

Poland Presbyterian Church

Worship for the Lord's Day



July 2, 2023

Meditation before Worship

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Mark Twain

Prelude

“A Patriotic Medley”

Amy J. Van Dyk

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (10:30)

“Simple Gifts”

arr. Aaron Copeland

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Our God whom we worship and adore!

Your life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death.

Your love for us is far reaching.

You have conquered the powers of hatred, humility, and bitterness,

for this we give You our thanks and praise.

Our God it is You whom we worship and adore.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

(insert)

* Unison Prayer of Confession and silent time of personal confession

Almighty God: we praise You for Your love, glory and grace. We enter Your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from You and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us. Strengthen us anew so that we may go forth serving in Your name...

* 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

Anthem

“Armed Services Medley”

arr. Hal Wright

Veterans, please stand when your branch of service is recognized.

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we lift up our hearts for Your Spirit and wisdom. Speak Your Word to us, so that we can discern Your truth, Your message, and Your peace for our lives. Amen.

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.'

Offering

Offertory

"God Leads Us Along"

arr. Greg Howlett

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

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

Sermon Text Matthew 10:40-42

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Word Proclaimed

"A Place for Everyone"

Dr. Paul 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

Mission Trip Commissioning

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells us to make disciples. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus calls us to go and tell the good news to everyone, everywhere. In the gospel of Luke, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to be with us. And in the gospel of John, Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you" (20:21).

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, you have been equipped to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and to represent Poland Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian Churches as you go to help others beyond our community. Let us affirm together what Jesus teaches us:

Leader: Guiding and loving God, empower these people to be your hands and feet. Help them to glorify you by serving others.

Mission Trip Participants: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you to go." "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." (- John 15:16; 20:21, NIV)

Leader: For the mission trip participants, please answer the following questions. Do you recognize your mission as being sent forth by God to a specific service? **(I do)**

Have you accepted it as a commission from God to go and act on His behalf? **(I have)**

Will you serve faithfully in ways that will bring honor and glory to the Lord? **(I will)**

Leader: would the congregation please answer the following questions.

Will you support this valuable and unique ministry? **(We will)**

Will you encourage the Mission Trip participants in their work? **(We will)**

Will you pray for God’s Holy Spirit to fill, empower, and guide them? **(We will)**

Leader: Whatever you do, work with all your heart. Wherever you are, know that Christ is with you. Whomever you serve, remember it is the Lord whom you are serving.

* Prayer

* Hymn “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (insert)

* Benediction

* Postlude “Battle Hymn of the Republic” arr. Ivan Lohvin

* Please stand if you are able.

Church Staff

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

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** Moderators

In Our Prayers...

David Donachie

Fred Viehe

Barbara Moore

Linda Crish

Lucy Stanley

Brandon Todd Aldan (Rehab)

Doris Rice (Wickshire)

Jeanette VanBrocklin (Woodlands)

Irene Weaver (Maplecrest, Rehab)

Sandy Nittinger (Park Vista)

Megan Zimmers

The Worship/Music Committee would like to thank all the shortbread bakers who baked for the Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan. Since most shortbread recipes contain only 3 ingredients it is amazing the variety (in both appearance and taste) that appeared on the Kirkin’ table on Sunday morning. Our thanks, also, to Carole and Jack Maxwell for the authentic Scottish kilts and table decorations. Everyone’s efforts made Sunday a great day of worship and being together.

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.

Our Mission Trip partner in Charleston, West Virginia collects travel-size hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.) because they are always needed for community members experiencing homelessness. Donations will go directly to a local partner to be packaged into hygiene kits to be given to community members in need. We will be accepting these items to bring with us to donate. There will be a box on the church porch for these items.

Donations- Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Strawberry Festival. The extra bottles of water will be used for the youth mission trip and Vacation Bible School. Erika can use some help after this Sunday’s service carrying the extra cases of water from the church porch to the freezer room.

WIT Group will be meeting July 17th at Reserve Run Golf Course - Another Round Restaurant @ 11:30 a.m. 625 E. Western Reserve Rd. Poland, OH. Please RSVP by July 14th to Sally Covell @ 330-757-1706.

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. (There will be no Yoga on July 4th, 11th & 18th).

Calendar for the week of June 4, 2023

Sunday, July 2nd

9:00- Outreach Meeting, Library

No Mission Committee

10:00-Worship Service, Outdoors w/Communion

11:00-Lemonade Table

Monday, July 3rd

7:30-Scouts, YH

Tuesday, July 4th Independence Day

Office Closed

No Gentle Yoga Class

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

Wednesday, July 5th

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

Sr High Mission Trip (Day 1/4) Charleston, WV

11:45 Participants to arrive

12:00 Mission Trip departs

Thursday, July 6th

Sr High Mission Trip (Day 2/4) Charleston, WV

12:30-Zoom Lunch

4:00- Grief Support Group- Zoom

Friday, July 7th

Sr High Mission Trip (Day 3/4) Charleston, WV

Saturday, July 8th

Sr High Mission Trip (Day 4/4) Charleston, WV

Sunday, July 9th

9:15-Stewardship Meeting, Pastor's Office

No Christian Ed Meeting

9:20-Parish Life Meeting, CR

10:00- Worship Service, Outdoors11

11:00-Lemonade Table