

**The Presbyterian Church of Portersville**

1297 Perry Highway – PO Box 126 Portersville, PA 16051

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

Church Office: 724/368-8050

Pastor – Dana L. Opp: 724/290-7569

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*An Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

**Presbyterian Church of Portersville  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Our Vision**

Christ's Church; Driven to Serve  
*Through Grace and Truth; Toward Shalom*

**Pastor: Dana L. Opp**

**Organist: Sandy Phillips**

**Nursery: Dustin H.**

**Pianist: Amy Nichols**

**Breakfast: Tyler & Lindsey**

**Acolyte: Clara Plunkard**

**Preparing for God's Word**

Welcome & Announcements

Mr. Ralph Phillips

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5, 22

**Leader:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

**Congregation:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,*

**Leader:** who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Congregation:** *Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

“10,000 Reasons”

Insert

“The Power of the Cross”

No.49WB~

Lenten Devotional

Insert

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Choir Anthem “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” - Wilson & Hudson

Kids Church & Kids Choir Tyler, Lindsey & Amy

Scripture John 9:1-41 pg. 1139

Sermon “Mud in Your Eye” -Mr. Opp

**Responding to God's Word**

Joys, Concerns and Morning Prayer

Offertory “Holy is The Lord” - Tomlin & Giglio

\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn of Joy “Be Still My Soul” No. 324GH+

\*Benediction “Gloria Patri” No. 575 GH+

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

## Prayer Requests & Praises — March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Individuals with long-term needs:** Patty Kern, Weston Foster Clarence Rossi, Rebecca Richards, Melissa Short, Karen Permuko Doug Thompson, Doug M, Clint, Ken Overly, Sue Bowser, Beachem Family, David Blum, Cheryl Yavorsky, Tom Mateja Antoinette & Darius Carter, Jason Porter, Lucy Duffy, Becky Shirey Max Johnson, Erica Johnson, Max Turley, Brad Stickel, Liz Bauder, Richard Badger, Sam M., Miriam Kucks. Valorie Smith

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

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

Joey Hinkle: Army	Dan Marcyjanik: USMC	Jared Nogee: USMC
Andrew Reichert, Army	Josh Marcyjanik: USMC	Logan Aydelott: ARNG
Josh Keener: USN	Savannah Schwenke: USAF	Nick Mulford: Army
Evan Lee Laderer: USMC	Rese Saunders: USMC	Kellie Grabe: USAF
Will Baldwin: Army	Ethan Mawhinney: USMC	Dalee Smith: USAF
Logan Teodoro: ARNG-PA	Michael Petrie: Army	Jake Clouse: USAF
Bryson Stepleton: Army	Dalton Burns, Army	

### Praise:

**Clifford Weinmann:** Successful pace maker surgery, home.

**Xavier Carter:** Recovering from cardiac arrest, doing well.

**Bev Wolfe:** At home healing but very weak

**Lori Proch:** Surgery went well, should be home this week! (Moore)

**Amber Mathias Custer:** Recovering from car accident. Home now.

**Tim Saunders:** Recovering from arm surgery.

**Pam and Caty Weinmann:** Home safely from Dubai.

### Concerns:

**Condolences** to the family of Ralph Porter at his passing.

**Condolences** to the family of Rose Goetz at her passing.

### **Social Unrest in USA**

**Jake Smith:** Cancer treatment wearing him out, upcoming scans. (Moore)

**Kim Overly:** Cancer diagnosis. (L. Plunkard)

**Dave & Bev Dalessandro:** Car accident, multiple broken bones/injuries.

**Church Missionaries:** Prayers as they prepare for mission trip (MGM DR).

**Ron Schnelle:** At VA hospital in PGH, cancer diagnosis.(Phillips)

**Gary Hartman:** Passed out at H.S. basketball game, home from hospital.

**Ron Knapp:** Heart valve replacement following fainting spell. (Reichert)

**Lisa Tammaro:** Experiencing swelling edema in her retina. (SueAnn)

**Merle Lesko:** Autoimmune disease progressing throughout his body.(Palmosina)

**Dave Kamperman:** Dealing with breathing/lung concerns (Sturgeon)

**Carl Bleakney:** Prayers for health issues (Sue Weigle)

**Kevin Metcalfe:** Recovering from accident still in ICU.

**Melissa Rager:** Prayer for broken fibula. Wisdom for doctors.

**Baby Josie:** Became unconscious, seeing pediatrician and cardiologist.

**Carter Wilder:** Student of Kristan Wall, he fell and is having tests.

**Peg Brenneman:** Recovering from fall.

**Baby Olivia:** Surgery 5/26 to remove part of hand, prayers for wisdom. (Moore)

**Johnny Holt:** Diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer. (Moore)

**Melinda Meuhlbronner:** Started chemo, pray for healing.

**Joe Lema:** Has iron deficiency anemia due to chronic blood loss.

**Sienna & Theo:** Born very early, both improving, gaining weight.(Moore)

**Molly Castina:** Year long mission trip to Ecuador (duToits)

**Laurie Bean:** Continued improvement in blood count levels.

**Tim Sturgeon:** Therapy for shoulder/ rotator cuff injury.

**Ron Sturgeon:** At home following shoulder surgeries.

**Scott Hill:** To have leg amputated below knee. (Brenneman)

**Wanda Mathias:** Leg pain as she undergoes therapy at Avalon Nursing Home

**Carol Yost:** Diagnosed with both Multiple Sclerosis and Sjogren's Syndrome.

Thankful for the prayers (Moore)

**Bonnie Nerison:** Prayers that chemo works and tumors stop growing

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

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

**Tami Clyde Reichart:** Surgery on good hand, trigger finger, pray for healing.

**Fran Wood:** Has lymphoma that has metastasized, getting chemo. (Mindyanne)

**Cancer Patients:** Alice Short, Erin, Riley, Dave Zajac. Bev Wolfe: Lung,

Annie Koontz, Terry Dennis: Lung, , Ed Eckstein Joyce Bower

(Marcyjanik), Kari Rickard, Alexa Wilsey, Dawn Brindle, Marshall Smith

Bill Michaels: Lung (P. Brenneman)



If you have a prayer request or update please email the church

[portpres@zoominternet.net](mailto:portpres@zoominternet.net) or let Sarah know

## ***Lenten Devotional for March 15, 2026***

Jesus passed by many on his way to Jerusalem. Some ignored him. Some mocked him. Some tested him. Some called to him for help in the midst of hurting. But there was one whom Jesus healed without his asking. A man blind from birth sat on the side of the road, begging. Jesus stops. Jesus heals. Jesus speaks to him to complete his healing by washing his eyes. He does. He sees. And then the trouble starts for real.

The Ruling Council of Jerusalem pokes and prods him to accuse Jesus of fakery. He stands up for Jesus and Jesus calls him to follow him past the blindness of the powers and authorities that threaten him. He is the light of the world, who guides us even when we feel blind and helpless. Let us stand and say responsively our Lenten Hymn of Joy, number 324, *Be Still My Soul*:

Leader: Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side:

**People: Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;**

Leader: Leave to thy God to order and provide;

**People: In every change He faithful will remain.**

Leader: Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heavenly Friend

**People: Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

***All: Heavenly Father, Discerner of hearts, you look beneath our outward appearance and see your image in each of us. Banish in us the blindness that prevents us from recognizing truth, so we may see the world through your eyes and with the compassion of Jesus Christ who redeems us. Amen.***

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayer/?season=lent&d=25&y=17134>

Leader: I will now extinguish four Lenten Candles to remind us of the cost of the Light of Life entering the darkness of the World to free us from sin and death and hell.



**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Youth Group: 6:00PM**

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Bible Study: 10:30AM**

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Kidz Club: 6:00PM      Choir: 7:30PM**

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Session: 7:00PM**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Men's Breakfast: 7:00AM**



**Finale for Kidz Club Wednesday** March 18<sup>th</sup> – Parents invited to join at 7pm for pizza, cookies & snacks! See what your kids have been learning!

Kidz Club kids will sing in the worship service Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>



**Opportunities for Ministry During Week**

Mon.	03/16	9:00 AM	Office Closed
Tues.	03/17	10:30 AM	Bible Study
Wed.	03/18	6:00 PM	Kidz Club
		7:30 PM	Choir
Thurs.	03/19	7:00PM	Session
Sat.	03/21	7:00 AM	Men's Group

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Those assisting in worship March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Breakfast:** OPEN

**Nursery:** Rick & Della S.

**Acolyte:** Shae Crummy

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- 15- Amy Nichols
- Olivia Nicklas
- Orlo Hall
- 17- Jesse Merkel
- 18- Nathan Sawyer
- Della Serafine



It's time to order Flowers. Please turn in your orders by **The final deadline of *Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</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>
_____	..... 6" Tulips (Red, Pink, Yellow).....	\$10.00
_____	..... 6" Hyacinth (Pink, Blue).....	\$10.00
_____	..... Single stem, Multi-bloom Lilies.....	\$10.00

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

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

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

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



# Kidz Club Spring 2026 Knowing God



*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse- Romans 1:20*



**Wednesdays 6:00PM-7:30PM**  
**February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18**  
**Grades K – 6<sup>th</sup> Welcome**  
**Bible Lesson, Games, Crafts, Exercise & Snack**



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## Parents/ Grandparents Join Us

March 18<sup>th</sup> for our Kidz Club Finale

7pm we will have

Pizza, Cookies & Snacks



See what your kids have been learning over  
the past 5 weeks at Kidz Club



**Kidz Club kids are invited to sing in our  
Worship service at 11AM Sunday March  
22<sup>nd</sup>**

Please have kids here at 10:30AM for practice

**Thank You!**



# 2026 HOLY WEEK

Sponsored by the Churches of the Portersville Area Community

**Palm Sunday**

**March 29, 7 PM**

**Zion Baptist Church**

148 Currie Road

Slippery Rock, PA 16057

*Rev. Dave Muir preaching*

*Special Music by Zion Baptist*



**Maundy Thursday**

**April 2, 7 PM**

**Portersville Presbyterian Church**

1297 Perry Highway

Portersville, PA 16051

*Rev. Vince Volpa preaching*

*Special Music by Portersville Presbyterian*

*The Lord's Supper will be observed*



**Good Friday**

**April 3, 7 PM**

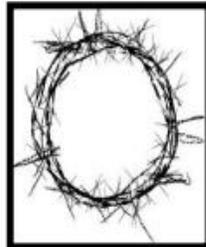
**Portersville Alliance Church**

363 East Portersville Road

Portersville, PA 16051

*Rev. Elija Bombeck preaching*

*Special Music by Portersville Alliance*



**Easter Sunday Sunrise**

**April 5, 7 AM**

**Mountville Presbyterian Church**

2795 Mountville Road

Portersville, PA 16051

*Rev. Dana Opp preaching*

*Special Music by Mountville Presbyterian*

*Continental Breakfast to follow*



**A Moment for Mission will be presented, and  
a collection will be taken each service for the following:  
Portersville Food Pantry ♦ Child Evangelism Fellowship  
Promise of Life Network ♦ City Rescue Mission**



## EASTER PROGRAM

### EGG HUNT & PARTY

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

### FELLOWSHIP HALL

### MEET AT 10 AM

