

So faith by itself, if it has  
no works, is dead.  
For just as the body  
without the spirit is dead,  
so faith without works is  
also dead

James 2:17,26



**The Presbyterian Church of Portersville**

1297 Perry Highway – PO Box 126 Portersville, PA 16051

Sunday School 9:45am - Worship 11:00am

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**An Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Presbyterian Church of Portersville**

**Third Sunday in Lent Sunday**

*March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025*

**Our Vision**

Christ's Church; Driven to Serve

*Through Grace and Truth; Toward Shalom*

**Pastor: Dana L. Opp**

**Organist: Sandy Phillips**

**Breakfast: Marshall Family**

**Nursery: Dustin Hertzog**

**Lenten Devo: du Toit Family**

**Preparing for God's Word**

Welcome & Announcements

Ralph Phillips

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

***Congregation: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,***

Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

***Congregation: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.***

“O, Mighty Cross”

No. 123BB^

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” vv. 1 & 2

No. 72GH+

Lenten Devotional

du Toit Family

**Proclaiming God' Word**

Choir Anthem

“We Shall Rise”

- Thomas

Scripture

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Sermon

“The Royal Law”

-Mr. Dana Opp

**Responding to God's Word**

Joy, Concerns and Morning Prayer

Offertory

“How Majestic is Your Name”

-Smith

Max Phillips

\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Joy

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 37GH+

\*Benediction

"Gloria Patri"

No. 575GH+

*\*Stand (as able) BB^=Burgundy Bk GH+=Green Hymnal WB~=White Book*

March 23, 2025

James 2:14-26

The Cart and the Horse

INTRODUCTION: So, what does James mean? Saving faith not only acknowledges, it believes and trusts in the leading of the object of faith-Jesus. I am going to use an old formula by Calvin and other Reformers about the elements of true faith: Notitia, Assensus and Fiducia, so we might get the horse and cart in order..

I. Notitia—Is it enough to just \_\_\_\_\_? (14-17)

A. Hey, I knew Jesus, before he was \_\_\_\_\_.

B. What did you know about Jesus?

C. What did that cause you to think and feel?

D. Is it just from-the-neck-up \_\_\_\_\_?

E. Or does it cause you to emulate him with a total ministry?

II. Assensus—Is it enough to just \_\_\_\_\_? (18-21)

A. Lord, I wanna be a Christian inna my heart. Old Spiritual

B. Great old hymn. Farther than notitia. Good stuff! Still more!

C. Faith has to be more than notitia or not very useful to anyone.

D. Faith has consequences—If so for demons, especially for us!

E. James is going after neck-up notitia, not grace driven faith.

III. Fiducia, where rubber meets road: \_\_\_\_\_. (21-26)

A. “Abraham believed God...” Genesis 15:6, Rom 4:3, Gal 3:6.

B. Moses / Paul see Abraham’s response to God as \_\_\_\_\_.

C. James sees it as \_\_\_\_\_—using obedience in Genesis 22.

D. Gen 22 confirms works/obedience as \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.

E. Rahab had fiducia, but she had notitia and assensus first.

CONCLUSION: I believe James is speaking to believers not to let their faith retreat from a wholistic, whole body, soul and spirit faith, to an intellectual exercise in Notitia. Make sure the horse of faith is a strong and healthy one, not just from the neck up, but down through the heart to the tip of he hooves, and the cart will fall in line absolutely correctly. You will have a faith worth sharing with your family, friends and neighbors and it will be whole and winsome to many.

## Prayer Requests & Praises — March 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Individuals with long-term needs:** Patty Kern, Weston Foster Clarence Rossi, Rebecca Richards, Ray Miller, Melissa Short, Karen Permuko Doug Thompson, Doug M, Clint, Ken Overly, Sue Bowser, Beachem Family, Ann Hoover, David Bloom, Cheryl Yavorsky, Tom Mateja Antoinette & Darius Carter, Joy Johnson, Suzanne Liekar Bill Catlett, Jason Porter, Max Muse, Lucy Duffy, Becky Shirey Max Muse Johnson, Erica Muse, Max Turley, unspoken.

**Shut-ins:** Brenda B., Helen H., Wanda M., Dawn S

### **Pray for wisdom for government leaders /safety for our country & troops.**

Zackery Bryan: Army	Dan Marcyjanik: USMC	Jared Noguee:USMC
Andrew Reichert, Army	Josh Marcyjanik: USMC	Logan Aydelott: ARNG
Josh Keener: USN	Nick Mulford: Army	Freddie Scungio: USN
Evan Lee Laderer: USMC	Rese Saunders: USMC	Kellie Grabe: USAF
Will Baldwin: Army	Ethan Mawhinney: USMC	Dalee Smith: USAF
Logan Teodoro: ARNG-PA	Logan Long: Army	Michael Petrie:Army

### **Praise:**

**Dominican Republic Mission Trip:** Everyone back safely!

**Laurie Bean:** Had her final chemo treatment. Prayer for strength and remission. (Ashley)

**Brenda Moore:** Recovering from kidney stent surgery, Nuclear kidney test 3/21.

**Elias Johnston:** Fourth grade student BCCS. Back to school. (Witterman)

**Jeremiah Bowen:** Hone from NICU after almost two years!

**Daniel Johnson:** PCS Student, cancer free & on the DR trip!

### **Concerns:**

**Travis Coble:** Recovery from colon surgery, March 20.

**Grant Striegel:** Surgery to his left leg on April 10.

**Dana Opp:** Being treated for AFibs

**Ken Nichols:** Matt’s father, heart attack, no surgery needed, at home..

**Bill Shaw:** recovering from knee surgery.

**Henry Stanley:** Recovery from Brain Surgery. (E. Newton)

**Carson Kiser:** 12 year old, Receiving comfort care, long health battle. (Mindyanne)

**Jean Hogue:** Hemorrhagic stroke. Starting to communicate again.(Moore)

**Tom Clyde:** Relief from pain in legs.

**Sue Bauder:** Daughter of M. J. Wimer, in need of strength/healing from pneumonia.

**Stacy Matoka:** Undergoing additional surgery for breast cancer. (Mindyanne)

**Liz Bauder:** Recovering from back surgery, prayers for healing.

**Brad Stickel:** Recovery from serious left eye injury.

**Dave Fisher:** Lung cancer concerns. (Graham)

**Willow:** Six-year-old, concerns about leukemia. (Graham)

**Tami Clyde Reichart:** Continued strength/healing for right arm as she continues rehab.

**Darryl Dailey:** Pulmonary fibrosis, breathing issues, prayers appreciated.

**Richard Badger:** Undergoing 6 weeks of physical therapy, praise no pain. (Phillips)

**Ric Raines:** PCA Pastor, blood disorder, home, infection in lungs. (Phillips)

**Marshall Smith:** New treatment stated for prostate and bone cancers.

**Valorie Smith:** Heart testing and knee replacement scheduled 4/8. (Moore)

**Cancer Patients:** Alice Short, Chris Green, Erin, Riley, Mary Lord, Dave Zajac. Bev Wolfe: Lung, Annie Koontz, Terry Dennis: Lung, Bob Updegraph, Ed Eckstein Joyce Bower (Marcyjanik), Jenny Collins-Breast, Kari Rickard, Alexa Wilsey

# Upcoming EVENTS

## Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Coffee Hour: After Worship

Youth: 6:00PM

## Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study: 10:30AM

## Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>

Keenagers: Noon

Kidz Club: 6:00PM

Choir: 7:30

## Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>

Men's Breakfast: 7:00AM



**Church Volunteers:** New sign-up sheets for Breakfast, Nursery and Kids Church are in the vestibule.

**Kidz Club:** Things that go fast! Wednesdays 6-7:30PM

**Keenagers:** Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, Noon lunch and 1pm program. Susan Hougelman, "Living the Simple Life" author and speaker on living in community with the Amish. Menu- Ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw & brownies. All are welcome!



## Opportunities for Ministry During Week

Mon.	03/24	Office	Closed
Tues.	03/25	10:30AM	Bible Study
Wed.	03/26	Noon	Keenagers
		6:00PM	Kidz Club
		7:30PM	Choir
Sat.	03/29	7:00AM	Men's Breakfast

## Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

9:30	Sunday School Breakfast
10:00	Sunday School
10:45	Elders' Prayer Time
11:00	Worship Service

## Those assisting in worship March 30<sup>th</sup>

**Breakfast:** Ralph Phillips Family

**Nursery:** Ashley & Maisy Phillips

**Lenten Devotionals:** TBD

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23 Delaney Sturgeon

27 Robin Rager

29 Jerry Kern

*If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. -II Chron. 7:14*

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# Mommy & Me Tea Party

\$10 Adult

\$5 Child

Celebrate Mother's Day weekend  
with a luncheon, proceeds  
benefitting Portersville EMS.

Saturday, May 10th

11am - 2pm

Portersville Presbyterian Church

RSVP to: Mandy Kniess (724) 496-7614

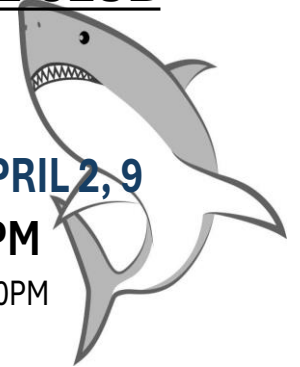
## SPRING 2025 KIDZ CLUB

GRADES K-6

**MARCH 12, 19, 26, APRIL 2, 9**

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

Adult Bible Study 7-7:30PM



### **THINGS THAT GO FAST!!**

HOW FAST ARE YOU??

(LET'S FIND OUT!)

BIBLE LESSON, STORIES, SINGING,  
CRAFTS, EXERCISE AND SNACKS

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**~EASTER FLOWERS~  
2025**



It's time to order Flowers. Please turn in your orders by  
**The final deadline of *Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>***

**Remember these very important details when ordering your flowers:**

1. Make checks payable to ***Presbyterian Church of Portersville.***  
**Please note on your check that payment is for flowers.**
2. Please use these forms for dedication information to help eliminate mistakes as with a verbal order.
3. Please, **PRINT** your dedication information to help clarify spelling.
4. Orders can be turned in to the office or placed in a pew envelope in the offering plate.
5. If you wish to furnish your own flowers, please fill out the dedication information on this form, **and** write that you will bring your own flowers.
6. **Please circle your choice of flower color.**

<u>Quantity</u> .....	<u>Flower</u> .....	<u>Cost</u>
_____	..... <b>6" Tulips (Red, Pink, Yellow)</b> .....	<b>\$10.00</b>
_____	..... <b>6" Hyacinth (Pink, Blue)</b> .....	<b>\$10.00</b>
_____	..... <b>Single stem, Multi-bloom Lilies</b> .....	<b>\$10.00</b>

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of the Season: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

