

Poland Presbyterian Church



**Confirmation**

Communion Sunday

May 7, 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

“However long the night, the dawn will break.” African Proverb

Prelude

“Winter”

by Vivaldi

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

by J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

**Congregational Meeting to Elect New Officers (10:30 a.m.)**

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Report of the Church Nominating Committee

Ted Gough

The Nominees are invited to stand in their place, if present, when their name is called.

Motion to elect the following persons to begin serving as officers in 2023

**Elders Class of 2025-2026**

- \* Nan Bennett
- \* Della McPherson
- \* Michael Thompson
- \* Elinor Zedaker

**Elders Class of 2023-2024 unexpired term**

- \* Marshall Winkler

**Deacons Class of 2025-2026**

- \* Wendy Banko

Carol Danvir

Wanda Marland

- \* Linda Watts

**Youth Deacon Class of 2023-24**

Liz Rutana

**Deacon Class of 2023-2024 unexpired term**

- \* Kim Brant

\*Previously ordained to this office.

Thank you to the Church Nominating Committee -Ted Gough

Motion to adjourn with prayer.

Closing prayer

Introit (10:30)

“Shall We Gather At the River”

arr. Greg Howlett

\* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Show us Your ways, O Lord! Lead us in Your truth, and teach us.

**Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know Your will and to follow You.**

Reveal Your vision for us; keep us focused and faithful to what You would have us do.

**Bring us together to worship and work for Your purpose, and move us forward into Your future.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn 839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

*ASSURANCE*

\* Prayer of Confession and silent time of personal confession (unison)

**Gracious God, You welcome us to the Table that invites those who are different than us. This invitation has made us uncomfortable, unsettled, and defensive. Our discomfort comes from an unwillingness to see other peoples’ perspectives. Our unsettledness comes from a dependence on the status quo. Our defensiveness comes from a belief that our image of You is the only one that matters. Inspire us to embrace the fact that diversity is strength, not weakness. Gather us to welcome the stranger, care for the oppressed, and feed the hungry. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and open us to Your Gospel that we might better embody the beloved community You call us to be. In the name of Jesus, 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

Ms. Erika Carcelli

Anthem (10:30)

“Home”

by Ruth Elaine Schram

Prayer for Illumination (10:30-Liturgist)

O God of wisdom, let these words of scripture teach our hearts, that we may hear Your joy and gladness, for the sake of Christ, Your wisdom for us. Amen.

Scripture Reading Proverbs 4:10-18 (10:30-Liturgist)

Hear, my child, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered; and if you run, you will not stumble. Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Offering

Offertory

“The Ground”

by Ola Gjeilo

\* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Sharing and Concerns (8:30)

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Sermon Text John 14:1-6 (Liturgist to read)

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and

prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way? Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Word Proclaimed

“This is the Way”

Dr. Paul W Anderson

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

\* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed (8:30)

### THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

\* Affirmation of Faith Presentation of the 2023 Confirmation Class (10:30)

Erika Carcelli

*Isabel Rose Greco, sponsored by Randy Nord*

*Daughter of Paul & Jennifer Greco*

*Samantha Blake Metzinger, sponsored by Nan Bennett*

*Daughter of Bill & Dawn Metzinger*

*Olivia Claire Noble, sponsored by Erika Carcelli*

*Daughter of Joshua & Meribeth Noble*

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Erika Carcelli

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS (*addressed to Confirmands*) Dr. Paul W. Anderson

\* CONFIRMATION LITURGY

Erika Carcelli

(*Congregation is invited to rise and affirm the faith of the Church*)

*Do you believe in God the Father?*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ?*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Dr. Paul W. Anderson

\* Closing Hymn 314

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

"Hornpipe from Water"

by George Frederick Handel

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\* Please stand if you are able.

*The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God. In loving memory of  
Ralph M. Watson by Pat Watson, Tammy, John, Johnny and Jess.*

**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

Chancel Choir

Carly Carcelli, Director of Nursery

Lewis Schaft, Audio Visual Technician

Anthony Brucoli, Property Manager

Special Music, String Quartet: Brendan Considine, Rachel Aiken, Hillary Lenton, Lynn Cardwell  
and members of the Mohawk High School Choir

***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***

**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." Donations due in the office by May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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

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**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

**Calendar for the week of May 7, 2023**

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday**

8:30 Worship Service  
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

**Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:30-Parish Life Committee Meeting, Library  
6:00-Cub Scouts, YH  
7:30-Scouts, YH

**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

10:00-1:00-PEO, CR  
6:30-Gentle Yoga Class, Room 24  
8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

**Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom  
6:00-New Officers Training, Pastor's Office

**Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant  
12:30-Zoom Lunch  
6:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal  
6:00-New Officers Training, Pastor's Office

**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Patti's LAST DAY @ PPC

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

10:00-Parish Life Set-up, FH

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 Worship Service w/communion  
9:00-Sr High Youth help w/Mother's Day Breakfast  
9:15-No Stewardship Meeting, Pastor's Office  
9:20-No Christian Ed Meeting-Lib.  
9:30- Mother's Day Breakfast, FH  
10:30-Worship Services w/Baptism  
10:30-No Sunday School