

Poland Presbyterian Church



Worship for the Lord's Day
Gifts of Women Service
2nd Sunday in Lent
March 5, 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

"I believe in being strong when everything seems to be going wrong. I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls. I believe that tomorrow is another day, and I believe in miracles." Audrey Hepburn

Prelude "El Sueño" Teresa Carreño

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (10:30) "Ungdomssang (Song of Youth)" Agathe Backer Grøndahl

* Call to Worship (Responsive) Based on Ps. 34:1-4, 7-8, 14) Erika Carcelli

I will bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord and was answered.

God delivered me from all my fears.

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear God and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in God.

Depart from evil, and do good;

seek peace and pursue it.

* Hymn 100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" *STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN*

* Call to Confession (Ps. 139:23-24) Bethany Stanley

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any hurtful way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Litany of Confession (Based on Lk. 1:46-55) Bethany Stanley

Creator God, Mighty One,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Christ, and Redeemer, Have mercy on us. Holy Spirit, Counselor and Sustainer, Have mercy on us. Our God and Savior, You have looked upon us with favor, and we have been blessed: Your mercy has found us. Your strength has sustained us. Your love has redeemed us. Yet we stray from Your way.

Have mercy on us.

We confess, we don't always recognize nor show Your mercy. We confess, we believe the strength that sustains us is our own. We confess, we take Your love for granted.

Have mercy on us.

We are misled by our prejudices, fear, and pride. We cling to power and wealth for our own benefit. We confess that our love for other's wavers, and we become indifferent towards the vulnerable, ignoring the hungry and rejecting the poor.

Have mercy on us.

You came to the aid of your children, and, through Jesus, became one of us, showed us the way. Through Jesus we came to know true mercy, strength, and love.

Forgive us.

That we may recognize Your mercies and, in turn, practice mercy.

Help us.

To love as You have loved us, and to find strength in courage, humility, and service.

Restore us.

That we may walk in Your favor and magnify You in words and deeds.

For Christ, Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Bethany Stanley

Sisters, siblings, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* The Gloria Patri

* Greetings in Christian Friendship

Children's Message

Erika Carcelli

Anthem (10:30)

“We Walk By Faith”

Karen Marolli

Prayer for Illumination

Della McPherson

Almighty God, in You are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of Your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of Your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 1:45-55

Della McPherson

Offering

Offertory

“Meditation”

Cecile Chaminade

* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Sharing Concerns (8:30)

Sermon Text Ruth 1:15-18

Della McPherson

The Word Proclaimed

“Ruth's Love”

Rev. Stacie Maynard

Litany of Gratitude and Celebration

Coco Miller

Today we celebrate the blessing of God calling women at all stages in life, from diverse ages, languages, cultures, races, backgrounds and in all circumstances. We celebrate God's gifts bestowed upon us, a variety of gifts and services for the common good “activated by one and the same Spirit.” We are grateful . . .

For women of all ages who serve God and neighbor in committees and on boards, as members, elders and deacons, as mid-council leaders and beyond. For young women, tweens and teens who serve in manifold ways and for the advisors who mentor, listen and hold space for their growth in wisdom and grace. For nominating committees that recognize potential and promise, hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit in all voices, regardless of age.

We celebrate and give thanks to God!

For women who work toward a more just world, one free of biases, discrimination, food insecurity and poverty. For women entrepreneurs, homemakers, students, and volunteers who partner and lead, who sit on decision making boards, who head micro-enterprises, small businesses, nonprofits, corporations, churches, and ecclesiastical bodies.

We celebrate and give thanks to God!

For congregations, faith-based organizations and women's rights organizations advocating for and empowering women and girls. For those who work in refugee camps and border ministries. For those who work in helplines and call centers, who provide healthcare and counseling, pastoral care and accompaniment to women and families. For those who offer welcome, affirmation, safety, and care.

We give thanks to God for your service and love in action!

For foremothers, trailblazers, role models, mentors, activists, educators, reformers, innovators, peacemakers, motivators, advocates, coaches and preachers.

We celebrate and give thanks to God!

We celebrate you and we celebrate the blessing of God's call! We give thanks for the gifts this rich diversity brings to building God's kin-dom. We pray in gratitude and joy, magnifying God for God's favor!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

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 our thanks and praise...

Communion

* Closing Hymn

“Give Thanks”

GIVE THANKS

* Benediction

Rev. Stacie Maynard

Go forth and be blessed, favored ones.

God is indeed with us as we live by faith, stand in hope, and share love.

Let us witness to God's abundant grace and mercy from generation to generation.

Amen.

Postlude

“Rigadoun”

Elizabeth Jacquet de La Guerre

* Please stand if you are able.

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of Carly Carcelli's 30th birthday and Amanda James' 28th birthday, today by Erika Carcelli.

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C. E. News: The Christian Education Committee has purchased Lenten Devotionals that will be available in the narthex.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - Empty plastic Easter eggs to be filled for the Easter Egg Hunt (April 2nd) will be in the narthex today. Please return the filled eggs by Friday, March 31st.

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

Gentle Yoga Mat Class with Coco Miller 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.

PPC Dry Pantry Regular items needed are 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.

The first adult education offering of the year will be a four-week class in March on the topic of forgiveness. Dr. Anderson, Rev. Maynard, and Erika Carcelli will be facilitating this 6:00 Monday evening class using *The Book of Forgiving* by Desmond Tutu. If you are interested in joining us, please order the book and start reading. Hope to see you there!

WIT Group will meet on Monday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Longhorn Steak House, Boardman, Call Sally Covell 330-757-1706 for Reservations by Thurs., March 16th.

Calendar for the week of March 5, 2023

Communion Sunday, March 5th- Second Sunday in Lent

- Gifts of Women's Sunday

8:30-Worship Service, Chapel

9:20-Mission Committee Meeting, FH

9:20-Outreach Committee Meeting, Lib.

9:20-Parish Life Committee Meeting, CR

10:30-Confirmation Class

10:30-Sunday School

10:30-Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:30-New Members Class, Lib.

1:00-Sr. High Youth Group

Monday, March 6th

6:00-Lenten Book Group, Lib.

6:00-Cub Scouts, YH

7:30-Scouts, YH

Tuesday, March 7th

6:00-Choir Rehearsal

6:30-Gentle Yoga Class, Room 24

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

Wednesday, March 8th

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

10:00-Weekday Preschool, FH

12:00-Lenten Luncheon, Holy Family

4:30-6:00-Wonderful Wednesday

Thursday, March 9th

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant

12:30-PPC Zoom Lunch

Friday, March 10th

Saturday, March 11th

Turn clocks ahead 1 hour tonight

Sunday, March 12th – 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:30-Worship Service, Chapel

9:20-C.E. Comm., Lib.

10:30-Confirmation Class

10:30-Sunday School

10:30-Worship Service, Sanctuary

Reception to follow for 50 Year & New Members, Parlor

5:00-Sr. High Youth Group