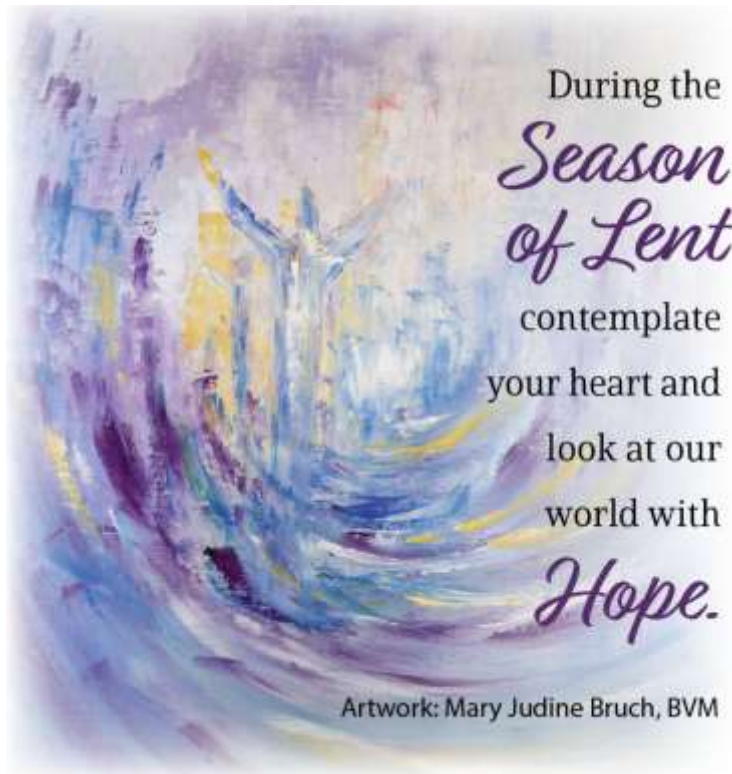


Poland Presbyterian Church



Worship for the Lord's Day
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 12, 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

Let us preach Christ, let us be faithful to proclaiming the Gospel,
but let's leave judgment in the hands of God. Tony Campolo

Prelude "Arioso" J. S. Bach

Welcome of New Members and Announcements

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Introit (10:30) "Lead Me to Calvary" arr. Greg Howlett

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Worship is a time of celebration

We gather in Jesus name to offer God our praise

Worship is a time to give

We gather here to give God our hearts, minds, and soul

Worship is a time to let go

In this hour may we let go of all that is holding us back from being with God

Come let us worship

* Hymn 833

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

ST. MARGARET

* Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession (unison)

Loving Creator, You are Lord of all. Help us to live as a gracious family that spans the world and works together to bear the best marks of family life. Encourage us to celebrate the best in one another, to be kind and gentle, and to bear with each other through the most difficult of days. Make us compassionate toward those living in pain and turmoil. Give us prayerful hearts for those who are seeking Your love. Forgive us O God when our daily thoughts and actions do not reflect Your goodness. Forgive us when our wants outweigh what is right, and our desires stop us from living in a manner that would please You. Help us to put You first in all we do, and bring honor and glory to Your name. In Christ 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

Children's Message

Erika Carcelli

Anthem (10:30)

"This is My Father's World"

Babcock & Strite

Prayer of Illumination (10:30-Liturgist)

God of all creation, send Your Holy Spirit among us this day, that the seed of Your Word might take root in our hearts, and bear the fruits of peace, love, and justice for all. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 95 (10:30-Liturgist)

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways.’ Therefore in my anger I swore, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’

Offering

Offertory

“O God, Our Hope Our Help”

arr. Marty Parks

* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Sharing Concerns (8:30)

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

Sermon Text John 5:19-24 (Liturgist)

Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own but only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life.

The Word Proclaimed

“From Death to Life”

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 - Recognition of 50 Year Members (Adapted from Book of Common Worship – Thanksgiving Litany p.544)

L: We come here today O God as a grateful people. For the Church universal, and for this congregation.

P: We give You thanks, O God.

L: For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service.

P: We give You thanks, O God.

L: For Your presence among us, for Your grace given to us, for the sacraments in which we share.

P: We give You thanks, O God.

L: For the ministries of our church, for the faithfulness of our members, for the love we show one another.

P: We give You thanks, O God.

L: Today, we celebrate with those who have been members of Poland Presbyterian Church for fifty years or more.

P: We admire their dedication, their leadership, and their ministry to each of us over the years.

L: We are grateful that their faith has remained strong,

P: and that we have learned from their example.

L: We thank them for all they have done for God and the community.

P: We thank them for serving and helping this church to thrive.

L: Continue to put Your Spirit in us, O God, so that all of us, young and seasoned members alike can do Your work and share Your love. Amen.

* Closing Hymn 458 (sing twice) “Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

THY WORD

* Benediction

Postlude

“Preambulum BMV 924”

J. S. Bach

* Please stand if you are able.

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of the 50 Year Members of Poland Presbyterian Church.

In Our Prayers...

David Donachie

Fred Viehe

Linda Crish

Lucy Stanley

Jared Carcelli

Brandon Todd Aldan (Rehab)

Jeanette VanBrocklin (Woodlands)

Phyllis Benton (Home)

Sandy Nittinger (Park Vista)

Barbara Moore

Doris Rice (Hampton Wood Rehab)

Irene Weaver (Maplecrest, rehab)

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt - Empty plastic Easter eggs to be filled for the Easter Egg Hunt (April 2nd) will be in the narthex today. Please return the filled eggs by Friday, March 31st.

Men’s Thomas Group meets every Thursday, 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 Miller 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.

PPC Dry Pantry 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.

Lenten Book Study continues thru March on the topic of forgiveness. Dr. Anderson, Rev. Maynard, and Erika Carcelli are facilitating this 6:00 Monday evening class using *The Book of Forgiving* by Desmond Tutu. If you are interested in joining us, please order the book and start reading. Hope to see you there!

WIT Group will meet on Monday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Longhorn Steak House, Boardman, Call Sally Covell 330-757-1706 for Reservations by Thurs., March 16th.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Anderson, Pastor/Head of Staff
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Kristy Addicott, Organist
Chancel Choir
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Anthony Brucoli, Property Manager
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Calendar for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday, March 12th – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time begins

8:30-Worship Service, Chapel

9:20-C.E. Comm., Lib.

10:30-Confirmation Class

10:30-Sunday School

10:30-Worship Service, Sanctuary

Reception to follow for 50 Year & New Members, Parlor

2:00-Nominating Committee Meeting, Pastor's Office

5:00-Sr. High Youth Group (Dinner & Game Night)

Monday, March 13th

6:00-Lenten Book Group, Lib.

6:00-Cub Scouts, YH

7:30-Scouts, YH

Tuesday, March 14th

6:30-Gentle Yoga Class, Room 24

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

Wednesday, March 15th

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

10:00-Weekday Preschool, FH

12:00-Lenten Luncheon, Holy Family

4:30-6:00-Wonderful Wednesday

Thursday, March 16th

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant

12:30-PPC Zoom Lunch

4:00-Grief Support Group, Zoom

6:00-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 17th

Saturday, March 18th

1:00-Middlers Group,

Sunday, March 19th – 4th Sunday in Lent

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

11:30-Sr. High Youth Group

Officers of the Poland Presbyterian Church

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