



The GoodNews Connection

Perinton Presbyterian Church

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Introducing PPC's 2025 Bible Reading Challenge

As we turn our attention to the start of a new year, I encourage you to consider making 2025 the year you read the Bible all the way through (or read it again). Two of our church members completed this challenge in 2024; here is what they say about the experience:

Casey Keefe writes...

"A New Year's "resolution" that was truly life-changing for me was setting out to read the Bible in its entirety over the course of a year. As massive an undertaking as it can be, there are great daily reading plans with various approaches available online (I opted for the chronological). Within a couple of short months, I felt the strongest connection I have ever had with our Lord. I now can't start my day without reading Scripture and look forward to revisiting the books of the Old Testament prophets for next year. It took me three attempts to complete this journey but I am so glad I did and am forever changed!"

Becky Girouard writes...

"At the beginning of last year, I downloaded the YouVersion app and start each day with a 10-minute Bible verse/ devotional time. That quiet time each morning is such a gift before the realities and responsibilities of my daily life begin! YouVersion offers a 365 day "The One Year Bible" as a plan for someone like me, who is not very knowledgeable about Scripture, to read the Bible in a year. I'm feeling God's Spirit and presence more and more, and remain in awe of how complicated, yet comforting, the Old and New Testament can be."

Reading the Bible cover to cover is a challenge, yet it is a highly rewarding one that provides a solid picture of the whole Biblical story. This is a practice I have undertaken several times in my life and always find incredibly upbuilding and insightful in my Christian faith.

I encourage you to visit the YouVersion Holy Bible app and explore the options under "Bible in a Year" to find the one that's right for you.

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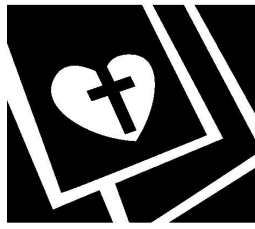
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Join us Sundays at

8:30am and 11am with

Christian Education hour

9:30-10:30am



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear PPC,

At our December 2024 meeting, the session unanimously voted to approve an updated version of our church mission statement. This is part of our preparation for calling an Associate Pastor, as one of the key things we will be asked to share is our mission statement. The update is based on our most recent (2019) version, which was created during the Rev. Janice Fitzgerald's interim ministry at PPC. You'll notice a lot that is similar to the 2019 version, along with some updates to reflect the work we've done together in the past five years, including post-Covid innovation, development of our Worship Values, and the Mission Implementation Team. The first section "Our Vision" remains the same, as does the concluding Scripture. The middle section, "Our Mission" has been revised to reflect some of the new ways we sense God moving in our midst. Thank you to Beth Farrar, Rollin Pickering, Mark Stevens, and Jen Wallace, together with our elders, for their leadership in updating our mission statement as we journey into this exciting new year at PPC.

God's peace,
Pastor Laura

OUR VISION:

Guided by God's Spirit and Grace, we are called as disciples to share Christ's love with the world.

OUR MISSION:

By connecting through Jesus Christ, sharing his love, and becoming faithful disciples, we live out our faith in word and deed. We value Worship, Scripture, Mission, Education, Outreach, Caring, and Fellowship. We seek to honor our history as well as innovate, try new approaches, and take risks to grow. We honor Christ's teaching that we are to be known by our love for God and neighbor, expressed in all we say and do, carrying out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). As a congregation we strive to live our faith, carrying Christ's love into the world in the following ways:

- Building a welcoming and inclusive family of members and friends
- Addressing the needs of our changing congregation and community
- Creating opportunities for relationships to grow
- Using our facilities and resources in dynamic and versatile ways
- Responding to evolving community needs (e.g. poverty, aging, food and housing)
- Collaborating with other congregations and organizations to serve our neighbors
- Actively participating in our church family, community, and world, sharing Christ's love with vitality, generosity, and joy.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John

13:34-35

We are called to go out and serve our Lord.

From the Deacons...

Our monthly meeting was held on December 10. We shared Christmas snacks with additional guests including Chris Routier as our Session representative and Sonya Verrillo as our guest speaker.

After our committee liaisons gave their reports, Sonya shared the new smart phone app of the Perinton Presbyterian Church. It is amazing and has everything in one app. It is being rolled out shortly and we think you will find it to be a helpful addition. Thank you, Sonya, for your expertise, your knowledge of the web is awesome, and you are truly an earth angel.

As we travel through this holiday season, may we enjoy the gatherings we attend, and the people we love.

Thank you for allowing us to be part of your family through your joys and challenges. God's blessings on each of you during this holiday season.

Celebrating 3 PPC Members in Leadership Roles within the Presbytery of Genesee Valley...

Elder Ed Daniel, Chair of the Board of Trustees and co-elder commissioner

Elder Barbara Jackson, co-elder commissioner

Elder Maurice Verrillo, Member of the Permanent Judicial Commission

We are thankful for their service to the presbytery and to churches throughout our 5-county region.

**REMINDER: We will have one worship service at
9:30am on January 5**

Sunday, January 5, 10:30am: Special congregational meeting in the sanctuary to approve the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Sunday, February 2, 9:30am: Annual Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

**All submissions to the monthly newsletter must be emailed to the office
by the 20th of the month at office@perintonpres.org.**



Introducing

The PPC Church App

Church App - Tithe.ly

<https://tithe.ly/app.link/perinton-presbyterian-church>



Having our church in your pocket

Opportunities to maintain connections beyond Sunday mornings!

- ✓ **Be Encouraged-** Prayer Wall, Sermon Notes, Audio Sermons, Videos
- ✓ **Stay Connected with Push Notifications, Events Calendar, Announcement Slides**
 - General Push Notifications only come from PPC-NOT the vendor. PPC may utilize push notifications to all users in order to communicate important updates & info.

Prayer Wall: Create Prayer Requests, indicate that you will pray, comment

- All posts/comments have to be approved by admin

Sermon Notes: Links to bulletin, scripture readings, take personal notes/reflections

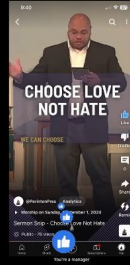
- Users can save notes to their app account or email to themselves

Intro Presentation on Jan 5 after Cong. Mtg.

See App Updates/Notes for more info!

Have You Seen

OUR NEW SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS?



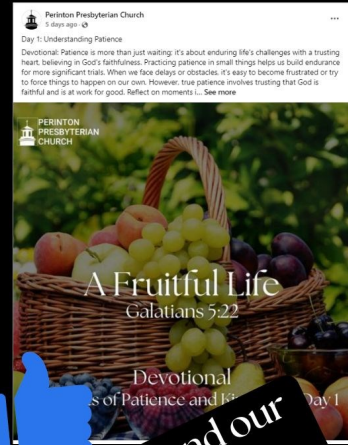
Sermon Snips

Short, vertical format videos
"Reels" or "Shorts"



5-Day Devotionals

Mon-Fri
based on Sunday's Sermon



Help us expand our reach by **LIKING & SHARING** our posts!

First Friday Dinner

January 3 at 6pm @ Flaherty's

Contact is Mary Anne Cimbricz
at ilv2sellroc@gmail.com

3rd Friday Lunch Bunch

January 17 at noon in Fellowship Hall

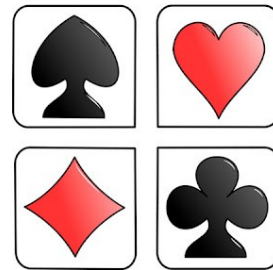
Theme: Your Favorite Soup!

Contact is Linda Knickerbocker
at dlknick@rochester.rr.com

Thursday Game Night

7pm each week
at the church

Contact is Chris Routier at
routier.cjr@gmail.com



Chancel Flowers

If you would like to sponsor a Sunday morning arrangement to honor someone, remember someone, or celebrate a special occasion, please contact Nes Rideout at (585) 425-1714 or agnes.rideout@gmail.com.

Let her know what date you would like and whether you wish to take the flowers home after the service. The cost is \$40.

Thank you!

PPC Habitat for Humanity Build Day January 25, 2025

The Mission Committee has a Build Day scheduled for Saturday, January 25. We are continuing to make progress on the home at 207 Melville, with the windows being installed soon.

If you are interested in joining us, contact Mark Stevens at mwstevens63@gmail.com or 585-739-8452. The deadline to sign up is January 17.



Beginning in JANUARY: A New Small Group for Women

A thriving community and feeling of connection are vital for any church and especially essential for women. Consider spending one hour each week forging relationships, growing in faith, and bearing each other's burdens. We will gather in a home setting for a time of fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Whether young or mature in faith, stalled or strong in spiritual discipline, curious or committed to study, all are welcome. How can we be a light in the world without the fuel to burn?

To learn more, contact Diana Lockhart at (585)732-7628 or diana.b.lockhart@gmail.com.

**Youth Fundraising Breakfast
for 2025 Work Camp Trip
January 19 @ 9:30am**



Leila Doll, Ben Eckdahl, Daryl Embling, Julie Fish, Mark Fish, Steven Fish,
Becky Girouard, Susan Heiligman, Aynsley Kendall, Mitchell Kohl, Benjamin Metcalfe,
Barb Moore, Kamden Pratt, David Roche, Becky Rubino, Mitchell Ryczek, Debbie Saylor,
Owen Shedden, Zachary Stewart, Megan Trapani, Nicholas Trapani, Dianne Valle,
Martha Verplank, Joyce Wackerman



Happy **JANUARY** Birthday to these members
of our church family!!!



*May He give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed. Psalm 20:4*

Expand Your Impact—Join our Media Team!

PPC is gifted with an amazing media team. Sonya Verrillo leads this ministry of church volunteers who provide a/v support during services on Sunday mornings, and Bill Hammond gifts us with amazing music videos, including a recent “30 Minutes of Traditional Hymns” which currently has over 11,000 views!

If YOU have a heart for helping people SEE, HEAR, and ENCOUNTER God, along with very basic tech skills, then there is a spot on the team for you. We have many easy, entry-level roles.

Contact Sonya at sonyaverrillo@gmail.com or Bill at billdhammond@gmail.com.

HAPPY 2025!



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In-Person, Online, or Call-In Option

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