

# *Poland Presbyterian Church*

## Worship for the Lord's Day



**July 9, 2023**

Meditation before Worship

“In wisdom gathered over time, I have found that every experience is a form of exploration.” Ansel Adams

Prelude “Raindrop” Frederic Chopin

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Day by Day” Greg Howlett

\* Call to Worship (Responsive) Worship Psalm 45:10-12, 16-17

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty.

**Since he is your lord, bow to him; the people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth.**

In the place of ancestors, you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

**I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore, the peoples will praise you forever and ever.**

\* Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (insert)

\* Unison Prayer of Confession and silent time of personal confession

**Almighty and most merciful God, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command.**

\* 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

Anthem “Psalm 23” Stephen Decesare

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by Your Word You give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by You in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Romans 7:15-25

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So, I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Offering

Offertory

“Victorian Kitchen Garden Suite; Summer”

Paul Reade

\*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

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

Sermon Text Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

Word Proclaimed

“Wisdom and Practice of the Law”

Rev. Stacie Maynard

\* Affirmation of Faith - A Brief Statement of Faith (Section 11.4)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

\* Hymn

“I Danced in the Morning”

(insert)

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Martin Luther

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\* Please stand if you are able

**Church Staff**

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\*\* Moderators

### *In Our Prayers...*

*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)

*Megan Zimmers*

*Barbara Moore*

**Vacation Bible School** will be held July 10-14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:15 p.m. Link to register is on our website and in MailChimp.

**WIT Group** will be meeting July 17<sup>th</sup> at Reserve Run Golf Course - Another Round Restaurant @ 11:30 a.m. 625 E. Western Reserve Rd. Poland, OH. Please RSVP by July 14<sup>th</sup> to Sally Covell @ 330-757-1706.

**Gentle Yoga Mat Class** with Coco Miller meets every Tuesday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Fee is \$15.00. Please call 330-402-1533 for registration and more information. (There will be no Yoga on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>).

### **Calendar for the week of June 4, 2023**

#### **Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:15-Stewardship Meeting, Pastor's Office

No Christian Ed Meeting

10:00- Worship Service, Outdoors

11:00-Lemonade Table

#### **Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

No Parish Life Meeting

6:00- VBS

7:30-Scouts, YH

#### **Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

No Gentle Yoga Class

6:00- VBS

8:00-Tuesday Evening Group, CR

#### **Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-Staff Meeting Zoom

6:00- VBS

#### **Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

12:30-Zoom Lunch

6:00- VBS

#### **Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

6:00- VBS

#### **Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:20- Administration Meeting, Pastor's Office

10:00- Worship Service Outdoors

11:00-Lemonade Table