

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

Meditation Before Worship

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in by looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen. -Sarum Primer (c. 1514)

Prelude "Days of Elijah" Robin Mark

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship (Responsive) [from Psalm 113]

L: Hallelujah! God praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

P: Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

L: From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

P: High above all nations is the Lord, whose glory is above the heavens.

L: Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

P: The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

L: The Lord sets them with the nobles, with the nobles of the chosen people.

P: The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.

Musical Interlude "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your Law, we have rebelled against Your Love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

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

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Sermon Text – Luke 7:1-17 (Liturgist to read)

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health. Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

Word Proclaimed

“Are you a Ditch or a Grand Canyon?”

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; 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

“O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine”

* Benediction

* Postlude

“Rock of Ages”

Thomas Hastings

Whether you are worshipping at home or in person we thank you for being here today. We appreciate that we can all be together under these circumstances.

Music provided by Steve Pridon, Director of Music

*The flowers are given to the glory of God in
loving memory of Wiley Perry by Sue Perry.*

In Our Prayers...

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)

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.

Thomas Group began on Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 7:30 am via Zoom. The book is entitled "*When God Interrupts*" by M. Craig Barnes. You can purchase the book on your own or arrange with Dr. Anderson to purchase it through the church office for \$15 dollars.

Senior High Youth Group (9-12 grades) We will be meeting every other Sunday evening from 5:00 – 6:00. The next meeting will be this evening, October 18th at the Maze Craze in New Springfield. Please meet at the main entrance of the Maze Craze at 5:00.

Dry Pantry needs boxes of tissues. 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.

New Members' Class will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25th following our worship service. Weather permitting, this class will be held outside. If interested in becoming a member contact Dr. Anderson or the church office.

2020 Youngstown CROP Hunger WALK - Thank you to the 39 walkers, four dogs, and two cats who walked "virtually" this year during the weekend of the CROP Walk which was on Sunday, October 11th. Thank you also to those who donated a total of \$1,190. Different venues for the walk included: Park City, Utah; Conneaut, Ohio; northeastern PA; Poland Forest; the Boardman YMCA; Boardman Park; Mill Creek Preserve; Salem Carriage House Tour; Poland and Struthers neighborhoods; Sewickley, PA; and even walking in a member's home. Donations can still be made on-line at the Youngstown CROP Hunger Walk website and checks may be donated to CWS/CROP and sent to the church by Sunday, October 25th.

Calendar for the week of October 18th

Sunday, October 18th

10:00-Outdoor Worship Service

10:15-Confirmation Class, front church lawn

5:00-Sr. High Youth at Maze Craze

Monday, October 19th

6:00-Dry Pantry

7:00-Boy Scouts, YH

Tuesday, October 20th

2:00-Confirmation Class, front church lawn

6:00-Deacons Meeting, front church lawn

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, FH

Wednesday, October 21st

9:00-Zoom Staff Meeting

No -*The Story* - Adult Bible Study, front church lawn

6:45-Session Zoom Meeting

Thursday, October 22nd

7:30-Thomas Group Meeting, Zoom

12:00-PPC Zoom Lunch

Friday, October 23rd

Saturday, October 24th

Sunday, October 25th

10:00-Outdoor Worship Service

10:15-Confirmation Class, front church lawn

11:00-New Members Class, outside (weather permitting)

5:00-Trunk or Treat, parking lot