

*Poland Presbyterian Church*



Worship for the Lord's Day  
January 15, 2023

## 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

We are each made for goodness, love and compassion. Our lives are transformed as much as the world is when we live with these truths. -Desmond Tutu

Prelude "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Paul Cardall

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (10:30) "Morning Has Broken" arr. Phillip Keveren

\* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Jesus said, "If you make my Gospel the fixed centre of your life, you really are my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

**Lord Jesus, we come to hear Your message, to know Your truth, to strengthen our faith and to serve You better with our lives.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn 299 "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" *HANOVER*

\* Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession (unison)

**As we gather here in this place of worship, keep us from all the things which draw us away from Your goodness and love: the sarcastic tongue, the critical eye, the ears that love gossip, the mind which thinks the worst, and the heart which only loves itself. Give to us O God, Your guidance and blessings which will empower us to bear one another's burdens, and forgive one another's faults. Give us a sympathetic, unselfish, and understanding heart. Give us a temper and tongue which are always under control, and give us the determination to treat others as we would have them treat us. Help us to love, always remembering that in You we live and move and have our being. We ask these things in Christ's name ....**

\* 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

Children's Message Erika Carcelli

Anthem (10:30) "Blessed Are They" Joel Raney

Prayer of Illumination (10:30-Liturgist)

God, source of all light, by Your Word You give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 103:15-22 (10:30-Liturgist)

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will. Bless the Lord, all his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Offering

Offertory

“In Christ Alone”

Joel Raney

\* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Sharing Concerns (8:30)

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

Sermon Text Matthew 6: 32-34 (Liturgist)

For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today

The Word Proclaimed

“Thy Kingdom Come”

Dr. Paul W. Anderson

The Great Thanksgiving (8:30)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise...**

Communion (8:30)

\* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed (in unison)

**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.**

\* Closing Hymn 175

“Seek Ye First”

*LAFFERTY*

\* Benediction

Postlude

“Sortie Brève”

Joseph Bucciali

\* Please stand if you are able.

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*In Our Prayers...*

*Steve Meloy* (Home)  
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**2023 Offering Envelopes** are in the Christian Education hallway on the shelf. If you did not order them and would like a box please call Patti in the office and she will get you a set.

**Men's Thomas Group** meets every Thursday, meet at 7:30 a.m. at TJ's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Boardman. They are reading "The Weight of Glory" by C. S. Lewis. Please purchase the book on your own. All men of the church are invited.

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

**W.I.T. Group** will meet on Monday, January 16 at noon for lunch at Steamers, Market St. Contact Sue Perry at 330-757-9268 for reservations.

**Grief Support Group**—The Rev. Dr. Debra May Cerra is leading a Zoom Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Please email Rev. Cerra at [ddcerra@gmail.com](mailto:ddcerra@gmail.com) for the log-in information.

**PPC Dry Pantry** Over the last few months, the Dry Pantry has added several new families with babies and toddlers and we also have two families with babies on the way. We are in need of newborn, size 4, size 5, and size 7 diapers as well as diaper wipes, baby shampoo, and baby wash. Regular items needed are bars of soap, deodorant (men's and women's), dish soap, feminine products, laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, paper towels, razors, shampoo (children and adult), shaving cream, toilet paper, toothpaste (children and adult). You may put your donations in the box marked Dry Pantry on the second floor of the Christian Education building or leave them on the front porch. Thank you for your generous support of the Dry Pantry.

**The Poland Interfaith Food Pantry** will distribute food on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The distribution will be inside on Tuesday evening and a drive-thru on Wednesday morning at the Poland United Methodist Church portico. If you, or any parishioners, want more information, please have them call Dave Scott, at 330-559-4942.

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**Calendar for the week of January 15, 2023**

**Sunday, January 15th**

8:30-Worship Service, Chapel  
9:20-Administration Comm., Pastor's Office  
10:30-Confirmation Class  
10:30-Sunday School  
10:30-Worship Service, Sanctuary

**Monday, January 16th**

12:00-WIT Lunch at Steamers, Market Street

6:00-PPC Dry Pantry Distribution

6:00-Cub Scouts, YH

7:30-Scouts, YH

**Tuesday, January 17th**

11:30-Trailwood Gardeners, CP

6:30-Gentle Yoga Class, Room 24

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

**Wednesday, January 18th**

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

10:00-Weekday Preschool, FH

**Thursday, January 19th**

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant

12:30-PPC Zoom Lunch

4:00-Grief Support Group, Zoom

6:00-Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 20th**

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

10:00-Bob Maurice visitation

11:00-Bob Maurice Memorial Service

Followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall then a graveside service

**Sunday, January 22nd**

8:30-Worship Service, Chapel

9:20-Worship & Music Comm., Lib.

10:30-Confirmation Class

10:30-Sunday School

10:30-Worship Service, Sanctuary

12:00-Sr. High Youth Mission Trip Meeting with parents, students, volunteers