

Poland Presbyterian Church



May 14, 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

“Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.” William Makepeace Thackeray

Prelude

“Meditation on Psalm 102”

Michael Kearney

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (10:30)

“A Mother’s Hands”

Pepper Choplin

* Call to Worship Psalm 66:1-7

Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of God’s name; sing the glory of God’s praise.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name.”

Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful God’s actions toward all people.

God turned the sea into the dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

In might God rules forever and keeps watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against God.

* Hymn

“Faith of our Mothers”

**Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still preserves the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood’s trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race;
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without.**

**Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds;
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.**

* Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession (unison)

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

* 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

Sacrament of Baptism

Hadley Parker James

Daughter of Evan & Ashley (Pluchinsky) James

Born November 30, 2022

Children's Message

Erika Carcelli

Anthem (10:30)

"A Mother's Love"

Mark Patterson

Prayer of Illumination (10:30-Liturgist)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading John 14:15-21 (10:30-Liturgist)

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Offering

Offertory

"Rise Up and Call Her Blessed"

Ruth Elain Schram

* Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Sharing Concerns (8:30)

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

Sermon Text 1 Peter 3:13-22 (Liturgist)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word Proclaimed

“Sharing Everything”

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 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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* Benediction

* Postlude

“Gigue from Suite in G Major”

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* Please stand if you are able.

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of Jared Carcelli’s 23rd birthday, May 13 and Nora Frances James’ 2nd Birthday, May 16th, given by their family.

In Our Prayers...

Natalie Hillegas and Family (Death of her son John Carl Clarke on May 2, 2023)

David Donachie

Fred Viehe

Candy Fonagy

Linda Crish

Lucy Stanley

Jared Carcelli

Brandon Todd Aldan (Rehab)

Doris Rice (Wickshire)

Barbara Moore

Jeanette VanBrocklin (Woodlands)

Phyllis Benton (Home)

Megan Zimmers

Sandy Nittinger (Park Vista)

Irene Weaver (Maplecrest, Rehab)

Mahoning Valley Association of Churches is once again sponsoring the Taste of the Faiths Food Festival, on Thursday, May 18th at 5:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Boardman. Cost per person is \$20, payable at the door. 15 different houses of worship will participate. Our church will have Scottish beef stew, Scottish shortbread, Oreo truffles, and Buckeyes.

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.

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.” Donations due in the office by May 17th. We appreciate all that Patti has done in service to PPC and we wish her all the best in her new adventure.

Officers of the Poland Presbyterian Church

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Deacons: Class of 2022 – 2023

Linda Crawford
** Linda DeLost
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* Sydney Metzinger
* Lauren Shaw
* Robin Zedaker

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** Kelly Braden-Kaneski
Audrey McKinney
Donna Wolfe

* Youth Elder/Deacons
** Moderators

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John Braden-Kaneski
Jared Carcelli
Diane Gesacion
Randy Nord

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Anderson, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Stacie Maynard, Parish Associate

Erika Carcelli, Christian Education Director

Patti Morris & Marissa Baker, Dir. of Office Services

Tammy Creighton, Media Specialist

Justin Addicott, Choir Director

Kristy Addicott, Organist

Lewis Schaft, Audio Visual Technician

Carly Carcelli, Director of Nursery

Anthony Brucoli, Property Manager

Calendar for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday, May 14th- Mother's Day

8:30 Worship Service w/communion

9:00-Sr High Youth help w/Mother's Day Breakfast

9:15-No Stewardship Meeting, Pastor's Office

9:20-No Christian Ed Meeting-Lib.

9:30- Mother's Day Breakfast, FH

10:30-Worship Services w/Baptism

Monday, May 15th

11:30- WIT Lunch, Applebee's

6:00-Cub Scouts, YH

6:00-Dry Pantry Distribution

7:30-Scouts, YH

Tuesday, May 16th

5:30- Deacon's Meeting w/Deacons elect, FH

6:30-Gentle Yoga Class, Room 24

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

Wednesday, May 17th

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

Thursday, May 18th

7:30-Thomas Group, TJ's Restaurant

12:30-Zoom Lunch

4:00- Grief Support Group, Zoom

6:00-Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, May 19th

Saturday, May 20th

10:00-Parish Life Set-up, FH

Sunday, May 21st

8:30 Worship Service w/communion

10:45-Last Sunday School

11:30-Retirement Luncheon for Patti, FH

1:00-Last Senior High Youth Group