

**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

**January 25, 2026 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

Please silence all cell phones before worship.

\* Please stand if you are able.

**ENTER TO WORSHIP**

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written by Teri McDowell Ott

**GOD CALLS US TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE “Praise the King!”** Ruth Elaine Schram

**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.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) (Psalm 27:1)

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**A: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #401 “Here In This Place” verses 1, 2 & 4  
CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**WE ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-4**

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

*Introduction*

9 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**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 “Be Still, My Soul”** Mark Hayes

**SECOND READING Psalm 27**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

*Continuing, 27:4-9*

<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the Lord;  
this I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.  
<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.  
<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.  
7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
8 “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
9 Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

### “The Lord is my Light and My Salvation”

*Pastor Lisa Giacomazza*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

## **OFFERING**

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY “Aurelia” Nigel Williams**

### **\*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, we present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ’s ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.**

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

## **WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\*BENEDICTION HYMN #720 “Jesus Calls Us” verses 1-3**

### **\*CHARGE**

### **\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE “My Life Flows On” Arthur Frackenpohl**

**Liturgist – Lee Weinshiemer**

**Feb. 8 – Denise Fland**

**Feb. 15 –**

**Feb. 22 – Bill Springer**

**Mar. 1 –**

**Mar. 8 -**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The flowers on the retable are given in memory of Virginia Springer by her family.

### **The January 1 – Annual Reports were due**

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

The Fall Festival committee has some flavored meat sticks left. They are only \$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 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.

### **Special Envelopes for 2026**

#### **Initial Offering** - Prayer and dedication

*January 4, 2026*

Beginning with the use of these envelopes, I dedicate them to the Lord! With a prayer, I make a gift, in addition to my regular contribution, to help in providing the envelopes for the collection and receiving of gifts.

#### **Per Capita**

*January 4, 2026*

Every church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount varies with the needs of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly, and is a regular expense payable by this church at the spring meeting of Presbytery. The amount to be paid this year per communicant member is \$40.

#### **Deacons Fund**

*January 4, 2026,*

On Communion Sunday the members are asked to make a voluntary contribution to aid the distressed and afflicted of our Church community. Your gift will be set aside for this purpose. If unavoidably absent from Communion this envelope may be deposited in the offering plate on any convenient Sunday.

## **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. February 1, 2026**

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

Mission committee meeting.....noon

Crochet, knitting, crafting group.....2 pm

AA meeting.....7:30 pm

### **Attendance: January 18, 2026**

Weather: Cold

Adults.....20

Youth.....2

Sermon – Hand delivered.....1

Sermon – mailed.....3

Sermon – emailed.....

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](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

**What's Happening at Bacon  
January/February 2026**

**Jan. 1** Annual Reports due to Church Secretary

**Jan. 24** Tapestry .....1 pm

**Jan. 25** Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am  
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm  
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

**Jan. 28** Worship & Music meeting – by Zoom.....7:00 pm

**Feb. 1** Worship, Communion, Sunday School.....10:30 am  
Mission and Outreach meeting – following worship  
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm  
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

**Feb. 4** NAP dinner at TBA – 5 pm

**Feb. 8** Worship, Sunday School..... 10:30 am  
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm  
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

**Feb. 11** Session meeting – by zoom.....7:00 pm

**Feb. 15** Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am  
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm  
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

**Feb. 16** Church closed for President's Day

**Feb. 18** Ash Wednesday

**Feb. 20** Deadline for March Bacon Visitor announcements

**Feb. 21** Presbyterian Men .....9:00 am

**Feb. 22** Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am  
Annual meeting .....following worship  
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm  
AA meeting.....7:30 pm