

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

April 12, 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter

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 Phillip K. Gladden

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers” Arr. Alfred Fedak

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: We gather behind doors we have closed—

People: Doors locked by fear, grief, and uncertainty.

Leader: Yet Christ comes and stands among us and speaks into our fear—

People: “Peace be with you.”

Leader: Not the peace of avoidance, but the peace that restores and sends us back into the world.

All: Let us worship the God of Peace.

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” all vs.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of resurrection, we confess that we have lived behind locked doors. We have allowed fear to shape our decisions, uncertainty to silence our faith, and doubt to distance us from one another. We have looked for peace in places that cannot hold us and trusted our own control more than your presence. Forgive us, O God. Speak your peace into our anxious hearts. Step into the spaces we have closed off. Restore what fear has disrupted. And lead us out as people who trust you despite our fear. Amen.

Moment of silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ does not wait for perfect faith to appear. He steps into fear. He speaks peace. He restores what has been broken.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and sent, Amen!

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 16

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE)

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

⁷ I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures 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 “Love Devine, All Lives Excelling”

SECOND READING

John 20:19-31

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father

has sent me, so I send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

“Behind Locked Doors”

Rev. Wylie Hughes

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” John Bacchus Dykes

***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 loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for ministries of love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ. Accept what we give in response to what you have so freely given to us, your indescribable gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ACOLYTES CLAIM THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***BENEDICTION HYMN #836 “Abide with Me” vs. 1, 3 & 5**

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”** Tanzanian melody.

Liturgist –

April 19 – Bill Springer

April 26 –

May 3 – Lee Weinsheimer

May 10 –

May 17 – Bill Springer

May 24 –

May 31 -

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Rev. Wylie Hughes for filling in today. We appreciate your time and talents to lead us in worship.

May 6, 2026 - NAP Dinner - 5 pm at TBA.

May 17, 2026 – Fall Festival meeting. Come for lunch, stay for the meeting. More heads means fewer headaches. We need your ideas and input.

Operation Christmas Child Market Place. You can “buy” an item to be put in the shoe boxes. Target item for April – stuffies.

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.

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

Last Sunday April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

Weather: Drisly

Adults.....	40
Youth.....	10
Sermon – Hand delivered.....	0
Sermon – mailed.....	
Sermon – emailed.....	
Facebook plays.....	
You Tube views.....	

Next Sunday – April 19, 2026

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

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
April 2026**

- Apr. 5** Worship, Sunday School..... 10:30 am *Easter Sunday*
NO Mission and Outreach meeting
NO Crochet, knitting group
AA meeting.....7:30 pm
- Apr. 8** NAP dinner at Lewiston, 505 Cayuga Street.....5 pm
- Apr. 12** Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am
Crochet, knitting group..... 2 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm
- Apr. 14** Session meeting – by zoom.....7:00 pm
- Apr. 18** Presbyterian Men9:00 am
- Apr. 19** Worship, Sunday School..... 10:30 am
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm
- Apr. 20** Deadline for May Bacon Visitor announcements
- Apr. 21** Worship & Music meeting – by Zoom... 7:00 pm
- Apr. 26** Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm
- May 3** Worship, Communion, Sunday School.....10:30 am
Mission meetingfollowing worship
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm