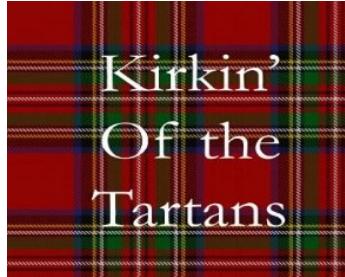


*Poland Presbyterian Church*  
**Worship for the Lord's Day**



**June 25, 2023**

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

Meditation before Worship

No one else holds or has held the place in the heart of the world which Jesus holds. Other gods have been as devoutly worshipped; no other man has been so devoutly loved. John Knox

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

Bagpiper, Ross Williams

Introit "Loch Lomond"

Scottish Folksong

\* Call to Worship (Responsive)

We worship today as a people of history.

**May the God of love continue to bless us.**

We worship today as a people of heritage.

**May the God of our ancestors be here in this place.**

We worship today as a people of tradition.

**May the God of all time and place celebrate with us.**

Come let us worship God.

\* Hymn "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

*Insert*

Unison Prayer of Confession and silent time of personal confession (*From Geneva Liturgy, 1543*)

**O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge unfeignedly before thy holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress thy holy commandments without end or ceasing: Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through thy righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended thee; and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching thy grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as thou dost blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of thy Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord...**

\* 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

\* Roll Call of the Clans

Anthem

“Gaelic Blessing”

Gwyneth Walker

Prayer of Illumination

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 86:1-10

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble, I call on you, for you will answer me. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Offering

Offertory

“The Parting Glass”

Scottish Folksong arr. by The Wailin' Jennys

\*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

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

Sermon Text – Matthew 12:9-14

He left that place and entered their synagogue; a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, ‘Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?’ so that they might accuse him. He said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So, it is lawful to do good on the sabbath.’ Then he said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

Word Proclaimed

“Is the Sabbath for Good or Evil?”

Dr. Paul W. Anderson

\* Affirmation of Faith - Scots Confession of 1560

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of men chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace Him in true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is Catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God, and with His Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of His Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism. Out of this Kirk there is neither life nor eternal felicity. Therefore, we utterly abhor the blasphemy of those who hold that men who live according to equity and justice shall be saved, no matter what religion they profess. For since there is neither life nor salvation without Christ Jesus; so, shall none have part therein but those whom the Father hath given unto His Son Christ Jesus, and those who in time come to Him, avow His doctrine, and believe in Him. (We include the children with believing parents.) This Kirk is invisible, known only to God, who alone knows whom He has chosen, and includes both the chosen who are departed, the Kirk triumphant, those who yet live and fight against sin and Satan, and those who shall live hereafter.

\*Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

*Insert*

\* Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able. Thank you, Ross Williams, for providing the special bagpipe music today as well as the vocal group “Bella Voci”.

### Church Staff

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### *In Our Prayers...*

*Phyllis Benton* Family

*David Donachie*

*Linda Crish*

*Brandon Todd Aldan* (Rehab)

*Jeanette VanBrocklin* (Woodlands)

*Sandy Nittinger* (Park Vista)

*Fred Viehe*

*Lucy Stanley*

*Doris Rice* (Wickshire)

*Irene Weaver* (Maplecrest, Rehab)

*Barbara Moore*

*Megan Zimmers*

**Our Mission Trip** partner in Charleston, West Virginia collects travel-size hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.) because they are always needed for community members experiencing homelessness. Donations will go directly to a local partner to be packaged into hygiene kits to be given to community members in need. We will be accepting these items to bring with us to donate. There will be a box on the church porch for these items.

**Vacation Bible School Registration** is now open on the PPC website under links and forms. VBS will be held from July 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:15 p.m.

**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.

**The Poland Interfaith Food Pantry** will hold its monthly distribution inside on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and as a drive-through on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Poland United Methodist Church. We would appreciate your notifying your parishioners of the distribution and informing them that volunteers to help at the Pantry will be welcome. Contact Dave Scott at 330.559.4942 with any questions.

### Officers of the Poland Presbyterian Church

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\*\* Moderators

### Calendar for the week of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 - Worship & Music-Kirkin Setup

10:00 - Outdoor Worship Service

11:00 - Kirkin Reception

#### Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

6:00-Cub Scouts, YH

7:30-Scouts, YH

#### Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

6:30-Gentle Yoga Class, Room 24

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

#### Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

6:45- Session Meeting, CR

#### Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

12:30-Zoom Lunch

#### Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00-Outreach Meeting, Library

10:00-Outdoor Worship Service w/communion