

**Order a #LOVELIKEJESUS T-shirt!** The Worship Planning Team is thrilled to partner with P&M Apparel, a local Polk City business, to offer #LOVELIKEJESUS t-shirts! Order online by end of day Friday, September 24th. Both long and short sleeved options, sizes 2T through adult 4X are available. Select “pick up” and we will have your shirts at church on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>! **Order here:** [www.polkcityumc.org](http://www.polkcityumc.org)

**Coffee with the Pastor** Pastor Melody would like to invite everyone who is new to our faith community for a special Meet & Greet time of fellowship immediately following worship on Sunday, September 26th in the Wing in the Woods fellowship hall. Come learn more about our congregation, our denomination and consider taking the next step to membership! (*New Members will be received in worship on Sunday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>*) **RSVP here:** [www.polkcityumc.org](http://www.polkcityumc.org)

**Nursery Staff Needed!** We are looking to hire two nursery staff attendants to fully staff the nursery for children under age 4. Adults and youth ages 16 and up may apply! **Apply here:** [www.polkcityumc.org](http://www.polkcityumc.org)

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bibles** Children in 3rd and 4th Grades will be presented with Bibles during worship on Sunday, October 10th! We'd love to have their names so we can prepare their bible just for them! **Register here:** [www.polkcityumc.org](http://www.polkcityumc.org)

**Confirmation** We are so excited for the next confirmation class for any student in 8<sup>th</sup> grade & up! Classes begin on Oct. 24 and will meet about every other Sunday right after worship throughout the school year. We'll be taking some fun field trips, too! **Register here:** [www.polkcityumc.org](http://www.polkcityumc.org)

**GET INVOLVED:**

Please add me/us to your newsletter mailing list.

I am interested in:  baptism  confirmation  membership

serving in worship (*circle:*) greeter / liturgist / audio / visuals / communion

working in the nursery

I have a prayer request: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Confidential? )

I would like a call or visit from the pastor



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

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**#LOVELIKEJESUS | Fall Worship Series**

Love isn't just something you feel - Love does. Love acts in ways that brings healing, wholeness and restoration. Love can lead the way to a better life. Join us for a fall worship series that studies Jesus' life, teachings and actions so that we can become more deeply committed Christians who Love like Jesus!

**Fall Bible Challenge**

Join us as we read through the Gospel of Luke in 6 weeks! Starting today, we'll be reading 4 chapters a week, finishing by the end of October!

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**GATHERING SONG**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing / King of Heaven”**

**WELCOME/CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS**

[www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship](http://www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship)

*Please record your presence in the Facebook comments or the website connect card*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God of unimaginable love, on the first Christmas you became one of us.

**Many: We celebrate your love for every person in every place and time.**

One: God of all humanity, you offered your peace to anyone who would be satisfied with Your presence.

**Many: We celebrate your peace in your Church and accept your commission to share it in all the world.**

One: God of the shepherds, you announced your arrival among us to the poorest, the most humble.

**Many: We celebrate your good news to each of us and to everyone, right here where we are.**

One: God of the manger, you came to us through your Son in a small and simple place.

**Many: We celebrate your presence with us this day in this small place made glorious by your being in it.**

One: God of birth, when you became as we are, you opened yourself to each of us, no matter who or what we are.

**Many: Bless us as we come to worship and learn to love like Jesus!**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

**OFFERING**

[www.polkcityumc.org/give](http://www.polkcityumc.org/give)

*Make your offering online or mail checks to 1421 W. Broadway St., Polk City, IA 50226*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**Merciful God, we come before You with praise and thanksgiving! Through Jesus Christ, you have lavished on us every spiritual blessing we could possibly imagine! Before the world was created, you already knew us and loved us. You adopted us as your own children and redeemed us through the blood of Christ. Even more, you have made us your heirs, and given us your own Spirit as a sign and guarantee. How we praise you! Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us here. May our worship this morning bring you honor and glory, for you alone are worthy of our praise. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S CHAPEL**

[www.polkcityumc.org/children](http://www.polkcityumc.org/children)

*Children age 3 & up are invited to a time of children’s worship, message & activities and will return during closing song*

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

*Turn to a neighbor to share joys and concerns, or submit prayer requests in the Facebook comments or the Attendance Card on our website or in the bulletin*

**PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**SONG OF REFLECTION**

**“Here I Am to Worship”**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 2:4-20**

**SERMON**

**“Love Like Jesus”**

**Pastor Melody Webb**

**SONG OF SENDING**

**“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”**

**Fall Bible Challenge | September 19 - 25**

- Read Luke chapters 1 – 4
- Find questions for reflection or discussion at [www.polkcityumc.org/grow](http://www.polkcityumc.org/grow)
- Want to join a texting, Facebook or in-person small group for discussion? Email Pastor Melody to get connected! [melody.webb@polkcityumc.org](mailto:melody.webb@polkcityumc.org)

**CONNECT CARD** Thanks for worshipping with us! We would like to get connected. Please take a moment to provide us with some basic information, then drop this card in the offering plate.

**Name #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children’s names (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**I / We are:** \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Visitors \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Time Visitors \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Attenders