

"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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2017	2018	2019
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THE BOARD OF DEACONS: CHRISTINE ATKINS, MODERATOR

2017	2018	2019
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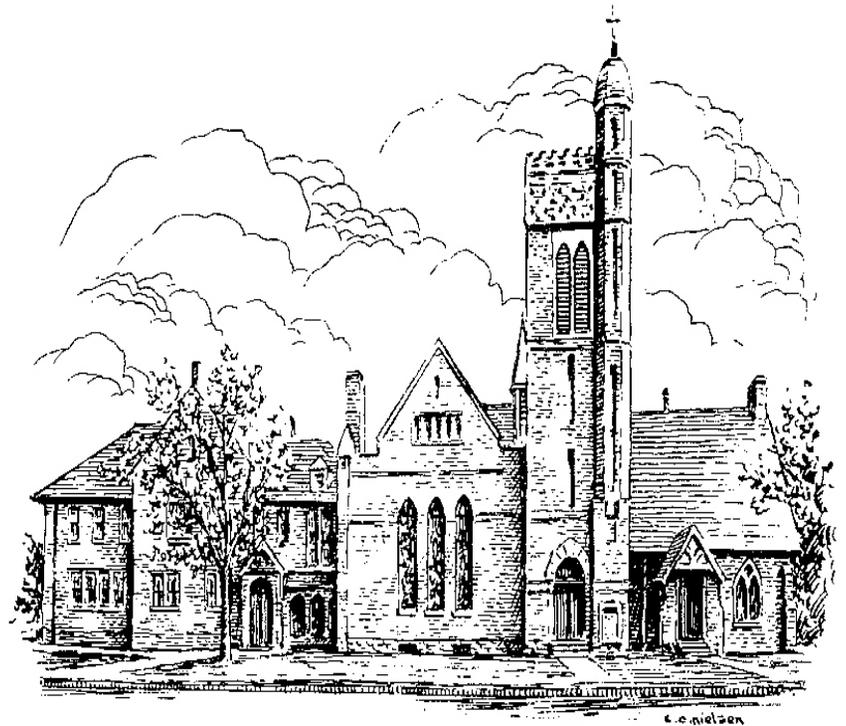
THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

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

“Feed Us Lord”

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but though art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

WARRIOR’S FOR CHRIST/CHRISTIAN MARTIAL ARTS:

Classes are held here at LPC Monday & Wednesday evenings from 5:30 PM - 8:45PM. The instructor is Shihan Steve Hunter. Little Ninja class is from 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM, Children’s class is from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Adults & Older Teens meet at 7:00 PM -8:00 PM & Ken-jutsu (Japanese Sword Arts) class is from 8:00 PM - 8:45 PM. You are welcome to observe the classes.

NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday we will be joining churches around the world to celebrate *World Communion Sunday*.

LYCOMING COUNTY LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, *October 1st* will be the 26th year of the Lycoming County Life Chain to be held on the *Golden Strip* in Williamsport at **2:30 PM**. If you are interested in being a participant as individuals willing to hold signs, pray peacefully and stand for life, please contact Marianne.

OCTOBER 7TH: Homecoming at Lycoming Presbyterian Church - A casual gathering to reminisce about LPC, its members, happenings and its surroundings. *Meet in the lounge/Chapel area at 6:30 PM*. Light refreshments will be provided.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY: October 8th we will be celebrating our special anniversary—**225th!** Make a special effort to attend worship this day! We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper during our special worship service which will be followed with a luncheon. The church will provide the meat and you are asked to bring a tureen to share. This will be a good time to share your stories about Lycoming Presbyterian Church with our former members, members and friends of the church. **Please let us know if you can attend.**

NIGHT OUT EATING: Our next “Night Out Eating” is Tuesday **October 10th** in Salladasburg at *Waltz’s* restaurant. Remember to use the sign-up sheet in the lounge if you plan to attend. We will need reservations.

RUMMAGE SALE: Keep **October 14th** free to help with the church rummage sale. Starting **October 1st** you can bring your items for the sale and place them **neatly on the stage putting items toward the back of the stage**. Thank you.

REMINDER-OCTOBER SPAGHETTI DINNER: Please be available to help at the dinner **from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM on the 28th**. We need your help and your delicious desserts for the desert table.

★ THE BELL TOLLS AND WE GREET ONE ANOTHER
Elder Betty Tompkins Beadle

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE GIVEN

★ GOD CALLS US TO CELEBRATE

B: We come before God in the holiness of this Sanctuary,

P: to gaze upon his strength and glory.

B: God has been our help through all ages,

P: and within the shadow of his wings, he will keep us safe.

B: Surely the love of God is our greatest blessing,

P: and he will return our praise forever more.

★ WE OPEN IN PRAYER

HYMN SING “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
“Sanctuary”

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★ OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Creating God, we hear your voice, calling each of us forward into lives of healing and joy. But we are often reluctant. Like children hiding from a mother’s call at dinner time, we crouch quietly in our fears trying not to hear, trying not to respond. We cling to these things that are familiar and comforting, not wishing to risk the unknown, uncontrollable power of your love in our lives. Forgive us Lord. Teach us how to let go – how to risk as a servant people in your name. Renew our vision and rebuild our strength. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

★ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

★ THE GLORIA PATRI (Worship Guide)

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 1:7-9 (NLT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

GOSPEL SONG

MESSAGE

"Unspeakable Joy"

The Rev. Dr. Larry LeFeber

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #337

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

"O God of Every Nation"

★ THE PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY
(Worship Guide)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

★ CLOSING HYMN
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee" #377

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

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: To the Glory and Honor of God.

ACOLYTE: Craig Myers

OFFERINGS: Linda Aston & Chris Atkins

THIS WEEK AT LYCOMING:

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

Wednesday, 7:00 PM: BINGO
Presbyterian Home - Deacons

Saturday, 4:30 PM-6:30 PM: Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00 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 today is hosted by Dewane Stuck. Please join us in the lounge for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Don't forget that this coming Saturday is our first fall Spaghetti Dinner. We'd love for you to be among those who will be helping. Hope to see you Saturday!

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING: Last Sunday the attendance was 20 and the offering was \$605.00.

FOOD COLLECTION: The Deacons are collecting food every Sunday for the West End Christian Community Center Food Pantry. Let's try to fill our basket to help those in need. Thank you.

MEMBER LIST: A new member list is included in your bulletin. If there are corrections please contact Marianne.