

Poland Presbyterian Church  
Poland Presbyterian Church founded May 3, 1802  
January 17, 2021

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

Meditation before Worship

What really matters is how God sees me. He isn't concerned with labels;  
He is concerned about the state of a person's soul. - Billy Graham

Prelude "Seek Ye First" Arr. Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship (Responsive)

L: Our hearts are a sanctuary for God,

**P: May they be pure and full of integrity.**

L: Our hearts are a sanctuary for God,

**P: May they offer God our thanks and praise.**

L: Our hearts are a sanctuary for God,

**P: May they be moved by goodness and love.**

L: Let us worship God.

Musical interlude "God of Our Life"

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

**Gracious Father, while Your Son desires to gather us in the wide embrace of His love, we confess our own heart's desire lies elsewhere. We disobey Your teaching; and our ears have been deaf to Your call, and to the cries of our neighbors. In thought, word and deed we have hurt others and dishonored Your Name. In Your great mercy forgive us and receive us yet again as Your beloved children; not because we are worthy, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave Himself for us. In Jesus' Name we pray...**

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.**

Anthem "Knowing You" Graham Kendrick

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Sermon Text Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Liturgist to read)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it... For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Word Proclaimed

“Oh How You Know Me”

Rev. Stacie Pitts

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.**

Musical Interlude

“In My Life”

Benediction

Postlude

“Morning Trumpet”

Arr. Kuehlman

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Music provided by Steve Pridon, Director of Music and Elizabeth Shewell-flute

*In Our Prayers...*

*Paul Rice & Family*

*Mike Simington* (The Inn at Poland Way)

*Jeanette VanBrocklin* (Hampton Woods)

*Phyllis Benton* (Home)

*Paula Lidle* (Home)

*Sandy Nittinger* (Park Vista)

*Verda Byler* (Beeghly)

*Jan Harper* (Home)

*Cloy Stewart* (Hampton Woods)

*Brandon Todd Aldan* (Rehab)

*Art Bouwers* (Home)

**Wednesday Book Study - 6:30 p.m., on Zoom** *Believe, Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus* Erika will lead a 31-session book study starting January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Grief Support Group**—The Rev. Dr. Debra May Cerra is leading a Zoom Grief Support Group January 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The sign-in credentials to get into the Zoom room remains the same as the past grief meetings. Contact Tammy at 330-719-8176 if you no longer have the email or need assistance logging into Zoom.

**Thomas Group**- The men have chosen “*The Best American Essay of the Century*” by Joyce Carol Oates as their next book. Discussion of chapter one will begin on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. The book can be purchased for \$15 from Amazon. All men of the church are invited to attend via Zoom on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. Contact Dr. Anderson if interested in more information or class link.

**Dry Pantry** needs bars of soap, deodorant (men’s and women’s), dish soap, feminine products, laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, paper towels, razors, shampoo (children’s and adult’s), shaving cream, toilet paper, toothpaste (children’s and adult’s). 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.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** Donations of boxes of cereal for the Poland Interfaith Food Pantry can be left on the porch of the Parish House. Monetary donations can be mailed to our office with ”Souper Bowl” indicated on the memo line of the check. All money collected will be used to purchase cereal for the Food Pantry.

**Christian Connection “Fifth Sunday”** Everyone is invited to PPC’s Zoom Cooking Class at 1:00 p.m. on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Soup is the theme of this session! Link information is available on our website and in MailChimp.

## **Calendar for the week of January 17, 2021**

### **Sunday, January 17th**

10:00-Video Worship Service

### **Mon., January 18th**

5:30-Administration Committee Zoom Meeting

6:00-Dry Pantry Distribution

### **Tues., January 19th**

6:30-Deacons Zoom Meeting

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group Zoom

### **Wed., January 20th**

9:00-Zoom Staff Meeting

6:45-Session Zoom Meeting

### **Thurs., January 21st**

7:30-Thomas Group Zoom Meeting

12:00-Zoom Lunch

4:00-Grief Support Group Zoom Meeting

### **Fri., January 22nd**

### **Sat., January 23rd**

### **Sunday, January 24th**

10:00-Video Worship Service

1:00-Confirmation Zoom Meeting

5:00-Sr. High Youth Zoom Meeting