

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

EDUCATION 9:30 AM ♦ WORSHIP 10:45 AM

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8:30 AM-12:30 PM

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THE SESSION: MARIANNE TUPPER, CLERK

<b>2017</b> Jean Bell Betty Tompkins	<b>2018</b> Bill Kelly Marianne Tupper	<b>2013</b> Heath Barry Linda Aston
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THE BOARD OF DEACONS: CHRISTINE ATKINS, MODERATOR

<b>2017</b> Christine Atkins Kari Barry	<b>2018</b> Betty Kelly Marc Tupper	<b>2019</b> Gloria Reillo Judy Yagel
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THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS:

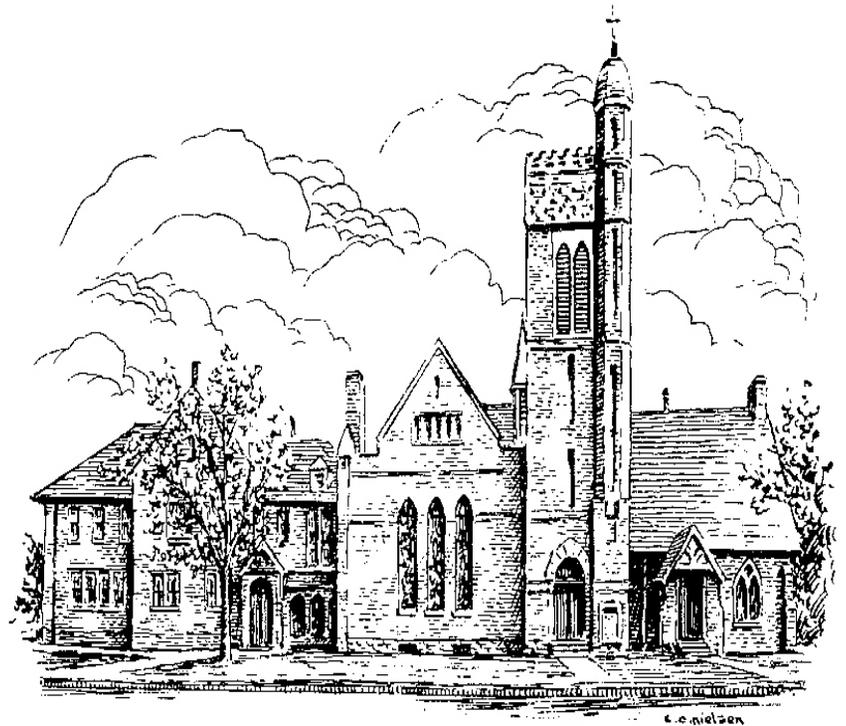
**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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

**BAPTISM**

Please contact the Church Office.

# The Lycoming Presbyterian Church *Celebrating 225 Years*



**Organized 1792**

THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of the divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

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.

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

*“Christ Is Alive”*

hold against Indians on the west side of the Lycoming Creek, than the original building, a crude log house, was built. This was remembered as far back as 1795. John Sutton, who laid out the town of Newberry in 1786, collected subscriptions toward the building and on paper are found the names of thirty-one donors with the amounts subscribed by each in pounds, shillings and pence. Rough stairs led up from the outside to galleries in each end and the house was furnished with old fashioned high pews, a high English or “wine-glass” pulpit, from which was suspended a sounding board decorated with a large star. Unheated, containing neither chimney, fireplace nor stove, this, for many years was the only house of worship for a radius of fifty miles. In May, 1816, the log church, ignited by burning shingles carried by the wind from a nearby fire, burned down. John Carothers rushed in amid falling embers and secured the Bible which was used afterward in the stone church. The congregation continued its services during the summer in a grove near Lycoming Creek.

In 1817 there was erected a stone edifice 66 feet with a high boxed pulpit and straight backed pews. This building, which would have withstood the elements of centuries, yielded to the rapid progress of civilization in 33 years. In 1850 the old stone church was dismantled by young men of the village and the stone used for building a wall around the graveyard. A new brick church, 54 by 36 feet, was then built but was not dedicated until 1854. The discourse on the occasion was delivered by Rev. John H. Grier, an aged and worthy Presbyterian minister who had been present at the dedication of the church previously erected on the very same spot. In 1884, the Chapel now being used for Sunday School purposes, was erected.

The present church building was erected in 1891. The organization is a mother of several churches: the First Presbyterian Church of Williamsport, the Linden Church, the Bethel Church of Bottle Run, and the Lycoming Centre Church. The location of the church, now surrounded by residences on all sides and facing an area which is fast building up, offers prospects of expansion in the future. The Sunday School, with an enrollment of 500, and an average attendance of 300, having the largest membership of all schools in the Presbytery of Northumberland, has outgrown its quarters and equipment.

(This information was included in the dedication of the new addition of the church. Rev. Warren J. Conrad was the minister in the 1920's.)

### NEW WEB-SITE

Please check out our new web-site. It's in the beginning stages right now, but take a look at what's there now.

[www.lpcarchst.com](http://www.lpcarchst.com)

### WARRIOR'S FOR CHRIST/CHRISTIAN MARTIAL ARTS

Classes are held here at LPC Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM - 8:00PM. Please feel free to observe the classes. They are very interesting! Shihan Steve Hunter is the instructor. The Children's class is from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM & Teen/Adults class is from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

### RUMMAGE SALE

*May 20th* is the date for our Rummage Sale. Slightly used, clean & not broken items are welcome. Mark your items & pack separately - men's shirts, women's tops, etc. ***Please place your items only on the left hand side of the stage!!!***

### CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

The offering last Sunday was \$30.96.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

We took in \$1,167.00 at the dinner. Thanks again for all your help. Everything you do is greatly appreciated. Now we get to rest until September 30th. So . . . ***ENJOY!***

### ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

May 16th is Election Day. As customary we hold a Bake Sale that day. Please bring your donations to the "big kitchen" either Monday or early Tuesday morning. Peanuts, brownies, cookies, breads, any kind of baked goods & fudge are needed. If you have a specialty other than those mentioned, please feel free to donate.

### A HISTORICAL SKETCH

Organized in 1792, the Lycoming Presbyterian Church of Newberry, Williamsport, PA represents the oldest congregations in Northern Pennsylvania. The history of the county and of the West Branch Valley include many interesting facts about the church. The earlier settlers had no sooner established their foot-

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

Elder Heath Barry

Beadle

### ★ ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE GIVEN

### ★ GOD CALLS US TO CELEBRATE

(from John 10)

B: Jesus said: I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

***P: I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.***

B: My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

***P: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.***

B: My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

CHOIR

"One Bread, One Body"

### ★ WE OPEN IN PRAYER

### ★ OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, open unto me—light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair, peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness, healing for my sickness, wisdom for my confusion, love for my hatreds, forgiveness for my sins, Thyself for myself. Lord, open unto me! 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.

THE VISION

(Printed page 2 of the bulletin)

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-31 (NLT)

CHILDREN’S LESSON

“Help for Troubled Hearts”

★ HYMN

“Trust and Obey”

#454

MESSAGE

“Resurrected Obedience”

*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

The Charge/Blessing

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

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

THE OFFERTORY

“People Need the Lord”

★ THE PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

(Worship Guide)

★ CLOSING HYMN

“Take Time to Be Holy”

#457

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)

THE POSTLUDE

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ACOLYTE:** Craig Myers

**THIS WEEK AT LYCOMING:**

Saturday, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Rummage Sale

Newberry Lioness

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 AM - Noon

Lycoming Nursery School

**WELCOME**

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will visit with us again. Please sign a visitor’s pew card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

**COFFEE HOUR**

The Coffee Hour is hosted by Budd, Jean & Laurie. Please join us in the lounge for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

The Deacons are collecting food every Sunday for the West End Christian Community Center. Please help us give to those who are less fortunate than we are with the gift of food. Thank you.

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

Last Sunday the attendance was 18 & the offering was \$580.00.