

**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

February 15, 2026 – Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Large Print bulletin available - ask an usher

Please silence all cell phones before worship.

* Please stand if you are able.

ENTER TO WORSHIP

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written by Rev Anna Owens

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE “Our Foundation, Our Guide” 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)**

Leader: Our God is strong and good, a leader who loves what is right and who teaches us to live with honesty and fairness.

All: God has done great things. We lift you up, O God! We come to worship you with humble hearts. You are holy.

Leader: Just as Miriam, Moses, Aaron, and Samuel once called on God and God heard them,

All: we lift you up, O Lord our God. We come to worship you on your holy ground, for you, O God, are holy.

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #410**

“God Is Calling through the Whisper” all vs.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of shining light, we admit that sometimes we get too comfortable staying in the shadows. We say we want things to be different, but deep down we hope someone else will do the hard work of changing. We resist being transformed, and at times we even doubt that real change can happen.

Forgive us. Soften our hearts toward others and toward ourselves. Let your Spirit move within us and among us. Make us people who carry your light into the world—for your sake and for the sake of all your children. Amen.

Moment of silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Introduction

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the

Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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 “Sweet Hour of Prayer” Mark Hayes

SECOND READING **Matthew 17:1-9**

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” 8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

“Mountaintop Moments”

Pastor Lisa Giacomazza

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world. When I pray “Our God is a God who hears us,” **please respond, “we will not be afraid.”**

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)**

Gracious and holy God, we give you thanks for the many gifts in our lives. We are well and truly blessed. We dedicate these offerings to you. Multiply them beyond our imagining, that others might experience your love and grace, your mercy and justice. May we come to know a world where each person is enough and has enough. These things we ask boldly in Christ’s name. Amen.

***ACOLYTES CLAIM THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION HYMN #313 “Lord, Make Us More Holy” all vs.**

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE “Holy Manna” Arthur Frackenphol**

Liturgist –

Feb. 22 – Bill Springer

Mar. 1 –

Mar. 8 –

Mar. 15 –

Mar. 22 –

Mar. 29 –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – Feb 18th at 7 pm – Chapel

Annual Reports are available in the Narthex. The Annual Meeting is February 22, 2026.

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.

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 Fire, Original Smoked Hickory, Old #9, Sweet Barbeque. See Cheryl McInerney or Bill Springer.

Special Envelopes for 2026

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 the presbytery. The amount to be paid this year per communicant member is \$50.

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.

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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. February 22, 2026

Worship service, Sunday School10:30 am
Annual Congregational meeting.....noon
Crochet, knitting, crafting group.....2 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

Attendance: February 8, 2026

Weather: Crisp

Adults at worship23
Youth at worship.....2
Sermon – Hand delivered.....0
Sermon – mailed.....0
Sermon – emailed.....0
Facebook plays.....
You Tube views.....

Guest – Rev. Abigail Tarutman – no printed bulletin

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/March 2026**

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 service 7 pm at Bacon

Feb. 20 Deadline for March Bacon Visitor announcements

Feb. 21 Presbyterian Men9:00 am

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

Feb. 28 Pastor Lisa at Ramadan – Colvin Blvd.4:40 pm

Mar. 1 Worship, Communion, Sunday School.....10:30 am
Mission meeting following worship
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

Mar. 4 NAP dinner at Bacon Memorial – 5 pm

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

Mar. 11 Session meeting – by zoom.....7:00 pm

Mar. 15 Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am
Third Sunday Lunch
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

Mar. 17 Worship & Music meeting – by Zoom.....7:00 pm

Mar. 20 Deadline for April Bacon Visitor announcements

Be sure to grab your Lenten devotional and enjoy reading through the passages this lent. Copies are available on the table in the Narthex or we can email you a copy – just let Pastor or Cheryl know and we can send an electronic copy to you!

THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK

2026 Lenten Devotional

*Discipleship in a Divided Age:
A Lenten Journey through Matthew's Gospel*

**LIVING FAITHFULLY AMID
DIVISION AND UNCERTAINTY**

**WRITTEN BY
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