

Poland Presbyterian Church



Worship for the Lord's Day July 30, 2023

Meditation before Worship

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller

Prelude	“The Swan”	Camille Saint-Saens
Welcome and Announcements		
Introit	“Liederkreis, Op. 39 No. 1”	Robert Shumann
* Call to Worship (Responsive) Let us worship our wonderful God, the One who reigns over all creation. God creates all things, Without God there is nothing. May God be with us this and every day, May the Lord bless us with peace!		Colin Anderson
* Hymn	“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”	(insert)
* Unison Prayer of Confession and silent time of personal confession O God how glad we are that You love us through and through, and that You have called us Your own children. We know by what pains You have claimed us, the pain of death upon a cross. We come to You with all we have to offer, a broken and contrite heart. Forgive our sin, help us to begin anew so that we may speak Your Word of truth and learn as we follow in Your ways, in Christ 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		
Anthem	“Ave Maria”	Bach/Gounod

Prayer for Illumination

O God, Your Word is the Light of the World, guide us through our dark moments. Put in our minds Your truth and knowledge. Put in our hearts Your love and forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 128

Happy is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways. You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Thus, shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

Offering

Offertory

“Nightlights”

Heather Sorenson

Prayer of Dedication

* Doxology

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Sermon Text - Luke 9:23-27

Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.'

Word Proclaimed

“Can We Do What is Being Asked?”

Dr. Paul W. Anderson

* Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's Creed

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.

* Hymn

“Change My Heart, O God”

(insert)

* Benediction

* Postlude

“Preambulum BMV 924”

J. S. Bach

* Please stand if you are able.

Thank you to Stevie Zitkovich for the special music today.

Church Staff

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Deacons: Class of 2023-2024: Kim Brant, Kelly Braden-Kaneski, Audrey McKinney, Donna Wolfe, Liz Rutana, Youth

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Class of 2025-2026: ** Wendy Banko, Carol Danvir, Wanda Marland, Linda Watts

** Moderator

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)

Irene Weaver (Maplecrest, Rehab)

Barbara Moore

Megan Zimmers

Amanda James

Erika Carcelli

Ben DiRienzo (Austinwoods, Rehab)

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

WIT lunch will be on Monday, August 21st at 11:30 a.m., at Tigers Table - 10499 Main St., New Middletown. Call Sally Covell 330-757-1706 by August 18th to RSVP.

The Christian Education Committee will be celebrating another Fifth Sunday by offering ice cream floats and tasty treats at this week's Lemonade Table. "Float" on over for some fellowship after today's service.

Senior High Group - Erika is looking for help with the senior high group this fall. She needs people to help with meals, games, service projects, and leading lessons. Working with the teens is an amazing way to help guide this next generation. Feel free to contact her anytime.

Calendar for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday, July 30th

10:00-Worship Service, Outdoors

11:00-Lemonade Table- Ice Cream Floats, C.E.

Monday, July 31st

7:30-Scouts, YH

Tuesday, August 1st

6:30-Gentle Yoga, Room 24

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

Wednesday, August 2nd

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

Thursday, August 3rd

12:30-Zoom Lunch

4:00-Grief Support Group, Zoom

Friday, August 4th

Saturday, August 5th

Sunday, August 6th

9:00-Outreach mtg., Library

9:00-Mission Committee

10:00-Worship Service, Outdoors

11:00-Lemonade Table, Worship & Music