Poland Presbyterian Church



Worship for the Lord's Day June 18, 2023

Meditation

"Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines." - Henri J.M. Nouwen

Prelude "Forever Young" Robert Zimmerman

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You" Carl Trivet

Call to Worship Psalm 100

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 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.

* Hymn "How Great Thou Art" Insert

* Unison Prayer of Confession and silent time of personal confession

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

* 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

Prayer of Illumination

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Offering

Offertory "I'll Fly Away" Albert Brumley

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

Sermon Text Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife, Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So, Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.' The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

Word Proclaimed Hospitality and Unbelief Rev. Stacie Maynard

Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's Creed

* Closing Hymn "I Saw the Light" Insert

* Benediction

^{*} Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

* Please stand if you are able. Thank you Bz Volchko for providing the special music today.

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In Our Prayers...

David DonachieFred VieheBarbara MooreLinda CrishLucy StanleyMegan ZimmersBrandon Todd Aldan (Rehab)Doris Rice (Wickshire)Sara Donghia and Family

Jeanette VanBrocklin (Woodlands)

Phyllis Benton (Home)

Sandy Nittinger (Park Vista) Irene Weaver (Maplecrest, Rehab)

The Kirkin 'O' The Tartans is being held during our June 25th Outdoor Worship Service at 10:00 am. Please call the office with your clan's name if we don't have it on our list from past years. Refreshments and fellowship will follow service. **The Worship Committee** is requesting shortbread for the Kirkin' service on June 25th. Only 2 dozen per baker. Call/text Della at 330-519-8720.

Strawberry Festival Help-

Many *volunteers* are still needed to serve strawberries and ice cream for a 1-hour shift and/or help cleanup beginning around 7:00 p.m.

Coolers are needed for June 23rd. If you have any we can borrow, please label them with your name and leave them on the front porch of the Parish House. Please return bulletin insert or sign up online soon. You may also call Charlene at 330-757-1895.

Erika is looking for people to **help cut** and **cook peppers and onions** on Wednesday the 21st at 5:00 in the church kitchen for the Strawberry Festival. Bring your best knife and come in through the sanctuary doors.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 10-14th from 6:00-8:15 p.m. Link to register is on our website and in MailChimp.

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

Calendar for the week of June 18, 2023

Sunday, June 18th - Father's Day 10:00-Outdoor Worship Service 11:00-Lemonade Table

Monday, June 19th

11:30- WIT Picnic, Boardman Park

6:00-Cub Scouts, YH

6:00-Dry Pantry Distribution

7:30-Scouts, YH

Tuesday June 20th

5:30-Deacons, FH

6:00-Mission Trip Mtg, Parlor 6:30-Gentle Yoga, Room 24

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group

Wednesday, June 21st 9:00-Staff Zoom Meeting

5:00-Peppers and Onions, Kitchen

Thursday, June 22nd

8:30-Biscuit Making, Kitchen 12:30-PPC Zoom Lunch

Friday, June 23rd

5:00-Strawberry Festival, Front Lawn

6:00-Graveyard Tour Sunday, June 25th

9:20-Worship & Music Meeting, Library

10:00-Outdoor Worship Service

11:00-Lemonade Table -Kirkin o' the Tartans

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



sponsored by the Parish Life Committee will be held on Friday, June 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the church.

Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate if willing to help.
I will: (feel free to check more than one)
set up at 3:30 p.m. (adults and teenagers)
work the first shift 5:00-6:00 p.m.
work second shift 6:00-7:00 p.m.
work third shift beginning around 7:30 for help with clean up
PLEASE leave the water on the church office porch by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 22 nd – THANK YOU!
donate money to purchase buns and chips - these will be bought by the committee — please note Strawberry Festival on the memo line.
donate# case of water - (16.9oz bottles)
NAME
PHONE

`Thanks for your support!