

**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 31, 2025 – Twelfth 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

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written by Rev. L. Rogers Owens.

GOD CALLS US TOGEHER

PRELUDE “Come, Join the Dance of Trinity” Anna Laura Page

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th Sunday offering for Mission

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!

Awesome God

Hillsong

Our God is an Awesome God,
He reigns from Heaven above
with wisdom, power and love –
Our God is an awesome God!
(repeat)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Gathered to worship God,

A: we are all right where we belong.

L: Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,

A: we approach God with joy in our hearts.

L: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,

A: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #438 "Rock of Ages" vs. 1 & 2**

MEDITATION & PRAYER as we prepare for Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. Amen.

A Moment of Silence...

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 2:4-13**

New Revised Standard Version Updated Ed. (NRSV)

Introduction

⁴ Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵ Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

⁶ They did not say, "Where is the Lord, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸ The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children.

¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the Lord,

¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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 “Breathe” arr. Jay Rouse

SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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¹³ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶ So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

The reading continues at verse 15

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: This is the word of our Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Entertaining an Angel”

Pastor Lisa Giacomazza

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the needs of the world.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Nothing But the Blood of Jesus” 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)

Gracious God, we offer to you these gifts, both as signs of our gratitude and as instruments of your reign. Use these gifts, and us, that your way of love and peace, transformation and hope might flourish in this place. Amen.

***ACOLYTES CLAIM THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION HYMN #339 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”** all verses

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE “Take My Life and Let It Be”** H.A. Cesar Malan

LITURGIST – *Bill Springer* (5th Sunday)

Sept. 7 – Cheryl McInerney

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 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.

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.

Opportunities at Bacon

There will be someone in the office to answer calls

Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Sun. Sept. 7, 2024

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

Attendance: August 24, 2025

Weather: Sunny

Adults.....22
Youth.....4
Sermon – Hand delivered.....1
Sermon – mailed.....4
Sermon – emailed.....9
Facebook plays.....110
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



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!

The poster features a warm, autumnal color palette of oranges, yellows, and browns. It is decorated with illustrations of pumpkins, maple leaves, and small berries. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, serif, and sans-serif fonts to create a clear hierarchy of information.

Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church
166 59th Street, Niagara Falls, NY
2nd Annual

Fall Festival

Craft Show & Basket Auction

Saturday, October 4, 2025

10:00am to 4:00pm

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 59th Street, Niagara Falls, NY

Refreshments will be provided
Please **RSVP** - lisagiacomazza@gmail.com