

Welcome to Polo First United Methodist Church

God welcomes and accepts all people. So do we.
We seek to support and nurture all God's people in all of life's situations through our mission and ministries.
This is a special invitation for you to make this congregation your church home and family.

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

*Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.*

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

*I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.*

*And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

*And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.*





Polo First United Methodist Church

First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2012

We welcome you to worship this morning!

The Gathering of the Community

Sacred Singing

“Like a Child”

#2092 (black)

“The King of Glory Comes”

#2091 (black)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

† Call to Worship ¹

L: The prophecy is now fulfilled; heaven is now come to earth!

P: Jesus the Christ is born!

L: The old order is past; the new order has come!

P: God’s salvation has been revealed!

L: Now, let us consider what it means to be disciples of Immanuel.

P: We come together to be reminded of our deep need of God’s grace in this new year and always.

† Opening Hymn

“Joy to the World”

#246 (red)

Prayers and Testimonies of the Community

Litany of Thanksgiving²

Let us give thanks for all of God’s mercies. O God, our covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place. **We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers. **We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit and the witness of your Church.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors. **We praise your holy name, O God.**

You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. For all your patience and overflowing grace. **We praise your holy name, O God.**

Anthem

“Abide in Me”

arr. Don Marsh

Children’s Time

We always welcome the presence of children during the service. Should you prefer the option of Child Care, your children may leave with the Kiddee Keeper after Children’s Time.

Offertory Invitation³

God had done so many great things for all people out of the abundance of his love. God continues to bless the world with abundance, and we share our gifts today out of that abundance in the hope that this church, and each one of us, will be a blessing to the world in this new year.

Offertory

† **Congregational Response**

“Jesus Name above All Names”

2071 (black)

† **Prayer of Dedication⁴**

Life-giving God, we praise you for the bounty of creation and all you provide everyday. Receive these gifts we offer in thanksgiving, and use them to your glory and to the benefit of all in need. Open our eyes and hearts to the work of your Spirit, so that we may see where you would have us share and serve. As we enter this new year, help us to know that Christ goes with us. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Hymn

“Be Still and Know that I am God”

#2057 (black) x 2

Scripture

†John 15: 1-8

New Testament Pg. 104

Psalm 46: 1-10

Old Testament Pg. 498

Centering Video⁵

Meditation

“A New Year”

The Response of the Community

Wesley Covenant Prayer

See cover

Communion

Great Thanksgiving

Service of Word and Table II

(UMH) Pg. 13

The Sending Forth into the World

† Closing Hymn

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

#383 (red)

Blessing

† Those who are able please stand

Ministers: All members

Musicians: Jean Frey, Carol Brown

Choir Director : Jean Frey

Bell Choir Director: Carol Brown

Ushers:

Greeters: Paul Wiemken

Fellowship:

Pastor: Rev. Derek Rogers

Liturgist: Beverly Wiemken

The Reverse Offering for December is cereal boxes.

The Rainbow Covenant for January is the Blue Band -Our mission selection is C.R.I.K.E.T. (Camp Reynoldswood Is Kool Every Time) This after school program is a Harvest 2020 ministry outreach to the Dixon Community in cooperation with Dixon Schools and the Lee County Juvenile Justice program
Missions Robin Jefford

Please note the Joys and Concerns for December 25th will be listed in the January 8th Bulletin.

Lectionary Scriptures: Worship Resources:

1. Ministers Annual Manual 11' & '12 Pg. 198
2. BOW Pg. 289-289.
3. Adapted from UCC.
4. Minister's Annual Manual '07-'08 Pg. 199.
5. Rev. Eric Blackford.



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**Polo First United Methodist Church
Weekly Calendar**

Office hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am to 2:30pm

Friday from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

The church office phone is 946-2411. If no one is available, please leave a message, and we will return your call. You may also e-mail the church at pum@frontiernet.net

Sunday, January 1

8:30 am

9:00 am

10:10 am

11:15 am

“Happy New Year!”

Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday School for all ages

Worship

Fellowship Red Carpet Room

Monday, January 2

4:00 pm

Office Closed

Prayer Shawl

Wednesday, January 4

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

Newsletter Folders

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 5

7:00 pm

Igniting Ministry Team Meeting Kreider Hall

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am

9:00 am

10:10 am

11:15 am

11 am -2 pm

Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday School

Worship

Fellowship in Red Carpet Room

Brunch in the Woods at Camp Reynoldswood