

Poland Presbyterian Church



Worship for the Lord's Day 5th Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023

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

Meditation Before Worship

What lies behind you and what lies in front of you,
pales in comparison to what lies inside of you. Ralph Waldo Emerson

- Prelude "Solitude" Cécile Chaminade
- Welcome and Announcements
- Introit (10:30) "What Wondrous Love Is This" William Walker
- * Call to Worship (Responsive)
God has called us here. What do you see?
We see people whose lives show God's joyous embrace.
God has brought us to the place. What do you hear?
We hear God's call to treat each other as our sister and brother.
God calls us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?
We will welcome everyone in God's name.
Let us worship God!
- * Hymn 835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" *CLOSER WALK*
- * Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession (unison)
Call to remembrance, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindness, which have been, forever, from before the first day. O remember not our offenses. But forgive us from our sinful behaviors. Out of Your great love for us, You choose to treat us with mercy, grace, and goodness. You choose to overwhelm us with forgiveness, kindness, and love. Help us O Lord to keep our sins in the past, giving us the strength to move forward, living in Your light. We ask it through Christ our Lord...
- * 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
- Sacrament of Baptism Lucy Grace Stanley
Daughter of Jacob and Bethany (Edenfield) Stanley
Born December 10, 2021
- Children's Message Erika Carcelli
- Anthem (10:30) "There's Something About that Name" Stan Pethel

Prayer of Illumination (10:30-Liturgist)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what You have revealed, and do what You have commanded. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 130 (10:30-Liturgist)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Offering

Offertory

“A Foolish Man”

Joel Raney

* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Sharing Concerns (8:30)

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

Sermon Text John 4:46-54 (Liturgist)

Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my little boy dies.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, “Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.” The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he himself believed, along with his whole household. Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

The Word Proclaimed

“What Does It Take?”

Dr. Paul W. Anderson

The Great Thanksgiving (8:30)

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 (8:30)

* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Closing Hymn 634

“To God Be the Glory”

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* Benediction

Postlude

“Preludium BMV 943”

J.S. Bach

* Please stand if you are able.

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Calendar for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday, March 26th – 5th Sunday in Lent

8:30-Worship Service, Chapel
9:20-Worship & Music Committee, Lib.
10:30-Confirmation Class
No Sunday School
10:30-Worship Service with baptism, Sanctuary

Monday, March 27th

6:00-Lenten Book Group, Lib.
6:00-Cub Scouts, YH
7:30-Scouts, YH

Tuesday, March 28th

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

Wednesday, March 29th

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom
10:00-Weekday Preschool, FH
12:00-Lenten Luncheon, Holy Family
4:30-6:00-Wonderful Wednesday

Thursday, March 30th

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant
12:30-PPC Zoom Lunch
6:00-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 31st

Saturday April 1st

1:00-Middlers' Fun Day

Communion Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday

8:30-Worship Service, Chapel
9:20-NO Mission Committee
10:30-Worship Service with Children's Choir
10:30-Confirmation Class
10:45- Sunday School with Easter Egg Hunt

In Our Prayers...

David Donachie

Linda Crish

Jared Carcelli

Jeanette VanBrocklin (Woodlands)

Sandy Nittinger (Park Vista)

Doris Rice (Wickshire)

Fred Viehe

Lucy Stanley

Brandon Todd Aldan (Rehab)

Phyllis Benton (Home)

Barbara Moore

Irene Weaver (Maplecrest, Rehab)

Lenten Luncheons conclude this Wednesday with Dr. Anderson leading the devotion and Poland Presbyterian Church hosting. Tickets are available in the narthex following worship.

The Middlers' (5th-6th-7th Grades) will meet at the church from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 1st for an “April Fools Backwards Fun Day!” sponsored by the Christian Ed. Committee. **A second adult to help is needed.** There will be a backwards Easter egg hunt where they have to find the candy first to fill the eggs, a backwards dinner with dessert first, backwards Bible stories, and lots more April Fool’s fun. Please let Erika know if you can help that day.

Wonderful Wednesdays help is needed on Wednesday, March 29, the theme is outdoor fun with kites. Volunteers are needed to help assemble kites from 4:00-4:30 and people are needed to help the little ones fly the kites from 5:00-5:30. Volunteers are welcome to join us for dinner at 5:30, too. We will be on the front lawn, the Village Green, and in the back parking lot so that we can spread out the children and kites. Erika really needs our church family to help with these sweet kiddos, so please consider giving a little of your time next week.

The Poland Interfaith Food Pantry will distribute food on Tues., March 28th, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Wed., March 29th from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.. The distribution will be inside on both days at the Poland United Methodist church. If you would like more information, please call Dave Scott, at 330-559-4942.

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt - Please return your filled eggs by noon Friday, March 31st for the Palm Sunday Egg Hunt. The children will have there Easter Egg hunt after they sing at the 10:30 worship service.

Men’s Thomas Group meets every Thursday, 7:30 a.m. at TJ’s Restaurant, Holiday Inn Boardman. They are reading “Under God’s Wings” by Cornelius Plantinga. 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.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun at the **Youth Group’s 1st Karaoke Night** on April 23rd at 5:00. We would love to have you hang out with us and get to know the youth better. The cost of admission is a snack to share. Hope to see you there!

Easter Flowers 2023

Spring flowers may be ordered through the church office in **Memory** or **Honor** of loved ones to grace the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9th.



Flower orders must be into the church office no later than **Sunday, March 26th** and must be **PAID** for when the order is placed. Checks are to be made payable to Poland Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Please use this form to order.

Flowers	QTY.	Price \$	Total
LILIES		8.00	
TULIPS		8.00	
TOTALS			

In lieu of flowers a contribution is made to the following charitable organization:

Meals on Wheels \$ _____

Protestant Family Service \$ _____

In Memory or Honor of (please circle in memory or honor of)

Given by: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Nomination for Church Officer

This form is to help the Nominating Committee prepare a Slate of Officers to serve on the Session and the Board of Deacons. If you would like to nominate someone, please list his or her name below. You may write down your own name if you would like to serve. Please ask the person if he or she is willing to serve before you suggest the name of that person. Please note that this recommendation does not guarantee that person's nomination.

ELDER – Ruling elders... are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session (Book of Order G-2.0301).

I suggest _____ as an Elder

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I suggest _____ as an Elder (youth who is a current high school church member)

DEACON – The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry. (Book of Order G-2.0201).

I suggest _____ as a Deacon

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I suggest _____ as a Deacon (youth who is a current high school church member)

Name of person making nomination _____

Please submit your nominations by March 26, 2023. Please place your nominations in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. You may also contact any member of the nominating committee with a recommendation for either the Session or the Board of Deacons.

Thank you very much.
Ted Gough, elder
Randy Nord, deacon

Holly Kollar, Member at Large
Dave Scott, Member at Large
Fred Sutton, Member at Large
John Yerian, Member at Large