# 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

# November 2, 2025 - Celebration of All Saints Day 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 "Andante sostenuto"** W.A. Mozart arr. Robert Lau

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**

In My Life/If We Never Meet Again Selah

(please take this time in meditation as we prepare for this special worship)

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

L: The changing colors of leaves, the laughter of children playing dress-up, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures:

#### A: Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.

L: The Sunday school teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello:

# A: Lord, your creation boasts of your love.

L: Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator, the author of everything that is beautiful.

# \*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #519 "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

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

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the beautiful story you invite us to step into. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of ugliness, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now.

A Moment of Silence...

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

# **WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD**

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 1:10-18 New Revised Standard Version, Updated Ed.

Introduction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more! <sup>13</sup> Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with

iniquity.<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup> When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?

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 "In You Is Gladness" Tracy Craig McKibben

# **SECOND READING** Luke 19:1-10 New Revised Standard Version Updated Ed.

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble

and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**SERMON** 

"God's Grace Is Always More than We Realize"

Pastor Lisa

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the people of the world.

#### Necrology – Ever Loved

Today we remember these Saints who now have new life in Heaven.

#### Billy Briggs Dennis Lewis

Pastor will leave time for all present to speak any names of those they wish to remember this day.

Silence for all others we mention in our hearts

# **OFFERING**

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" James Mansfield

\*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)

Holy God, you are the source of all love, power and justice. Our world is broken, in need of your love, your light. Take these offerings and multiply them so they may bless others. Bless those who give and those who receive, that they may know you better.

#### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

# HYMN #507 – Come to the Table of Grace, Vs. 1 and 3. (lyrics below)

#### **Vs.** 1

Come to the Table of Grace.

Come to the Table of Grace.

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.

Come to the Table of Grace.

#### **Vs. 3**

Come to the Table of Love.

Come to the Table of Love.

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine.

Come to the Table of Love

L: On this Sunday of remembrance, we celebrate our constant connection both with the physical and spiritual realm. This table extends far beyond our place of worship, and there is room for all. Can you see it? Can we envision the great expanse of our table, remembering with joy the gift that our loved ones have been to us throughout our lifetimes. At this table, Christ is our host, and we are all guests, invited to be renewed in our discipleship as we share in a taste of what is yet to come. Come taste and see that God is good!

P: Let all who love him, come to this table.

#### THE PRAYER OF CELEBRATION

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: There is nothing more right than to give you thanks and praise. In a dance of creative spark and divine love, you made all that is: Dazzling galaxies and pulsing protozoa, canopies of green leaves and ocean floors of living coral. You created humanity, and called it very good. You gave us intellect and the capacity for growth, but we misused our gifts. We turned from you, but you did not turn from us.

L: You sent Jesus to show us the depth of your love for us, to call us back to faithfulness by the example of his own life, and to welcome us as his siblings and your beloved children.

L: We thank you for your son Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. He came as a teacher, a healer, and a peacemaker, but in living out your love, he encountered and confronted

the death-dealing systems of this world. In sharing and showing your love, he held nothing back, until his mission was complete.

#### WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

L: He suffered as we suffer, even the sting of death, but death did not have the final word. He rose from the grave, conquering death itself, and now lives eternally with you. He will return to redeem and reconcile all of creation, to make all things new. In thanksgiving, we offer our lives in love and joyful service.

L: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Bless the bread we break and the cup we share. In this holy communion, make us one with you and with each other, so that we may become the body of Christ, given to the world.

## Hymn #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end, Amen...Amen.

L: Remembering the grace of your son Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming, proclaiming the mystery of faith:

#### RESPONSE TO THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

#### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Please come forward for the elements. You will take bread, eat.

Then you will be given juice. Consume.

Let the beauty of this communal meal wash over you.

For those who cannot come forward, you may be served in your seat.

All people are invited to receive Holy Communion.

# COMMUNION HYMN #227 "Jesus Remember Me" (recorded version)

# \*THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Please stand if you are able)

L: Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation.

A: As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

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

#### **WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*BENEDICTION HYMN #326 "For All the Saints" verses 3-5

\*CHARGE

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE "For All the Faithful Women" Davis Evans

# LITURGIST – Cheryl McInerney

Dec. 7 – Bill Springer

Nov. 9 – Bill Springer Dec. 14 – Nov. 16 – Jim Copia Dec. 21 –

Nov. 23 – Dec. 24 – 7 pm - Bill Springer

Nov. 30 – Karen Colton Dec. 28 -

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 – NAP (Niagara Area Presbyterians) Dinner - 5 pm at Bacon Memorial, 166 59<sup>th</sup> Street. Come and enjoy dinner with our friends from the Niagara Area Presbyterians.

**Thursday, November 13, 2025 - Friendsgiving! Potluck - 6pm.** Please join us for our first Friendsgiving potluck dinner. All are invited to join this community thanksgiving. Please bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP to Sandy by November  $5^{th} - 716-425-6218$ .

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - Tapestry!** Be a part of this new and exciting group, at 2-4 pm. All are welcome! "How to raise your vibration" Hope to see you there.

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

**November 15**<sup>th</sup> - Packing day. 10 am Please join us. You can still sponsor a soccer ball for \$10. Just note it on the envelope or your check or Pay Pal. Check out our updated Amazon wish list. **bmpc operation Christmas child 2025** 

# **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.

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.

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.

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#### 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. November 9, 2025

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

**Attendance: October 26, 2025** 

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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 <a href="www.baconmemorial.org">www.baconmemorial.org</a>. 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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# "Tapestry" A group of believers seeking and curious.

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!

Won't you join us at our next gathering?

# Sunday, Nov 16th at 2 pm

"How to raise your vibration"

Hope to see you there!

# **Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church – Multi-Purpose Room**

166 59<sup>th</sup> 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!

# **Blue Star Mothers Chapter NY7**

is sending We Care Packages to our deployed troops.

Due to new regulations from the Department of Homeland Security, we must be very specific in what we send and the weight of the items.

Please consider donating the following items:

- Powdered Drink Mix (Propel, Gatorade, Liquid IV)
- Cold cereal in a cup (Frosted Flakes, Fruit Loops, tec.)
- Quaker Instant Oatmeal express cups
- Kar's Nuts original Sweet & Salty Trail Mix (individual packets)
- Kraft or Velveeta Mac & Cheese Bowls
- Ramen Noodles in a cup
- EAPC Portable Disposable Razors (Amazon Wish List)
- Bar soap (2.3 oz. bar)
- Individual packets of cookies Nutter Butter (4/pack, Chips Ahoy (2/pack), Oreo (2/pack), Fig Newton (2/pack)
- Lance Crackers individual packets 6 crackers/pack
- Pop Tarts Frosted and Unfrosted
- Belvita breakfast bars 4 biscuits/package
- Nature Valley protein chewy bars or fruit & nut bars
- Fruit & grain bars (Nutri Grain, Great Value)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPOORT!

By Nov. 15th