

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

Meditation Before Worship

“At Baptism, I received grace - that quality that makes me share
in the very nature of God. Mother Angelica

Prelude “Andante” Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (10:30)

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ.

He breaks the power of sin and evil, and delivers us to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, the giver and renewer of life.

**In gratitude to God, Empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ
in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joy filled lives.**

Let us worship God.

* Hymn 299 “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” *HANOVER*

* Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession (unison)

**Holy God, in Your presence we recognize our need, and we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against You; we are jealous of others, seldom
content with our blessings, and we find it hard to forgive as we should. Have mercy
on us and forgive our sins and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
for the sake of Jesus 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 (10:30) “Grace Alone” Arr. James Koerts
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination (10:30-Liturgist)

Ever-loving God, whose Word is life, and whose touch brings healing and salvation, make your Word real to us now. Speak Your presence in our hearts and lives, that we may know the reality of Your grace, and bear it to others in Your name. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 29 (10:30-Liturgist)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!” The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Offering

Offertory

“O Rest in the Lord”

Felix Mendelssohn

* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Sharing Concerns (8:30)

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

Sermon Text Acts 8:14-25 (Liturgist)

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, “Give me also this power so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God's gift with money! You have no part or share in this, for your heart is not right before God. Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and the chains of wickedness.” Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may happen to me.” Now after Peter and John had testified and spoken

In Our Prayers...

Cloy Stewart (Hampton Woods)
Brandon Todd Aldan (Rehab)
Phyllis Benton (Home)

Sandy Nittinger (Park Vista)
Jeanette VanBrocklin (Woodlands)

Nursery Available - Nursery services are available on the first floor every Sunday morning from 8:15-11:45 for children three years and younger.

Thomas Group meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. at TJ's Holiday Inn. They are reading "The Great Theologians: A Brief Guide" by Gerald R. McDermott. Cost of the books is \$18.00.

Grief Support Group—The Rev. Dr. Debra May Cerra is leading a Zoom Grief Support Group January 20th. Please contact Tammy at 330-719-8176 or Rev. Cerra if you do not have the log-in information.

PPC 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.

Wonderful Wednesday will start on January 12th. Please RSVP on our website www.polandpresbyterian.org so that Erika knows how many children will be attending in January. Please note there will be NO Sunday School or Confirmation Classes on December 26th and January 2nd.

The Poland Interfaith Food Pantry will be distributing food on Tuesday, January 25th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Wednesday, January 26th from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. **Please note the Food Pantry is returning to an "inside" distribution, as it was before the pandemic.** If you, or any clients, have questions or want more information, please have them call me, Dave Scott, at 330-559-4942.

Thank You - On behalf of Dr. Anderson, Rev. Maynard, and the Stewardship Committee we would like to thank the congregation of Poland Presbyterian Church for providing the funds necessary to operate the church for the year 2022. Your love and support make it possible for all of us to do God's work and serve God's people. As we all know the last 2 years have impacted our lives in many ways, including our church family. We are grateful that as a church we have done our part to remain a faithful congregation. Thank you and God Bless, Harry Wilson, Stewardship Chairperson.

or January 2nd. Officers of the Poland Presbyterian Church

Administration – Dave Shepherd, Chair and President of the Corporation
Michael Thompson, Vice-President of the Corporation
Christian Education - Stacy Rutana, Chair, Mindy Davis
Mission – Rob Zedaker, Chair, Greg Blasko
Nominating - Rachel Mullis Chair, Dave Watts, Session Clerk
Outreach - Jeanne Rostan, Chair, Doris Rice
Parish Life - Elinor Zedaker, Chair
Stewardship - Harry Wilson Chair, Della McPherson
Staff Relations - Jeanne Rostan Chair, Michael Thompson
Worship and Music – Della McPherson Chair, *Colin Anderson

Deacons: Class of 2021 – 2022

Jared Carcelli
Alison Kaufman
Debbie Lonardo
Joanne Pavlock
* Lindsay Anderson
* Mary Brant
* Nadia Zarbaugh

Class of 2022 – 2023

Linda Crawford
Linda DeLost
Jack Maxwell
Jim Ridge
* Youth Elder/Deacons

Class of 2023 - 2024

Sue Bunish
Kelly Braden-Kaneski
Audrey McKinney
Donna Wolfe

Calendar for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday, January 9th

8:30-Worship Service, Chapel
9:20-C.E. Committee Meeting, Parlor
9:20-Outreach Committee Meeting, Pastor's Office
10:30-Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30-Confirmation/Sunday School Classes, Rm. 26
4:00-Senior High Youth Group, Loft

Monday, January 10th

6:00-Cub Scouts, YH
6:30-Book Study with Rev. Stacie, Parlor
7:30-Boy Scouts, YH

Tuesday, January 11th

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

Wednesday, January 12th

9:00-Staff Meeting, Zoom
4:30-Wonderful Wednesday

Thursday, January 13th

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant
12:00-Zoom Lunch
6:00-Choir Practice
7:00-Handbell Practice

Friday, January 14th

Annual Reports (Staff & Committees) due to Church Office

Saturday, January 15th

Sunday, January 16th

8:30-Worship Service, Chapel
9:20-Administration Meeting, Pastor's office
10:30-Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30-Confirmation/Sunday School Classes, Rm. 26
4:00-Senior High Youth Group, Loft