

# BACON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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**December 2, 2007      1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent      10:30 a.m.**

A robust welcome to one and all! With genuine joy let us open our minds and hearts to God, share ourselves with one another and dedicate ourselves to being servants in the kingdom of God.

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE**                      “Three Carol Preludes”                      E. A. Hovdesven  
(Please use this time for quiet meditation)

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Ritual of Friendship**  
(Please sign the attendance pad in the pew.)

**GREETING**

*L: The peace of Christ be with you.*

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**    (From Isaiah 12)

*L: This is the season of holy waiting.*

**R: WE WAIT FOR THE DAY WHEN SWORDS ARE  
TRANSFORMED INTO PLOWSHARES.**

*L: We watch for the day when the ways of war are exchanged  
for the ways of peace.*

**R: WE WAIT IN THE SHADOWS FOR THE LIGHT OF THE  
WORLD TO APPEAR.**

**All: Come let us walk in the light of God.**

**\*HYMN**                                      9                                      “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**  
**are available from the ushers**

(\*) Those able are invited to stand

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**God who is with us, and God who is on the way, we confess that we do not wait or watch for you. Works of darkness encumber and distract us. Petty jealousies, hard quarrels, ambitions rooted in selfish desires - they command our attention. We have ceased to hope for peace and harmony among the nations or for security apart from the defenses we construct. We hear your promises, Lord, but dare not trust them. God of power and love, awaken us to hope and fit us for your coming, that we may watch for you with confidence and joy. Through Jesus Christ, the Promised One. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**C: AMEN!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Page 579 in Hymnal)**

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

### **THE WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**C: AMEN**

## **HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 2:1 – 5**

**(Pew Bible OT Page 631 & 632)**

**Romans 13:11 – 14**

**(Pew Bible NT Page 162)**

***L: This the Word of the Lord***

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Matthew 24:36 – 44**

**(Pew Bible NT Page 27 & 28)**

***L: This the Gospel of the Lord***

**C: PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**ANTHEM**

**“Goin’ Up to Bethlehem”**

**Pepper Choplin**

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SERMON

“XX”

\*HYMN

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“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed page 15 in the Hymnal)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Mary’s Song”

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\*DOXOLOGY (Page 592 in Hymnal)

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE EUCHARIST

We welcome all baptized persons to the table of the Lord. This includes baptized children when parents permit them

to receive the elements. We use unfermented grape juice.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**L:** *The Lord be with you.*

**C:** AND ALSO WITH YOU

**L:** *Lift up your hearts.*

**C:** WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

**L:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C:** IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER (Given by Rev. Peck)

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosana in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosana in the highest.

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER (Given by Rev. Peck)

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again

#### PSALM TWENTY-THREE

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## **CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive those who debt against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE SENDING**

\*HYMN                      11                      “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

(Tune to “Edelweiss”)

May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever;  
Grant us peace, perfect peace, faith in every endeavor;  
Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever;  
May the Lord, Gracious Lord, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE                      “Come, Thou Savior of Our World”                      A. Vetter

**LAY READER:** Barbara Logar

**USHERS:** Boyd Clark, Annette Faltisco, Dennis Lewis, Jon Bowen

**DEACON OF THE MONTH:** Barbara Logar

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

*An Invitation to All Women!*

Presbyterian Women have begun the 2007 – 2008 Bible Study. This year's study is entitled, "Above and Beyond" We meet the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Soley Lounge, right here at Bacon Church. Please join us for fellowship, bible study, and prayer. All women are welcome!

### CHANCEL FLOWER TRIBUTES FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

If you are interested in taking a Sunday for a memorial or just because.... please call me today at 930-6251 or my work number 285-3403 extension 2231.

Thank you, Nancy Stoianoff

THE CURRENT PRAYER LIST is on the bulletin board. The Wednesday Morning Prayer Group will be praying for each and every person on our Prayer List.

THE SUNSHINE CORNER encourages all to sign the get-well cards we send each week to friends who need our support. Cards are under the picture of Christ in the narthex.

### STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

"As generous distributors of God's manifold grace,  
put your gifts at the service of one another,  
each in the measure he has received." I Peter 4:10

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### ATTENDANCE 11/25/07

"Let us not give up worshipping together, as some are in the habit, but let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25

Worship

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# WINTER FOOD DRIVE

From now until Christmas we are asking all members to help the less fortunate by donating non-perishable food items so that they can be delivered to the Salvation Army. Around this time of year food pantries are starting to find their supplies depleted and are very appreciative of our aid. Each year we have a growing need for help in our community and each year the generosity of our congregation is so important in meeting that need. We hope you will remember this project when grocery shopping this year. Some of the items the Salvation Army is especially thankful for are: canned goods, soup, vegetables etc. and boxed items such as pasta and rice. You may drop off your items in the cupboard in the Narthex or for more information call Sandy at the church office 283-5744 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays.



## *Note from your Secretary:*

*Please submit any information you would like in our bulletin no later than the Wednesday before you would like it in the Sunday bulletin. This allows ample time for me to contact you if there should be any questions. If possible please do this via my email or by a written note.*



[secretary@baconmemorial.org](mailto:secretary@baconmemorial.org)

Thank you for your cooperation, Sandy



## CHURCH HOURS

The Office is open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday thru Friday. If you need to contact Rev. Peck he may be contacted at 743-1438.





# WHITE CHRISTMAS

WHITE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>



Once again, let us help the needy via the Salvation Army. For the last 10 years, we have had the privilege of working with the Salvation Army to provide toys for needy children. Each year a member of Salvation Army comes to our worship service to thank us and to share about their gospel mission in word and deed. Last year in the Salvation Army's headquarter newsletter there was a special mention about Bacon Memorials faithfulness in their mission to Salvation Army.

You may bring a toy wrapped in White Paper for an infant to a teen. Please mark the package with the age and if the gift is for a boy or a girl. Place the gift beneath the tree on the Chancel. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, they will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to a needy child in the Niagara Falls area. Major Susan Stinson, one of the newly installed Pastors for the Niagara Falls Salvation Army Citadel, will be with us during our morning worship on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to Bacon, Major Stinson.

## IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_ Opportunities at Bacon

Today, Dec 2

9:30 Choir Rehearsal



10:15 Elders & Members at prayer in the Soley Lounge

10:30 Worship Service & Sunday School

7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous

Tues, Dec 4

9:15 Retired Men's Chorus

Wed, Dec 5

10:00 Prayer Group & Bible Study

5:30 Girl Scout Troop #13

7:00 Session Meeting

Thurs, Dec 6

6:00 Brownie Troop #41 and

Girl Scout Troop #98

Fri, Dec 7

7:00 Youth Group – T-Shirt Making Night