

**BACON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Church office hours - Mon., Wed., Fri.
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

February 1, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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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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.

OPENING MEDITATION AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

L: Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

A: May we hear your call and speak your truth.

L: Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

A: Gather us in honest and faithful community.

L: Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

A: Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.

Let us worship our God together in this holy place. Alleluia. Amen.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING **Micah 6:1-8**

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Introduction

⁶ Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

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 Matthew 5:1-12

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

“Blessed are You When People Revile You”

Pastor Lisa Giacomazza

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***HYMN #519 “You Are My All in All”**

THE INVITATION

L: On this day, at the start of a brand new year, let us come to our table together. May this sacrament bring unity and connection to us. This table extends far beyond our place of worship, and there is room for all. Can you see it? Can we envision the great diversity of God's children here and throughout the world? 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 (responsive in bold)

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: For what do we offer thanks to God at this table?

P: You formed us in your image and set us in this world to love and serve you.

When we were captives in slavery, you delivered us to freedom, and made a covenant to be our sovereign God. When we were stubborn, you spoke to us through prophets who looked for that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall reign over the earth.

L: Friends, what do we remember at this table?

P: We remember that Jesus, knowing the suffering he would endure, still gave his life to break walls that divide us from God and from each other.

L: And because, O God, you gave us the gift of your only Son:

P: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we claim his strength.

L: Now, O God, by your presence, make this feast holy as we remember Jesus Christ. As this broken bread was once scattered like grain across the hillsides and is now gathered into one, so gather us into your eternal realm. As Christ was offered up so that we might truly live, and as this cup is poured out so that all may share in the promise of new life, so may our lives be poured out in compassion—in solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, and the hungry of this world.

Be among us in this meal. Let this bread and this cup remind us that we have a home in you. Let this feast fill us to the brim, so that when we leave this place, we carry your presence with us. Let this meal nourish us in the way only you can.

A: We open ourselves to you. Amen.

L: Let us respond in song – please stand if you are able

***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.

WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

We give you thanks that on the night before he died, the Lord took bread in his hands; and, after giving thanks to you, he broke it, saying: This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. In this way we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

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:

PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (respond together...)

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

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Please come forward for communion service – first the bread, then the cup.

Take your time as you experience the elements.

If you are not able to come forward, pastor will come to you.

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: Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.

P: Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

L: So, Lord, May we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven with whom we join in these sacraments. Amen

***ACOLYTES CLAIM THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

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

***CHARGE**

Your heart beckons you to “Come! To seek God’s face!” (based on Psalm 27:8) Let us listen to the needs of our heart and leave this house of worship ready to seek, find and follow our Savior. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

***BLESSING**

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

Liturgist –

Feb. 8 – Denise Fland

Feb. 15 –

Feb. 22 – Bill Springer

Mar. 1 –

Mar. 8 -

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the retable last week were given in memory of Virginia Springer by her family.

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.

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, Hot Cajun, Sweet Maple Bacon, Pepperoni and other flavors. See 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.

Special Envelopes for 2026

Per Capita - January 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.

Scholarship Fund

February 1, 2026

Sessional Fund

February 1, 2026,

On Communion Sunday the members are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the Sessional Fund, to carry on the work of the Session and to take care of the distressed of the congregation. Amounts placed in this envelope will be set aside for that purpose. If unavoidably absent on Communion Sunday, 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 8, 2026

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

Attendance: January 25, 2026

Weather: too cold for in-person service	
Adults.....	
Youth.....	
Sermon – Hand delivered.....	1
Sermon – mailed.....	3
Sermon – emailed.....	7
Facebook plays.....	
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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 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 February 2026

Jan. 1 Annual Reports due to Church Secretary

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. 6 Monthly reports due

Feb. 8 Worship, Sunday School..... 10:30 am
Shower for Arianna.....1:00 pm
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm
Super Bowl Party & dinner.....5:00pm
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. 17 Worship & Music meeting – by Zoom.....7:00 pm

Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday

Feb. 20 Deadline for March Bacon Visitor announcements

Feb. 21 Presbyterian Men9:00 am

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