BACON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A family of faith since 1922

166 59th Street Niagara Falls, New York 14304-3812 716-283-5744

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

October 19, 2025 - Ninteenth 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

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GOD CALLS US TOGEHER

PRELUDE "With Faith Transcending" Lani Smith

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME & 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! Awesome God

Our God is an Awesome God, He reigns over heaven and earth. With wisdom, power and love - Our God is an awesome God!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

A: Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

L: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

A: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

L: With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #728 "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" all vs

MEDITATION & PRAYER as we prepare for Confession

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

A Moment of Silence...

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 121

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Introduction

- ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- ³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

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 and 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 "Since I've Been Redeemed" Mary McDonald

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Caring"
Elder Kathy Cecula

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the needs of the world.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Melody" Villemo Daneling

*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 you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is within them, for the gift of this day, this moment of worship, and your word which is engraved upon our hearts. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you, as a symbol of the dedication of our entire lives, that we as your church might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*ACOLYTES CLAIM THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION HYMN #804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" Vs 1-3

*CHARGE

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" Welch folk melody: Lambeau Moliant

LITURGIST - Lynn Pasek

Oct. 26 – Bill Springer

Nov. 2 –

Nov. 9 – Bill Springer

Nov. 23 -

Nov. 30 – Karen Colton

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tapestry! (NEW DATE!) Please join this new and exciting group on *Sunday, October 26th at Noon*. All are welcome! We will be ordering pizza and talking about journaling and how that improves our relationship with our Creator. We will be decorating "Gratitude" Journals so bring your journal and a free will offering to defray the cost of the pizza. Hope to see you there and bring a friend! For more information, see Pastor Lisa.

If you would like to order **flowers for the retable**, 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

The targeted items for October - a letter and photo 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

Packing day is November 15th at 10 am. Join us. Check the Amazon wish list.

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.

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Opportunities at Bacon

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

Sun. October 26, 2024

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

Attendance: October 12, 2025

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Weather: Clear & Cool	
Adults	17
Youth	4
Sermon – Hand delivered	1
Sermon – mailed	3
Sermon – emailed	8
Facebook plays	
You Tube views	

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



"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. **Tapestry** is 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.

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!

Ink & Insight - Journaling and Spirituality

We will create "gratitude journals" (please bring your own notebook or journal)

Sunday, October 26, 2025 – noon – Activity and Pizza (Free will offering to defray cost of dinner)

Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church – Multi-Purpose Room

166 59th Street, Niagara Falls, NY

Please **RSVP** - <u>lisagiacomazza@gmail.com</u> or text 716-816-9503



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!

You can also sponsor one or more plush purses at \$5.00 each or
You can pay for postage at \$10.00 per shoebox or
Check out our Amazon Wish List:
bmpc operation Christmas child 2025

Rada Cutlery Sale – on-line ordering

The Mission & Outreach committee of Bacon Memorial is holding a fund raiser with Rada Cutlery, those wonderful stainless-steel knives that we all love.

If you wish to help us: Google Rada Fundraising

Scroll down to "Select your fundraising group – Rada Fundraising store".

Then "What Fundraising Group do you want to support?" Click on - *Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church Missions*

This should take you to the current catalog.

The whole catalog (including knives, mixes, baking sheets and utensils) will pop up and you can shop.

Then put in your payment information (debit, credit, PayPal, etc.) and the items will be sent directly to your home.

Easy Peasy.

If you are not computer savvy and prefer to order by check, make the check payable to **Bacon Memorial** & *Mission committee in the memo line*, give it with your order to Cheryl McInerney and we will take care of your order.

See Cheryl for a catalog, or you can order on-line, and the profits will go to the Mission and Outreach committee.

This would be a good time to start thinking about Christmas gifts.

The Mission and Outreach committee gets 40% of all sales and we thank you!