

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of righteousness and justice: before you, who can stand? We, whose lives are comfortable, who turn our eyes from the poor and deny our debt to them – we are the ones who must repent. From greed, violence, and systems that oppress, Lord help us that we may be clean. Wash us, that we may be clean. Tend to us, that we may bear fruit worthy of your kingdom. Inspire us to prepare your way. Through Jesus Christ, the coming Savior. 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 35: 1 – 10 (Pew Bible OT Page 663)

Romans 15: 4 – 13 (Pew Bible NT Page 163 & 164)

L: This the Word of the Lord

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Matthew 3: 1 – 12 (Pew Bible NT Page 2 & 3)

L: This the Gospel of the Lord

C: PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!

ANTHEM “Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us” Harlan/Luttrell

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SERMON

“FINDING PEACE”

***HYMN**

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“Away in a Manger”

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Carols of Joy and Wonder” S. Scott

***DOXOLOGY (Page 592 in Hymnal)**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

THE SENDING

***HYMN 22 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

***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 “Angels, From the Realm of Glory” L. Dean Bye

CHANCEL FLOWERS under the cross were donated by Edith Krell in loving memory of Charles Krell and Suzanne Magliocca.

LAY READER: Mary Lou Smythe

USHERS: Betty Robbins, Betty Ochab, Patricia Bauer, Jon Bowen

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Vicki Chambers

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 FLOWERS under the cross are dedicated to the
Glory of God.

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**

Offering 12/2/07 \$1,571.00

ATTENDANCE 12/2/07

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

Worship 42
Youth before dismissal 5
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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

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 9th



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 9th, 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 9th. Welcome to Bacon, Major Stinson.

Toys for Tots

The **Toys for Tots** program is a long-time program of the **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve** that helps bring some holiday joy to those less fortunate people in our area (and throughout the country) who cannot afford what we often take for granted. If you would like to help, please place a new, unwrapped toy suitable for a boy or girl two to fourteen years old in the collection box in the Narthex. Cash donations are also welcome. If you wish to make such a donation or have a toy you would like to donate but can't get it to the church, please contact Bill Springer at 716-283-5836. Donations will be collected through December 13th and all are greatly appreciated.

Camp Duffield

At it's meeting on December 1st the Presbytery of Western New York **Sold** Camp Duffield to **Duffield Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.**, a non-profit organization founded by a group of Presbyterians committed to continuing the Christian Ministry of Camp Duffield. If you would like to help or simply want more information, please contact Bill Springer.

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH _____ **Opportunities at Bacon**

Today, Dec 9

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 11

9:15 Retired Men's Chorus

Wed, Dec 12

10:00 Prayer Group & Bible Study

5:30 Girl Scout Troop #13

Thurs, Dec 13

6:00 Brownie Troop #41 and

Girl Scout Troop #98

Fri, Dec 14

7:00 Youth Group – Christmas Caroling at
Shut-ins – Leaving the Church at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group Schedule On-Line:

http://www.baconmemorial.org/bmc_youth_group_page.htm

