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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM ♦ WORSHIP 10:45 AM

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8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Wendy Baker, Music Director ♦ Betty Tompkins, Treasurer
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2017        2018        2019
Jean Bell    Bill Kelly   Heath Barry
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THE BOARD OF DEACONS: CHRISTINE ATKINS, MODERATOR

2017        2018        2019
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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.

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
“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

WARRIORS FOR CHRIST/CHRISTIAN MARTIAL ARTS: Help spread the word about this exciting program being offered at LPC which is taught by Steve Hunter. Classes are Monday & Wednesday evenings. Please call Steve at 570-651-9688 for more information.

ADOPTED FAMILY: After Thanksgiving we will receive a name from the Shepherd of the Streets for our Christmas family. Gift item suggestions will be placed on a tree in the Chapel. Make sure you select a tag or two to help make Christmas special for this family.

NEEDLEWORK GUILD OF AMERICA: Needed - hats, mittens & scarves! These items are given to the Needlework Guild of America to be distributed to children in the Williamsport Area School District. Starting December 3rd you can bring items for the Mitten Tree which will be located in the lounge.
CARING FOR CHAPLAINS & MILITARY PERSONNEL:
A Ministry to Those Who Serve Our Nation
We are supporting Caring for Chaplains and Military Personnel by means of a free will offering. Our chaplains are truly the unsung heroes supporting our young men & women who serve our country. They are there to provide comfort, guidance, & hope to those in need. There is a special basket in the lounge for your donations. This is one of our mission projects.

CRAFT/VENDOR SALE:  Steve Hunter is organizing another sale for LPC December 9, 2017. If you know anyone who is a crafter or who is selling items have them contact Steve at 570-651-9688 or notify the church office. The tables cost $25.00 & vendors are asked to send their check to LPC. The deadline for reserving selling space is November 27, 2017. We need to have volunteers to help make & sell food the day of the sale. Food will be available, Santa will be present, music will be provided. Sounds like a fun event. Help spread the word!

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING:  Last Sunday the attendance was 29 and the offering was $485.00.

HANGING OF THE GREENS:  Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 2nd at 4:00 PM. That’s when we transform our church for the Advent season - an exciting time in the life of LPC. Always a fun time with great fellowship! We will have a light supper of soup, sandwiches, beverage & dessert. Everyone is welcome. Bring family and friends along!

2018 PER CAPITA:  The Per Capita is $34.33 for each individual member. Per Capita for a husband & wife is $68.66. Please make a note of this amount. There is a special envelope designated in the 2018 envelope box which will be available December 3rd. If by chance you have not paid the 2017 amount ($34.10), we’d appreciated you do so by the end of the year. If members do not pay this assessment, the church is obligated to pay it.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:  The Coin Tree Offering and the Christmas Eve Offering will be donated to the Shoe Express of the West End Christian Community Center.

★ THE BELL TOLLS AND WE GREET ONE ANOTHER
   Elder Jean Bell  Beadle

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE GIVEN

★ GOD CALLS US TO CELEBRATE  (from Psalm 145)
   B:  I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
   P:  Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

   B:  The Lord is near to all who call on him; to all who call on him in truth; he hears their cry and saves them.

   P:  My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

★ WE OPEN IN PRAYER

ANTHEM
“My Life Is In You, Lord”

★ OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
   Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

★ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE
Leviticus 22: 26-30 (NKJV)

CHILDREN’S LESSON

MESSAGE
“Gratefulness”
The Rev. Dr. Larry LeFeber

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #392

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.)

THE OFFERTORY
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

THE PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY
(Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer)

CLOSED HYMN
“We Gather Together” #387

BEARING LIGHT TO THE WORLD
(Acolyte)

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

SINGING THE BLESSING
“Blest Be the Tie”
(Congregation Joins Hands)

THE POSTLUDE
“What Gift Can We Bring”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: To the Glory and Honor of God.
ACOLYTE: Heath Barry
OFFERING: Bill Kelly & Marc Tupper

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

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 Kurt Horak & Gloria Reillo. Please join us in the lounge for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

NIGHT OUT EATING: December 12th we will be our next Night Out Eating at 6:00 PM. Let’s decide today at the Coffee Hour where we want to go. (Reservations will be needed.)

FOOD COLLECTION: The Deacons are collecting food every Sunday for the West End Christian Community Center’s Food Pantry. Challenge yourself to bring something for the food basket every Sunday this month. Let’s see how full the basket gets so we can help out our Newberry neighbors in need. Please add items for a holiday meal.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held December 3, 2017 for the sole purpose of electing officers for the Class of 2020 following our morning worship service.