

Poland Presbyterian Church  
Poland Presbyterian Church founded May 3, 1802  
August 23, 2020

The beginning of the Prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Meditation before Worship

By my definition, prayer is consciously hanging out with God.  
Being with God in a deliberate way. -Malcom Boyd

Prelude "If With All Your Hearts" Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship (Responsive)

L: Every morning is God's gift.

**P: Let us praise God!**

L: Every morning God's mercies are new!

**P: God's grace is unending.**

L: Every morning we awaken to God's love.

**P: God invites us to receive and give the gift of love.**

L: Let us worship God.

Musical Interlude "Take My Life"

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

**Gracious God, You have given us life and blessed us with an abundance of gifts. Your love for us is sure and Your blessings are rich and full of plenty. We have everything we need to live in a way that serves Your people and demonstrates Your love. Instead of conveying Your love and grace to the world, we show a faith that fades in trouble, and enthusiasm that burns out, a hope that is fleeting, and forgiveness that has strings attached. Give us, O God, Your trust so that we can live every moment proclaiming Your loving-kindness. For the sake of our Savior...**

The Good News of God's Grace

L: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel!

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

(Please remain in your chairs, turn and offer those around you the peace of Christ, by looking at them and placing your hand over your heart, or by placing your hands in the prayer position and giving a slight nod.)

Anthem

“Panis Angelicus”

Cesar Franck

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Sermon Text – Romans 12:1-8 (Liturgist to read)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word Proclaimed

“The Gifts that Keep on Giving”

Dr. Paul Anderson

Musical Interlude

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

Purcell

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Thank you for being here today. We appreciate that we can all be together under these circumstances. Please continue to social distance after worship.

Music provided by Steve Pridon, Director of Music/Organist and Susan Sexton, trumpet

*The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of  
Bob and Allan Eich by Sue Eich and family.*

In Our Prayers...

*Leslie Willams* (on the death of her son, Doug)

*Mike Simington* (The Inn at Poland Way)

*Jeanette VanBrocklin* (Hampton Woods)

*Phyllis Benton* (Home)

*Paula Lidle* (Home)

*Amy Davies* (Home)

*Sandy Nittinger* (Park Vista)

*Verda Byler* (Beeghly)

*Jan Harper* (Home)

*Cloy Stewart* (Hampton Woods)

*Brandon Todd Aldan* (Rehab)

**Sunday Worship Services** are outside on the grass in front of the Parish House weather permitting. We feel that this will be a great way to be together in a safe manner and worship God together. Service will still be at 10:00 a.m. You will bring your own chairs so that you can safely social distance. We will still be recording worship that can be viewed a little later in the day for those who feel safer at home.

**In Person Worship Service: Here are a few reminders to follow for the services.**

- As we continue in-person worship we will be doing so in a safe and deliberate manner. This means nursery care will be offered at a later time. We encourage children to remain in the Sanctuary with their families. Thank you for your support and understanding.
- As a reminder the parking lot entrance door nearest the graveyard will be locked. The parking lot entrance door nearest the elevator will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. The entrance door leading into the Sanctuary will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- If entering from the parking lot please use the second floor hallway to enter the sanctuary. The first floor is still under refurbishment so be careful.
- The video of the service will be posted on our website, Facebook page, and will be sent out via Mailchimp as soon as possible following the worship service ending.
- We ask that when you come to church please do not greet each other with handshakes or hugs.
- Please observe social distancing.
- For the consideration of our members, everyone should wear masks.
- Hand sanitizers will remain available.
- If anyone wishes to have a bulletin, please print this out at home and bring it with you to the service or open this link up on your phone or tablet to follow along during the service.
- Music will be played throughout worship instead of hymns.
- After the Benediction the congregation should continue social distancing.

**The Story Book Study** continues studying the New Testament on Wednesdays at 6:30 on the front lawn of the church. New participants are always welcome. (If the Governor sets any new mandates about closing, we will be meeting through Zoom)

**Dry Pantry** The PPC Dry Pantry needs deodorant. You may put your donations in the box marked Dry Pantry on the second floor of the Christian Education building or leave on the front porch of the Parish House. Thank you!

**The Poland Interfaith Food Pantry** will be distributing food on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The distribution will be a drive through at the Poland United Methodist Church portico. They will strictly maintain a social distance and all groceries will be placed in the client's trunk – NOT in the passenger compartment. If you, or any clients, want more information, please call Dave Scott, at 330-559-4942.

**Cookbooks** – Cookbooks are still available. Contact Erika if you ordered one and did not pick it up or if you would like to purchase one for \$8 or two for \$15.

### **Calendar for the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:00-Outside Worship Service

Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00-Zoom Staff Meeting

6:30 *The Story* - Adult Bible Study, front church lawn

Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

12:00-PPC Zoom Lunch

Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00-Outside Worship Service