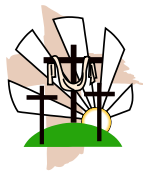


# BACON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Niagara Falls, New York  
Rev. Dr. Robert W. Peck, Pastor  
Carol Ennis, Music Director  
Phone: 283-5744  
[www.baconmemorial.org](http://www.baconmemorial.org)



**March 2, 2008**

**4th Sunday in Lent**

**10:30 a.m.**

A hearty welcome to all who have come to worship. We gather in gratitude before our loving Creator and Sustainer. Let us approach God with purity of heart and reach out to each other with care and joy.

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE**  
Blake

“Walking With the Savior”

Richard

(Please use this time for quiet meditation)

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Jeffrey Trethewey

**SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GREETING**

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

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*L: With The Good Shepherd as our guide, we shall want for nothing.*

**C: GOD LEADS US ALONG PEACEFUL PATHS,  
RESTORING OUR SOULS.**

*L: Even in the shadow of death, we fear no evil.*

**C: FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD WALKS WITH US  
DAY AND NIGHT.**

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**

**are available from the ushers**

*L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of our lives.*

**C: WE SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE HOLY GOD ALL OUR LIFE LONG.**

*L: For the One who formed us and all the word is our God.*

**C: AND WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S PASTURE, AND THE SHEEP OF GOD'S HAND.**

**\*HYMN**

**491**

**“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”**

**REFLECTIONS BY CANDLELIGHT**

**The Faltisco Family**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**Holy God, our Comforter and Guide, we confess what comes between us and you. We have been blind to the faults in ourselves that we so readily detect in others: prizing appearance and credentials, and failing to see the heart; rushing headlong into temptation, without thought for what is right; keeping secret what would shame us, if it were known; denying truths voiced by people we disdain. God of light, expose to us our sin, that we may confess it and turn from it, and so live in the light of your forgiveness and love. Through Christ our Savior, Amen**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**C: AMEN**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (PAGE 579 IN HYMNAL)**

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

**THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

**“We come As Guests Invited”**

**J. Steurlein**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**C: AMEN**

**(\* Those able are invited to stand**

## HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 SAMUEL 16: 1 - 13

(Pew Bible OT Page 259 & 260)

EPHESIANS 5: 8 - 14

(Pew Bible NT Page 194)

*L: This the Word of the Lord*

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

JOHN 9: 1 - 41

(Pew Bible NT Page 102 & 103)

*L: This the Gospel of the Lord*

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

SERMON

**“LORD, HEAL MY BLINDNESS”**

\*HYMN 280

**“Amazing Grace”**

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed, Ecumenical  
Translation, Hymnal page 15

**We believe in one God, the Father, the 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 for 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 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.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings” Gerald Peterson

**\*DOXOLOGY (PAGE 592 IN HYMNAL)**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**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**

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
Until you 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 our debtors, and 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

355

“Hear the Good News”

\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

**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**

**“I Will Extol Thee”**

**Steven Scott**

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS under the cross are donated by Mary Lou Smythe in loving memory of my husband Douglas and brothers.**

**LAY READER: Annette Faltisco**

**USHERS: Dennis Lewis, Margaret Klomp, Patricia Bauer,  
Jon Bowen**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK: Ed Reese**

**ATTENTION DEACONS**

**There will be a Deacons meeting today after the worship service for the election of officers and other business. All Deacons should attend this meeting.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**



**The Presbyterian Women will have a Sarah Circle meeting on March 8th 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 March 8th.**

**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.**

## MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Peck is conducting a bible study on Monday nights at 7:00 pm. The current subject is the "The Letter of James". It's not too late to join in. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible and ask for a syllabus from Rev. Peck. If you have any other questions please contact the office.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2008

On February 10, 2008 members of Bacon Memorial began participating in One Great Hour of Sharing. All during Lent contributions will be accepted. On Palm Sunday the offerings given will be dedicated to help other people around the world who are less fortunate than members of Bacon Memorial.



## 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

Copies of our daily devotional "Our Daily Bread" are available to pick up in the Narthex.

## JOIN A COMMITTEE

Attention Church Members: Your help is urgently needed. Do you have some fresh new ideas that you would like to share? Then join one of our many committees and share those ideas. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the church office.

## 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.



## WINTER FOOD DRIVE



From now until spring 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 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Thank you for your support.



## BACON BITS YOUTH GROUP 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

March 7

MOVIE NIGHT

March 14

Homebound Visits – leaving the church at 7:00p.m.

**SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

You May Check The Youth Group Schedule On Our Web Site:

[http://baconmemorial.org/bmc\\_youth\\_group\\_page.htm](http://baconmemorial.org/bmc_youth_group_page.htm)

SUNSHINE CORNER



In these busy times we sometimes overlook things. Please make a point to brighten someone's day by letting him or her know you're thinking about them by signing the cards located under the picture of Christ in the narthex.



### SAVING THOSE PENNIES????



Cents-Ability (2 cents A Meal) is a small step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Everyone is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command " You give them something to eat". When we bring our offerings to church, all of those coins "make a joyful noise unto the Lord". All money collected will be sent to Louisville, Kentucky to be distributed. Money will help people in United States and around the world. Thank you for your support in this mission project.

The PW will be collecting the funds on the first Sunday of each month. If you have any questions or need a container please call Patricia Bauer at 284-0180.

### WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is about making choices, as individuals and in community. It is more than giving money to the church. Stewardship is about being faithful disciples, caring for and managing all that God has given us. Stewardship is not just one part of Christian discipleship; it involves every aspect of life in all the stages of life.

Stewardship is the grateful response to God's grace and goodness. It requires a consideration of how our choices affect us and others, of how we can be good caretakers of the created world, and of how we can best serve God as disciples of Christ.

### OFFERING 02/24/08

“As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace,  
put your gifts at the service of one another,  
each in the measure he has received.” 1 Peter 4:10

Offering            \$867.00

### ATTENDANCE 2/24/08

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

Worship	73
Youth before dismissal	<u>12</u>
	85

### **THANK YOU**

On February 9th a group of members spent along day working on the heating system for the church. I would like to thank the following for their help and time: Mike Ishman Jr., Ron Clements, Bill Springer, Jerry Wilson, Michael, Dave and Irene Barry, Roland Jamieson and Charles Bennett. A special thank you to Reverend Peck who spent the day praying that we knew what we were doing and my wife Vicki for helping with breakfast.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Chambers

### **Luck of the Irish Raffle**



Tickets are \$5.00 each and only 200 tickets will be sold. The winner will receive \$500 cash. Contact Dave Barry at 283-9360 to purchase tickets or if you would be willing to take some to sell.



### **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.

### **BACON WEBSITE**

Please take a moment to visit our Website:

[www.baconmemorial.org](http://www.baconmemorial.org)

It has a wealth of information about the church  
that is updated frequently.

<b>Today, Mar 2</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Elders &amp; Members Prayer: Soley Lounge</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>
<b>Mon, Mar 3</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study – Letter of James</b>
<b>Tues, Mar 4</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Retired Men’s Chorus</b>
<b>Wed, Mar 5</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Prayer Group &amp; Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Girl Scout Troop #13</b>
<b>Thurs, Mar 6</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Brownie Troop #41 and Girl Scout Troop #98</b>
<b>Fri, Mar 7</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Group – MOVIE NIGHT</b>

*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*

**Our Sunday bulletins are provided by**  
*The Lane Family*

# “A TASTE OF IRELAND”

*SATURDAY,  
MARCH 15, 2008  
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.*

*MENU:*

*Salad & Beverage  
Coffee/Tea/Punch  
Green Desserts*

*BUFFET:*

*Corned Beef & Baked Ham  
Cabbage / Potatoes / Carrots*



*ALL FOR ONLY: ADULT \$7.75 CHILD (10 & under) \$4.50*

*TAKE OUT AVAILABLE*

*In addition*

*Entertainment  
Band: TymeLass*

*“Luck of the Irish” Raffle*

**Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church  
166 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
Niagara Falls, New York 14304-3812  
Phone: 283-5744**

On February 23, 2008 we held our Annual Basket Auction. This has

always been one of our more successful fundraisers and this year we are very pleased to say that we raised over \$2,200.00. The committee would like to thank all who helped make this years auction such a success. Those of you who donated, solicited donations, attended the auction, worked the snack bar or ticket table, set up, cleaned up, or assisted in organizing thank you, thank you, thank you! The many families, groups, and businesses that were kind and generous enough to donate helped us to reach 113 Baskets offering a wide variety of quality items.

Below, in no particular order, is a list of businesses that donated to our auction. I would urge each and every member of our congregation to support these businesses, as these are the businesses that have chosen to support us. Small communities such as ours need businesses that believe in giving back to the communities in which they are located. As the former owner of a small business I can attest to the fact that most of these organizations receive several donation requests weekly and they deserve our appreciation and our business for their efforts to assist us.

Mom's Coffee Shop & Restaurant  
Four Seasons Cinemas  
JW Danforth Co.  
Augies Diner  
Dollar Tree  
NAPA Auto  
La Scalla Restaurant  
Michael's Restaurant & Pizzeria  
Whitenight's Jewelers  
John & Mary's Subs  
Mr Jacks Unisex Salon  
Scrubz  
Supermarket Liquors  
Jetport Restaurant  
Sammy's Pizzeria  
Goodfellas Pizzeria  
Howes Home-style Cookies  
Tops Markets

Niagara Honeymoon Sweets  
Ace Hobby Shop  
SAMS Club  
Hair Doers  
Hailey's Café  
Ponderosa Steakhouse  
Master Changs Tae Kwon Do  
Como Restaurant  
Fridays  
George Edwards Jewelers  
Judi's Lounge  
Firth Jewelers  
Wedge Liquors  
Norampac  
The Dart Shop  
Frenchy's Pizzeria  
Mortimers Restraunt Supply  
Carquest

Again Thanks to each and everyone who helped make this event such a success!

Yours in Christ,  
The 2008 Basket Auction Committee