

"The Mission of Lycoming Presbyterian Church is to proclaim the gospel to its members and the world." -*The Session*

WORSHIP 10:45 AM

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ♦ 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

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2018

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2019

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2020

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2018

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2019

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2020

Kari Barry
Dewane Stuck

CHURCH SCHOOL

Linda Aston

HEAD USHER

Craig Myers

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Marianne Tupper

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS:

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ordinarily the first Sunday of the month, or as occasion warrants.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Church Office.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23, 2018
GOOD MORNING
AND
WELCOME TO WORSHIP
IN GOD'S HOUSE

*We hope that our visitors will feel at home in the service.
To aid your participation, please refer to the laminated worship
guide in your pew rack.
To make your presence known, please complete a visitor's card
provided there and place it in the collection plate.*

THE VISION OF LYCOMING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Lycoming Presbyterian Church lives to do three things:

- † To introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know and love Him;*
- † To deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;*
- † To demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world.”*

CHRIST IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

As the candles are lit, we bid you to seek the Light.
May those who sorrow find comfort; the weary, rest;
the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; the happy, joy;
and to all the sense of God's presence in this, His Holy Place.
Let all the world keep silent before Him.

*Advent Song with Devotions and Lighting
(Stz. 4 of the Advent Song, printed in the bulletin, page 7)
Dewane Stuck & Craig Myers*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

*Begin your Worship in silent prayer when you enter.
In the silence of your soul God can speak to you.*

PRELUDE

And the Glory of the Lord from “The Messiah”

- G. F. Handel

Advent Song

*Light the Advent candle, four;
Think of joy forevermore;
Christ Child in a stable born,
gift of love that Christmas morn.
Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

*~Mary Lu Walker~
Sing the Faith, #2090*

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

*Eternal God:
through long generations
you prepared a way in our world
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit
you are still bringing the light of the gospel
to darkened lives.*

*Renew us, so that we may welcome Jesus Christ
to rule our thoughts and claim our love,
as Lord of lords, and King of kings,
to whom be glory always.
Amen.*

FOOD COLLECTION

The Deacons are collecting food for the West End Christian Community Center's Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food item is accepted. *Please help us keep our food basket filled so we can help our Newberry neighbors in need of food.*

2019 PER CAPITA

The Per Capita is \$35.55 for each individual member. The Per Capita for a husband & wife is \$71.10. Please make a note of this amount.

There is a special envelope designated for the Per Capita in your church envelope box. If by chance you have not paid the 2018 amount (\$34.33 per individual member), we'd appreciate you do so by the end of the year. If members do not pay this assessment, the church must pay it.

SPECIAL OFFERING

The Christmas Eve Offering will be donated to the West End Christian Community Center, Shoe Express.

POINSETTIAS

After our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service tomorrow evening, please remember to take your Poinsettia home.

NEED A STOCKING STUFFER?

Linda Aston has made dishcloths & "scrubbies" for the church to buy. They would make a good little Christmas gift! The money received will be donated to the church. Thank you, Linda!

*Christmas is God's gift to us.
May its blessings
bring you joy and peace
the whole year through.*

Merry Christmas

★ THE BELL TOLLS AND WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

Elder Bill Kelly

Beadle

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE GIVEN

★ GOD CALLS US TO CELEBRATE

(Isaiah 9:6-10)

B: For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders;

P: and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

B: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

P: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

★ WE OPEN IN PRAYER

★ OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, It is we who have secularized Christmas; It is we who have rationalized the gross commercialization of this most Sacred Season; It is we who have substituted the Santa Claus figure for the Christ figure; It is we who have drowned out the angel choruses with reindeer and chipmunk ditties; It is we who have grown accustomed to applying the Christian Message of peace and brotherhood to other people, rather than ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, as we travel this advent road towards Bethlehem's Manger, give us an openness of heart which makes room for the Savior and proclaims Him as King of our Lives. Amen.

★ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

★ WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE

(Apostle's Creed)
(Worship Guide)

★ THE GLORIA PATRI

(Worship Guide)

★ Those of the congregation who are able to do so, please stand.

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2 (NLT)
Luke 2:1-14 (NLV)

CHILDREN’S LESSON “Near and Far”

MESSAGE
“A Small Town Is Blessed”
The Rev. Dr. Larry LeFeber

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

★ HYMN
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” #178

WE BRING OUR GIFTS
(If you are visiting with us today, please sign a visitor’s pew card and place it in the offering plate.)

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY
“People Look East” -Dale Wood

DOXOLOGY (Worship Guide)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

★ CLOSING HYMN
“Angels We Have Heard of High” #192

BEARING LIGHT TO THE WORLD (Acolyte)

★ SAYING THE BENEDICTION
“May the Lord watch between me and thee,
while we are absent one from another.”

★ SINGING THE BENEDICTION
“Blest Be the Tie” (Worship Guide)
(Congregation Joins Hands.)
THE POSTLUDE
“Thanks Be to God” -G. F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: To the Glory and Honor of God

ACOLYTE: Evan Barry

OFFERING: Aiden Aluise & Kari Barry

THIS WEEK AT LYCOMING:

Monday, 7:00 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday: Nativity of Jesus/Christmas Day
Merry Christmas
Wednesday & Thursday, 5:30 PM - 8:45 PM
Christian Martial Arts/Warriors for Christ

WELCOME

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you. Please sign a visitor’s pew card (located in the rack in front of you) and place it in the offering plate. Please stay a while after the service and join with us in the coffee hour in the lounge. AND COME AGAIN!

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday the offering was \$670.00 & the attendance was 27.

NIGHT OUT EATING

Our next Night Out Eating is January 8th at *TGI Friday*. Please use the sign-up sheet in the lounge if you wish to attend. Hope to see you there!

COFFEE HOUR TODAY

Please join us for a time of fellowship following worship this morning. Dewane Stuck is hosting the social time today.