

# BACON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Niagara Falls, New York

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**January 6, 2008      Epiphany of the Lord      10:30 a.m.**

A cordial welcome to all who have come to worship. Let us express our love to God and our deep appreciation for God's bountiful goodness. With prayer and song, with Scripture and devout responses, with minds ready to receive the Word of God and with our spirits dedicated to God's will, let us eagerly approach the throne of grace.

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE**                                      “The Eastern Star”                                      Steven Scott  
(Please use this time for quiet meditation)

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Ritual of Friendship

(Please sign the attendance pad in the pew.)

**SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GREETING**

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

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*L: Arise, shine; for your light has come,.*

**R: WE HEAR THE NEWS OF BOUNDLESS RICHES OF  
CHRIST AND OUR HEARTS SING FOR JOY.**

*L: God reveals the mysteries or the ages for those who wait.*

**R: THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ILLUMINATES OUR WAY.**

**COME, LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF GOD.**

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

**\*HYMN**

**66**

**“We Three Kings of Orient Are”**

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

(\*) Those able are invited to stand  
**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**God of light, in whom no darkness can abide: We come to you in joy... but also trembling, for we know what darkness abides in us. We cannot conceal from you our cowardice, our shallowness, the resentments we harbour against others. We confess to you our capacity to deceive, our wilfulness, our avoidance of others' pain and suffering. O Wonderful Counsellor, illuminate what bears revealing. Cast sin, as light casts out darkness. Live in us, that we might live for you. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**C: AMEN!**

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

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

**THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

**“We Three Kings”**

**Sciamanna**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**C: AMEN**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 60: 1 – 6**

**(Pew Bible OT Page 690)**

**Ephesians 3: 1 – 12**

**(Pew Bible NT Page 193)**

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

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Matthew 2: 1 – 12**

**(Pew Bible NT Page 2)**

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

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

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The Lane Family***

**SERMON**

**“FIND THE EYE OF YOUR HEART”**

**\*HYMN**

**53**

**“What Child Is This”**

**\*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 worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We knowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**“Lyric Echos”**

**Steven Scott**

**\*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

Dying you destroyed our death,

Rising you restored our life,

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

#### 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

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“As with Gladness”

\*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

“The Opening Year”

Lani Smith

LAY READER: Michael Ishman Jr.

USHERS: Annette Faltisco, Margaret Klomp, Dennis Lewis,  
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!

The Presbyterian Women will have a Sarah Circle meeting at Bacon in the Soley Lounge on January 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will also be a Coordinating Team meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. on November 23<sup>rd</sup>

### 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.

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

Today, Jan 6	9:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15	Elders & Members Prayer: Soley Lounge
	10:30	Worship Service & Sunday School
Tues, Jan 8	7:30	Alcoholics Anonymous
	9:15	Retired Men's Chorus
Wed, Jan 9	10:00	Prayer Group & Bible Study
	5:30	Girl Scout Troop #13
Thurs, Jan 10	6:00	Brownie Troop #41 and Girl Scout Troop #98
	7:00	No Youth Group
Fri, Jan 11	10:00	New Officer Training
Sat, Jan 12		

## 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 12/24/07	7:00 PM	\$1,734.36
Offering 12/24/07	11:00 PM	\$304.15
Offering 12/30/07		\$400.00

## ATTENDANCE

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

	<u>12/24</u>	<u>12/24</u>	<u>12/30</u>
Worship	73	33	46
Youth before dismissal			<u>5</u>
			51

### *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.*

[sandyq1969@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyq1969@yahoo.com)

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.





## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Classes for all young people will begin early in January. If you are thirteen, going on fourteen or older, please contact Danielle MacKenzie, Dave Barry, or Pastor Peck now, and let them know you are interested. We then meet with you to establish dates when we will meet, and place material in your hands.

Our class for Confirmation will run approximately five months. The student will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. The course of study will include the following study material:

### **1. Romans read and Review**

- Romans 3:23
- Romans 5:6
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 10:9-13

### **2. Maintaining A Personal Relationship With Christ**

- Make Christ the daily standard of your life
- Maintain Christ like habits
- Perform Christian service
- Trust God in every experience

### **3. Red book, “About Being Presbyterian”**

### **4. Church Creeds and Confessions**

### **5. Books used in the Presbyterian Church**

### **6. Booklet, “Welcome To The Presbyterian Church”**

### **7. The Principle Duties of Church Membership**

- Maintain Christian habits of prayer, Bible study, attendance at worship, Christian service, and financial support of the church.
- Set a daily Christian example out in the world.
- Remember no one is perfect, but we all strive to let others see Jesus in us.
- Become aware of, and involved in the mission of Christ’s church around the world. Support missions

with your prayers, contributions, and personal involvement.

- When asked to serve on a board or committee of the church, pray about it, then let it be known where you sense God leading you to serve in the church. All of us have spiritual gifts to serve our Lord, and we must use them for God's glory.

8. What will take place after the student has completed the course of study?

- When designated, meet with the Session, and give answer to their questions, to the best of your ability. Following examination, you will either be received into full membership of the church, or asked to study more.
- You will be formally received into the church during worship on the Sunday following your examination by the elders.

### **NEW OFFICERS ORIENTATION AND TRAINING FOR DEACONS AND SESSION MEMBERS**



Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00



### **ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

Sunday, January 13, 2008

Being installed Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, as Elders are Ronald Clements, Michael Ishman, Jr., Danielle MacKenzie, Gerald Wilson and Delores McMillan.

Being installed Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, as Deacons are Patricia Bauer, Vicki Chambers, Lorna DeLong, Annette Faltisco and Betty Robbins.

We would like to thank the following Elders and Deacons who have served so faithfully for the past few years:

Elders: Carol Costantino and Terry McIntyre

**Deacons: Lynn Pasek**



**Annual Report**

**NOTE: Please submit year-end reports to office by January 16.  
If you would like to email them please email to**

**[sandyq1969@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyq1969@yahoo.com)**

**Thank you your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**



**HOSTING AN EVENT?**

**Why not here at Bacon. Many parts of our church are available to rent for various functions such as weddings, birthdays, baby showers, anniversary parties or any other event usually held at a hall. We have a fully functional kitchen and can comfortably seat 120 people in our fellowship hall.**

**If you or anyone you know is interested in reserving a space please contact Bill Springer at 283 – 5836.**



**Bacon Website**

Please take a moment to visit our Website:  
[baconmemorial.org](http://baconmemorial.org)



It has a wealth of information about the church that is updated frequently. If you have any comments or suggestions on how it may be made more helpful, please contact Ed Reese at 284-2152 or [edreese911@verizon.net](mailto:edreese911@verizon.net).



**Sunshine Corner Update**

**In these busy times we sometimes overlook**



things. Please make a point to brighten someone's day by letting them know your thinking about them by signing the cards located in the Narthex. Letting people know your thinking about them means a lot.

## BACON BITS YOUTH GROUP 2007/2008 SCHEDULE

Youth Group meets at the Church from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Fridays unless stated differently in the schedule. All children from Kindergarten to Seniors are welcome. All participants must have a current Registration form completed and signed by a parent or guardian. Feel free to invite your friends! Remember if there is no school there is no youth group. There is never a charge for youth group activities; all we ask is that members participate in fundraisers. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to stay and assist/participate with activities and drivers are always needed for outings. Call Dave Barry 283-9360, Ray Hubert 998-7391, or Danielle MacKenzie 283-2535 with questions or for information.

### DATES IN **BOLD** ARE OUTINGS

- January 4: No School – No Youth Group
- January 11: Dodge Ball
- January 18: SATURDAY: Youth Group will be Saturday instead of Friday.**
- January 19: SATURDAY: Buffalo Christian Center - Swimming, Roller Skating, Putt Putt Golf, Gym Activities, Lunch. Leaving Church at 9:30a.m. returning by 1:30p.m.**
- January 25: Heritage Manor Pizza Making Night – Leaving the church at 5:45 p.m.!

**SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

