

Poland Presbyterian Church



Worship for the Lord's Day
Communion Sunday
January 1, 2023

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The beginning of the Prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Meditation Before Worship

“Don't be pushed by your problems. Be led by your dreams” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Prelude January “By the Fireside” P. Tchaikovsky

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” arr. Paul Cardall

* Call to Worship Isaiah 63:7-9 (Responsive)

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely;” and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity, he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

* Hymn 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” *MENDELSSOHN*

* Prayer of Confession (unison) and Silent Confession

Let us make our confession. We have failed. And God loves us. We have forgotten. And God loves us. We have injured. And God loves us. We have gloated. And God loves us. We have hoarded. And God loves us. We have turned away. And God loves us...

* The Good News of God's Grace

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* The Gloria Patri

* Greetings in Christian Friendship

Children's Message

Anthem “Auld Lang Syne” arr. Mairi Campbell

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading Hebrews 2:10-18 (Liturgist)

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.” Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Offering
Offertory

“Count your Blessings”

arr. Greg Howlett

* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Sermon Text Matthew 2:13-23 (Liturgist)

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

The Word Proclaimed

“Big Dreaming”

Rev. Stacie Maynard

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Communion

* Closing Hymn 140

“Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

* Benediction

Postlude

“Air on the G string”

J. S. Bach

* Please stand if you are able.

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In Our Prayers...

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Barbara Moore (Windsor House)
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2023 Offering Envelopes are in the Christian Education hallway on the shelf. If you did not order them and would like a box please call Patti in the office and she will get you a set.

Men's Thomas Group meets on Thursday, January 5, 2023 starting a new book "The Weight of Glory" by C. S. Lewis. Please purchase the book on your own. All men of the church are invited. They meet at 7:30 a.m. at TJ's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Boardman.

Gentle Yoga Mat Class with Coco will be every Tuesday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Fee is \$15.00. Please call 330-402-1533 for registration and more information.

Grief Support Group—The Rev. Dr. Debra May Cerra is leading a Zoom Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Please email Rev. Cerra at ddcerra@gmail.com for the log-in information.

PPC Dry Pantry needs bars of soap, deodorant (men's and women's), dish soap, feminine products, laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, paper towels, razors, shampoo (children and adult), shaving cream, toilet paper, toothpaste (children and adult). You may put your donations in the box marked Dry Pantry on the second floor of the Christian Education building or leave them on the front porch.

Meals On Wheels has a strong need for drivers right now. Contact Dave Scott @ 330-559-4942 if you can help or if you would like more information.

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Calendar for the week of January 1, 2023

Communion Sunday, January 1, 2023

Happy New Year
No 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel
10:30-Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, January 2nd

Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 3rd

6:30-Gentle Yoga Class, Room 24
8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

Wednesday, January 4th

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom
10:00-Weekday Preschool, FH

Thursday, January 5th

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant
12:30-PPC Zoom Lunch

Thursday, January 5th, cont.

4:00-Grief Support, Zoom
6:30-Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 6th

Saturday, January 7th

Sunday, January 8th

8:30-Worship Service, Chapel
9:20-Stewardship Comm., Pastor's Office
9:20-CE Committee Meeting, Room 40
10:30-Confirmation Class
10:30-Sunday School
10:30-Worship Service, Sanctuary