**

Ruth Elaine Schaum

**\*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)

**O God, we give you thanks for the gifts of creation, and for the gift of life itself. We dedicate our resources to you, trusting and hoping that they will build up your work in our world. Amen.**

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

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\*BENEDICTION HYMN #649 "Amazing Grace" vs. 1, 3 & 5**

**\*CHARGE**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" Gardiners Sacred Melodies**

**LITURGIST – *Jim Copia***

Aug. 31 – Bill Springer (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

Sept. 7 –

Sept. 14 – Woody Chatmon

Sept. 21 – Bill Springer

Sept. 28 -

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

**The next NAP (Niagara Area Presbyterians) dinner is September 3, 2025 - 5 pm at Riverside Presbyterian, Lindburgh and 84<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Country Meat Sticks for Sale**

The Fall Festival committee is selling flavored meat sticks for \$1.50 each. Flavors include: Sweet Annie Brown, Bold Teriyaki, Hot Cajun, Sweet Maple Bacon, and other flavors. See a committee member to order your favorites! Sandy Quinn, Cheryl McInerney, Bill Springer, Pastor Lisa.

### **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 31, 2024**

Worship service, Sunday School .....10:30 am

Fifth Sunday offering for Mission

Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm – 5 pm

AA meeting.....7:30 pm

### **Attendance: August 17, 2025**

Weather: Rain

Adults.....17

Youth.....2

Sermon – Hand delivered.....1

Sermon – mailed.....4

Sermon – emailed.....10

Facebook plays.....93

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](http://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



### ***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!



**Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
**166 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, NY**  
**2nd Annual**

# **Fall Festival**

## **Craft Show & Basket Auction**

**Saturday, October 4, 2025**  
**10:00am to 4:00-pm**

**Join us for a day full of fun and festivities.**

***Basket Auction***  
***Local Craft/ Artisan and Vendor Booths***  
***Fall Recipe Cook-Off***  
***Homemade Chowder & Baked Goods***  
***Community Outreach Vendors***  
***Halloween Parade***

***Halloween Costume Give Away***  
***(To donate new or gently used costumes please call 716 283 5744)***

**Live Entertainment by:**  
**"The Witches of Moonlight"**

**"WNY Superheroes and Cos players"**

***Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church Sincerely appreciates your  
support and invites you to join us at 10:30am for our  
Sunday Morning Services.***

**Like & Follow us on Facebook for  
updates and more events.**



## Introducing “Tapestry”: Weaving Fellowship, Mission, and Joy in Christ

At Bacon Memorial, we believe that every person is a unique thread in God’s greater design. That’s why we’re launching **Tapestry**—a new group dedicated to building meaningful relationships, serving with purpose, and celebrating the vibrant life we share in Christ.

**Why “Tapestry”?** Ephesians 2:10 reminds us: *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”* Each of us brings something special to the table—our stories, our gifts, our faith journeys. Together, we form a living tapestry, woven by God’s grace and bound by love.

### What You’ll Find in Tapestry:

- 🤝 **Fellowship Gatherings:** relaxed gatherings of connection, conversation, and community
- 🌍 **Mission Moments:** opportunities to serve locally and globally with heart and hands as we support our mission projects
- 🎉 **Joyful Events:** game nights, creative workshops, outings, and celebrations that reflect the joy of Christ

Whether you're seeking deeper friendships, a place to serve, or simply a space to belong, Tapestry welcomes you. Come be part of something beautifully woven—where every thread matters. Please bring a neighbor or friend! All are welcome!

**Tapestry Inaugural Gathering and Fellowship**  
***Celebrating the Vibrant Life we Share***  
**Saturday, September 20, 2025 – 2:00 pm**

**Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church – Multi-Purpose Room**  
166 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, NY

Refreshments will be provided  
Please **RSVP** - [lisagiacomazza@gmail.com](mailto:lisagiacomazza@gmail.com)