

Poland Presbyterian Church



April 30, 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

God has entrusted us with his most precious treasure - people. He asks us to shepherd and mold them into strong disciples, with brave faith and good character - John Ortberg

Prelude "Pastorale" Felix Alexandre Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (10:30) "Abide With Me" arr. Paul Cardall

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

As we come here this day O God

May Your justice be written on our hearts

As we come here this day

May we love each other with kindness

As we come here this day

May we be Your penitent people walking humbly and serving You with our whole lives

Come let us worship God

* Hymn 802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *ST. COLUMBA*

* Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession (unison)

Almighty God, we confess that it is so easy to stay where we are comfortable. We like the routine of doing things in the customary way. We are made uneasy by opinions that are different from ours. We don't like to deal with facts that question our beliefs and convictions. We find security in the old ways of living and thinking so we run away from new challenges, and in so doing we miss new opportunities. Forgive our fearfulness and lack of trust in You. Give us the resolve to conquer our fears and obey the commandment of our Lord and Saviour, for He said, "Follow me." Give us that faith that will follow You anywhere. In Jesus name we pray...

* 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 (10:30) "Every Valley Needs a Lily" Joseph M. Martin

Prayer of Illumination (10:30-Liturgist) Living God, help us so to hear Your Holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking Your honor and glory in all we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 100 (Liturgist to read)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Offering

Offertory

“And Can it Be?”

Dan Forrest

* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Sharing Concerns (8:30)

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

Sermon Text 1 Peter 2:19-25 (Liturgist to read)

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ‘He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.’ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word Proclaimed

“We Are Precious In His Sight”

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 753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

* Benediction

* Postlude

“Sortie”

Louis Raffy

* Please stand if you are able.

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of what would’ve been Robert and Sharon Israel’s 69th wedding anniversary. From Amy, Jeff, Drew and Will Davies.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Anderson, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Stacie Maynard, Parish Associate

Erika Carcelli, Christian Education Director

Patti Morris & Marissa Baker, Dir. of Office Services

Tammy Creighton, Media Specialist

Justin Addicott, Choir Director

Kristy Addicott, Organist

Lewis Schaft, Audio Visual Technician

Carly Carcelli, Director of Nursery

Anthony Bruccoli, Property Manager

Officers of the Poland Presbyterian Church

Clerk of Session, Dave Watts

Administration – Michael Thompson, Chair and President of the Corporation

Rob Zedaker, Vice-President of the Corporation

Christian Education - Stacy Rutana, Chair, Mindy Davis

Mission – Rob Zedaker, Chair

Nominating - Ted Gough, Chair

Outreach – Sue Perry, Chair, Doris Rice

Parish Life - Elinor Zedaker, Chair

Stewardship - Harry Wilson Chair, Della McPherson, Chair

Staff Relations – Paul Rice, Chair, Greg Blasko, Chairs

Worship and Music – Della McPherson Chair, *Lindsay Anderson

Deacons: Class of 2022 – 2023

Linda Crawford

** Linda DeLost

Jack Maxwell

Jim Ridge

* Sydney Metzinger

* Lauren Shaw

* Robin Zedaker

Class of 2023 - 2024

** Kelly Braden-Kaneski

Audrey McKinney

Donna Wolfe

* Youth Elder/Deacons

** Moderators

Class of 2024 - 2025

John Braden-Kaneski

Jared Carcelli

Diane Gesacion

Randy Nord

In Our Prayers...

David Donachie

Linda Crish

Brandon Todd Aldan (Rehab)

Jeanette VanBrocklin (Woodlands)

Sandy Nittinger (Park Vista)

Fred Viehe

Lucy Stanley

Doris Rice (Wickshire)

Phyllis Benton (Home)

Irene Weaver (Maplecrest, Rehab)

Candy Fonagy

Jared Carcelli

Barbara Moore

Megan Zimmers

The Christian Education Committee likes to celebrate Fifth Sundays by sharing a special treat with the congregation. Be on the lookout for a C.E. member after each of the services to receive your little gift.

Scouts Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 11:30 – 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. A variety of Pastas, sauces and toppings. The meal includes salad and dessert. Dine in or Take Out available. Cost is \$12.00. There is also a basket raffle to help with the Scouts fundraising efforts.

WIT Group will meet at Applebee's on Mon., May 15th, 11:30. RSVP to Sally Covell 330-757-1706 by Fri., May 12th.

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.

Retirement Celebration After 32.5 years Patti Morris is retiring as our Director of Office Services. The church will be celebrating with her by giving a luncheon after church on May 21, 2023. (see insert) It is our tradition at PPC to say goodbye to long serving staff members with a love offering. If you would like to donate to this offering please place your check or cash in an envelope marked, "love offering, attention Sheila Wadlinger." We appreciate all that Patti has done in service to PPC and we wish her all the best in her new adventure.

Calendar for the week of April 30, 2023

Sunday, April 30th

8:30 Worship Service
10:30-Confirmation Class to Methodist Church
10:30-Worship Service
11:30-5:30-Scouts Pasta Dinner, FH

Monday, May 1st

5:00-Poland Swim Club, CR
6:00-Cub Scouts, YH
7:30-Scouts, YH

Tuesday, May 2nd

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

Wednesday, May 3rd

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom
3:00-Scholarship Interviews

Thursday, May 4th

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant
12:30-Zoom Lunch
4:00-Grief Support Group, Zoom
6:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, May 5th

5:00-Hirschbeck/Streb wedding rehearsal

Saturday, May 6th

1:00-Erin Hirschbeck & Steve Streb wedding

Sunday, May 7th Confirmation Sunday

8:30 Worship Service
9:20-Parish Life Committee Meeting, CR
9:20-Mission Committee, FH
10:30-Sunday School
10:30-Congregational Meeting to elect new officers
10:30-Worship Service with Confirmands
11:30-Reception for Confirmands, Parlor

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Our annual Mother's Day Breakfast will be held in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 14, 2023. Multiple committees and individuals are working to make this a fun and relaxing morning. Admission is free. All we need is an approximate number of attendees so that we may order the food and beverages.

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by the men of the church and served by the children and teens.

RSVP from our website, place this insert in the collection plate today or mail it to the church by Wed., May 10th. Please sign below giving your name and the number of family & friends attending with you.

Name _____

Number attending _____





Please join us for a
RETIREMENT
LUNCHEON TO HONOR
Patti Morris

Sunday, May 21, 2023

11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

After 32.5 YEARS of employment, Patti Morris, Director of Office Services, is retiring from Poland Presbyterian Church on May 12th. To honor Patti and thank her for her service and dedication, please join us for a luncheon on May 21, 2023, in Fellowship Hall.

Parish Life will provide chicken and bread, while the Outreach Committee will provide dessert. Those who are able are asked to bring a side dish in a disposable container.

Please RSVP from our website, or place this insert in the collection plate today, or mail it to the office by Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Name _____

Phone _____

Number attending _____

Side dish bringing _____

SIDE dishes only please, in a **disposable container**.

