

Poland Presbyterian Church



WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 23, 2023

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

Meditation Before Worship

“You will lose someone you can’t live without, and your heart will be badly broken, and the bad news is that you never completely get over the loss of your beloved. But this is also the good news. They live forever in your broken heart that doesn’t seal back up. And you come through. It’s like having a broken leg that never heals perfectly—that still hurts when the weather gets cold, but you learn to dance with the limp.” Anne Lamott

Prelude “Dance of the Blessed Spirits” Christoph Willibald Gluck

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (10:30) “He Hideth My Soul” arr. Greg Howlett

* Call to Worship Psalm 116:1-4 (Responsive)

I love the LORD because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because He inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD, “O LORD, I pray, save my life!”

* Hymn 724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” *ANGEL'S STORY*

* Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession (unison)

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit...

* 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) “A River Glorious” Stacey Nordmeyer

Prayer of Illumination (10:30-Liturgist)

Dear Lord, we pray that You will open our minds to the truth of Your Word by means of the Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to see Jesus. Open our hearts to love Him more and more. Open our wills to do only that which is righteous in Your sight so that Your name may be glorified. Amen.

Scripture Reading Acts 2:14, 22-32 (10:30-Liturgist)

Offering
Offertory

“Prélude in A minor”

Maurice Ravel

* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Sharing Concerns (8:30)

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

Sermon Text Luke 24:13-35 (Liturgist)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word Proclaimed

“Grief from Within”

Rev. Stacie Maynard

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 836

“Abide with Me”

EVENTIDE

* Benediction

Postlude

“Fughetta in C major”

G. F. Händel

* Please stand if you are able.

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OGHS Fish Banks Thank you to everyone who turned in a fish bank. We collected \$167.85 for the PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing collection which helps people throughout the world.

WIT Group will meet at Applebee's on Mon., May 15th, 11:30. RSVP to Sally Covell 330-757-1706 by Fri., May 12th.

Men's Thomas Group meets every Thursday, 7:30 a.m. at TJ's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Boardman. They are reading "Under God's Wings" by Cornelius Plantinga. 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.

Youth Group's 1st Karaoke Night on April 23rd is postponed and will be rescheduled at a not too later date.

Scouts Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 11:30 – 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. A variety of Pastas, sauces and toppings. The meal includes salad and dessert. Dine in or Take Out available. Cost is \$12.00. There is also a basket raffle to help with the Scouts fundraising efforts.

Retirement Celebration After 32.5 years Patti Morris is retiring as our Director of Office Services. The church will be celebrating with her by giving a luncheon after church on May 21, 2023. (see insert) It is our tradition at PPC to say goodbye to long serving staff members with a love offering. If you would like to donate to this offering please place your check or cash in an envelope marked, "love offering, attention Sheila Wadlinger." We appreciate all that Patti has done in service to PPC and we wish her all the best in her new adventure.

Calendar for the week of April 23, 2023

Sunday, April 23rd

8:30 Worship Service

9:20-Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Lib.

10:30-Confirmation Class

10:30-Sunday School

10:30-Worship Service

Monday, April 24th

Scholarship Committee to pick up completed applications

5:00-Poland Swim Club, CR

6:00-Cub Scouts, YH

7:30-Scouts, YH

Tuesday April 25th

6:30-Gentle Yoga Class, Room 24

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

Wednesday, April 26th

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

6:45-Session Meeting with Confirmands, CR

Thursday, April 27th

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant

12:30-Zoom Lunch

6:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, April 28th

Saturday, April 29th

Sunday, April 30th

8:30 Worship Service

10:30-Confirmation Class to Methodist Church

10:30-Worship Service

11:30-5:30-Scouts Pasta Dinner, FH