

**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

September 14, 2025 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:10

Liturgy used with permission from Presbyterian Outlook written by Rev Roger Gench.

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE “Heaven” Ruth Elaine Schram

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.

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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: Have you come here to grumble?

A: No! We are here to rejoice!

L: Oh. Are you lost?

A: No! We are found!

L: Okay, I see. Do you seek a welcome at this table?

A: Yes! We are here to let go of the past and begin fresh.

L: We are here to celebrate the joy of heaven.

A: We are here to feast with Christ, our Lord!

L: Wonderful! You are in the right place.

A: You are welcome here.

L: Let's worship God together

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #396**

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" vs. 1, 2 & 4

MEDITATION & PRAYER as we prepare for Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. According to your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

We know our transgressions, our sin, our evil done against you as we distort your love and corrupt your creation. From the moment of our conception, we have worked to separate ourselves from your love.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom, purge and clean our hearts, put your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with you.

A Moment of Silence...

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 32:1-14

New Revised Standard Version Updated Ed. (NRSV)

Introduction

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” **2** Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me.” **3** So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. **4** He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” **5** When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” **6** They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

7 The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; **8** they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” **9** The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. **10** Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? **12** Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. **13** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” **14** And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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 “Only a God Like You with
All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Carol Tornquist**

SECOND READING Luke 15:1-10

New Revised Standard Version Updated Ed. (NRSV)

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

“Joy in the Presence of the Angels”

Pastor Lisa Giacomazza

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the needs of the world.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Crown Him” Ruth Elaine Schram

***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)**

We give because we have been given so much. Lord, take these gifts and use them to faithfully transform others. Allow your work to be continued in the world where it is most needed. Amen

***ACOLYTES CLAIM THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION HYMN #203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”** all verses

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”** Rowland Hugh Prichard

LITURGIST – *Norwood Chatmon*

Sept. 21 – Bill Springer

Sept. 28 -

Oct. 5 –

Oct. 12 –

Oct. 19 –

Oct. 26 –

We need Liturgists for October. Everything is written out for you.

Call the church office 716-283-5744.

September 21, 2025 - Congregational Meeting to elect a member of the Nominating committee.

October 1, 2025 – The next NAP (Niagara Area Presbyterians) **dinner - 5 pm** at Grand Island, Huth Rd. No need to bring anything - free will offering gratefully accepted but not necessary.

October 7, 2025 - Interfaith Service for Mental Health – 4 pm at Bacon Memorial Church. Reception following.

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 September are games. Cards, Dominoes, Jacks, Mazes, small puzzles, pocket Checkers, pocket Chess*** 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.

Country Meat Sticks for Sale

The Fall Festival committee is selling flavored meat sticks for \$1.50 each or 2 for \$3.00. Flavors include: Sweet Annie Brown, Bold Teriyaki, Hot Cajun, Sweet Maple Bacon, Pepperoni and other flavors. See a committee member to order your favorites! Sandy Quinn, Cheryl McInerney, Bill Springer.

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. Sept. 21, 2024

Worship service, Sunday School10:30 am

Congregational meeting immediately following worship

Third Sunday lunch hosted by Worship & Music –
following congregational meeting

NO Crochet, knitting group.....

AA meeting.....7:30 pm

Attendance: September 7, 2025

Weather: Cool & Sunny

Adults.....24

Youth.....2

Sermon – Hand delivered.....1

Sermon – mailed.....4

Sermon – emailed.....9

Facebook plays.....113

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!



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



**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 4:00-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.***

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updates and more events.**