

"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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**2019**

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**2020**

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**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.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT                      DECEMBER 2, 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. 1 of the Advent Song, printed in the bulletin, page 7)  
Linda Aston & Chris Atkins*

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

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

PRELUDE  
“Holy Mana”

-Dale Wood

### **POINSETTIAS**

The Deacons will be taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias. *The cost is \$7.50 per plant and orders will be taken through Sunday, December 16th.* Please use the order form in your bulletin. The Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, then removed to your homes.

### ***Advent Song***

*Light the Advent candle, one;  
Now the waiting has begun;  
We have started on our way,  
Time to think of Christmas day.  
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 First Sunday in Advent***

*Ⲟ Lord: keep us awake and alert,  
watching for your kingdom.  
Make us strong in faith,  
so we may greet your Son when he comes,  
and joyfully give him praise,  
with you, and with the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

### NIGHT OUT EATING

Our next Night Out Eating is November 13th at *Orlando's in Muncy*. Please use the sign-up sheet in the lounge if you wish to attend. Be thinking about where you'd like to eat next month. Hope to see you there!

### FOOD COLLECTION

The Deacons are collecting food every Sunday for the West End Christian Community Center's Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food item is accepted. Let's try to add items that could be used in the Christmas holiday meal.

*Please help us keep our food basket filled  
so we can help our Newberry neighbors in need of food.*

### COFFEE HOUR TODAY

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

### 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 will be 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, we, the church, must pay it.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

*Coin Tree Offering will be donated to the Shoe Express at the West End Christian Community Center.*

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

### MITTEN TREE

Please bring in scarves, mittens, hats for the Mitten Tree. *These items go to the Needlework Guild of America for distribution to Williamsport area school children.* Help keep these children warm during the winter months. Thank you.

### ★ THE BELL TOLLS AND WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

Elder Bill Kelly

Beadle

### ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE GIVEN

### ★ GOD CALLS US TO CELEBRATE

B: Do you know what time it is?

*P: It's time to be alert!*

B: For salvation is nearer to us than we when became believers.

*P: The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of Light.*

B: Let us live honorably as in the daylight . . .

**ALL: We will "put on" the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provisions for the flesh, to gratify its desires.**

### ★ WE OPEN IN PRAYER

### ★ OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord we don't like to wait! We like our instant food and instant communication. We like to cut corners and water-down rules and ethics. We want the benefits of Your blessings, but not the responsibilities! Forgive us. As the Coming One becomes clearer and dearer, empower us to want all He has to offer and the Life to which He calls us. Thank You! Amen.

### ★ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

★ WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE (Apostle's Creed)  
(Worship Guide)

★ THE GLORIA PATRI (Worship Guide)

THE VISION (Page 2 of the bulletin)

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

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (TLB)

CHILDREN’S LESSON “A Christian Sandwich”

★ HYMN  
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” #193

MESSAGE  
“An Ethic of Thanksgiving”  
The Rev. Dr. Larry LeFeber

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Prayer with Words of Institution

★ Communion Hymn  
“Break Thou the Bread of Life” #30  
Receiving the Bread and the Cup  
Closing Communion Prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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  
Aria from “12th” Concerto Grosso” -G. F. Handel

DOXOLOGY (Worship Guide)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

★ CLOSING HYMN  
“Away in a Manger” #185

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  
“Agnus Dei” -Georges Bizet

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS:** To the Glory and Honor of God

**ACOLYTE:** Kurt Horak

**OFFERING:** Gloria Reillo & Kurt Horak

**THIS WEEK AT LYCOMING:**

Monday & Wednesday, 5:30 PM - 8:45 PM:  
Christian Martial Arts/Warriors for Christ

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 AM - Noon:  
Lycoming Nursery School

**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 \$532.00 & the attendance was 25.