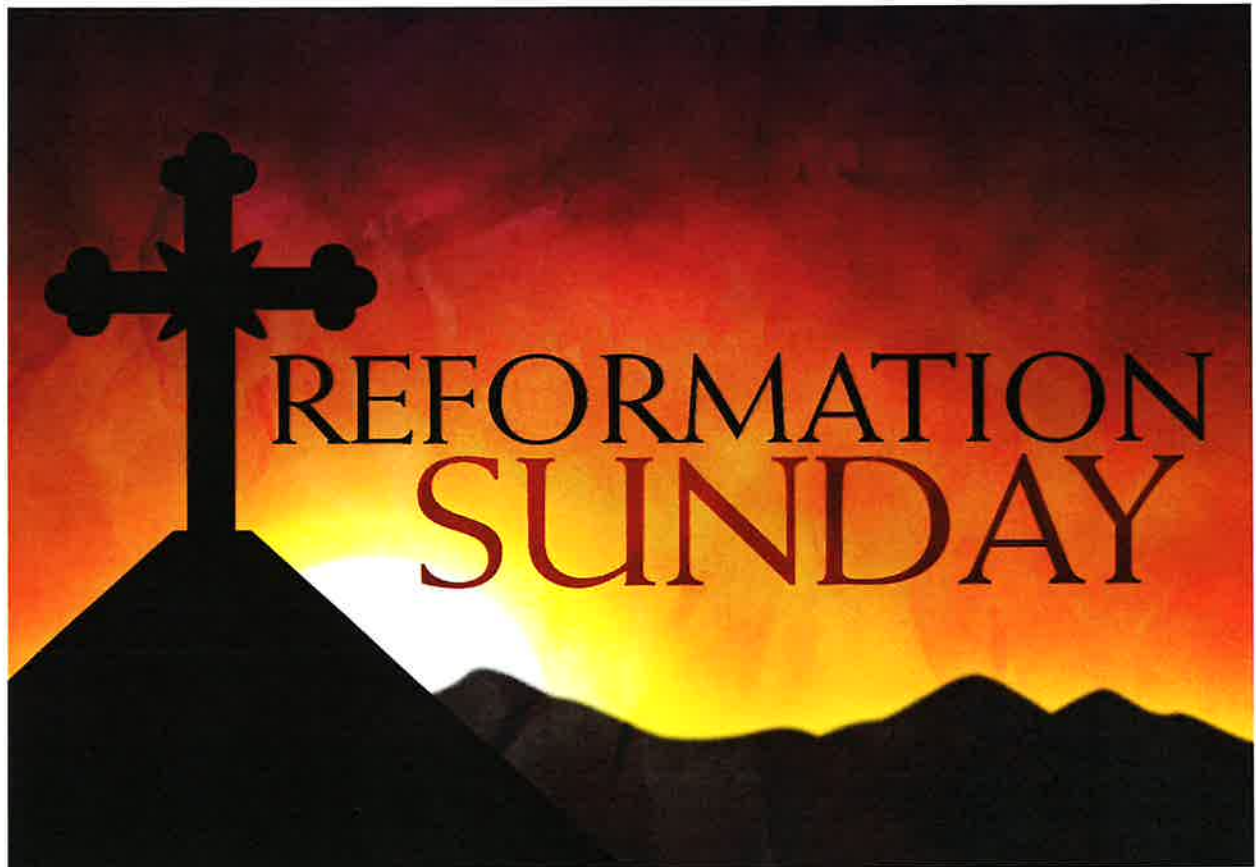




Sunday, October 26, 2025

Leader in Worship: Pastor Kenneth Yearick

Organist/Choir Director: Debbie L. Fitzgerald

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

October 26, 2025

Prelude “Where’er You Walk” *by George Frideric Handel* ~ *Debbie Fitzgerald*

A Time with the Pastor ~ *Pastor Yearick*

Minute for Mission “Stewardship” ~ *Shirley Bryan*

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Pastor Yearick*

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 66) (Responsively)* ~ *Pastor Yearick*

Leader: God of Sarah and Hagar,

People: **We praise you for protecting and guiding us.**

Leader: God of Moses and Miriam,

People: **We thank you for liberating your children from oppression.**

Leader: God of Peter and Paul,

People: **We bless you even in the midst of conflict.**

Leader: God of Hildegard and Julian,

People: **We glory in your tangible presence among us.**

Leader: God of Luther and Calvin,

People: **We rejoice in your Spirit’s presence in all times and places.**

Leader: Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End,

People: **Holy God, we welcome you to this place today!**

Prayer of Invocation ~ *Pastor Yearick*

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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Have you ever missed the mark? You approach the Lord with great intentions to offer thanks and joy for the blessings He has given you. Instead, you end up asking for this and that, even to the point of trying to bargain with Him. Our purpose is to glorify the Lord, and praise the Lord, and seek His direction, find the answers He wants for us, and be humble to confess our sins and wrongs. Let us do that now, as one body, we offer our shortcomings together. Let us pray our prayer of confession, followed by a time of silent reflection. Let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our baptisms and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus still calls, "Follow me" and we offer excuses because we can't do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus's call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen

Silence is Kept

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)* (Titus 3:4-7)

Pastor: When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

People: **This Spirit God poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by God's grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

Pastor: Hear and believe the good news:

People: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!**

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

~ *Assisting Elder, John Bender*

The Statement of Purpose

Presentation of:

Jameson Elizabeth Bender

Profession of Faith and Promises

Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

The Baptism

The Welcome

The Baptismal Prayer

The Lighting of the Candles

Presentation of the Certificates

Anthem “Teach Me Your Way Your Way, O Lord” *by Lloyd Larson* ~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Dianne Bell*

The Scripture Readings ~ *Dianne Bell*

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The Letter of I John 1:1-2:2 (NIV) ~ *Pastor Yearick*

^{1:1} That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“TRICK OR TREAT – YOUR CHOICE”

~ Pastor Yearick

*Affirmation of Faith – The 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 on 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.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

~ Pastor Yearick

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN..

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“More Precious Than Silver” by Lynn DeShazo ~ Debbie Fitzgerald

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

~ Pastor Yearick

*Closing Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation” (v. 1,2,5)
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

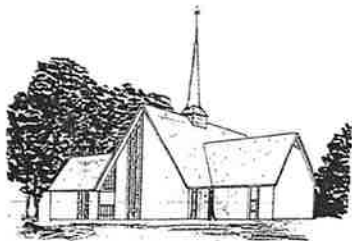
~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

“God’s Love Shine on You”
by Johann Sebastian Bach

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

*Please rise in body or spirit **Bold:** Congregation Speaks



Welcome to Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

***If you are looking for a church home, please feel free to join us.
Our membership is open to all. Please see the Pastor if you wish to join
our Church Family. Welcome to all!***



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 9-22 and Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Daily Readings for October 26 – November 1 use the following web link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>



Prayer List Additions as of 10-19-2025

Noreen Jekel – Prayers for Barbara Zyry and her family as she deals with chemotherapy; Mary Ann LeRay – Please continue to lift up the finance committee at the Filling Station. They served over 300 people and 80 cars last week! Blair Purvis – Please continue to lift up their friend’s daughter, Eleanor is 2 ½ years old and has just started her leukemia treatments; Janet Purvis – Prayers for Dana’s Grandmother, Nora Willis, as she was admitted to the hospital with heart issues; Debra Bradley – Healing prayers for her Niece that is suffering from PTSD; Jay Bender - continued prayers for Jerrod Lowery who is halfway through his cancer treatment although it is taking a toll on him. Prayers also for those who are filling in for him. Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

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Pledge Packets due back TODAY

There are extra copies on the table in the narthex.



The church secretary, Frances Waters, continues to be in and out of the office in the future. Please call the office at 252-224-8181 to make sure she is in the office and available. Sorry for any inconvenience.



*Pastor Ken Yearick will be in the office from 10 am to 2 pm on Fridays.
Please call for an appointment.*



*There will be a nursery provided AS NEEDED during the 11 am
Worship Service. Nursery provided this month by: Diane McCaffity
November nursery volunteer – Cheryl Coeyman*

Announcements & Reminders

Sunday Mornings 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &

Streaming Live on Facebook, YouTube & on PPC Website

Sundays at 9:45 am Adult Sunday School – *Remember your Bibles!*

Children's Sunday School at 9:45 am

Thursdays 6 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, October 26th Pledge Packets Due Back In

5 pm Finance Committee Meeting/Final Budget

November 2nd Daylight Saving Time Ends

5 pm Session Meeting

Saturday, November 8th Filling Station "Perfect 10"- *see note & link next page*

Monday, November 10th 7 pm Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Sunday, November 23rd 8 am Men's Breakfast – team 1 Cook

Children's Hope Alliance Offering during Morning Worship

Annual Congregational Meeting following Morning Worship

Community Thanksgiving Service at Pollockville Baptist Church

Thursday & Friday, November 27th & 28th – Thanksgiving Holidays Church Office Closed

**Sunday, November 30th First Sunday in Advent - Communion During Morning Worship
Hymn Sing**

4 - 5:30 pm "Night of Nativities"

(Display of Nativity Sets) - *watch for more details*

JOY offering to be received during Morning Worship

5 pm Session Meeting



Today we are Celebrating the Baptism of Jameson Elizabeth Bender

Parents: Robert & Hailey Bender

Grandparents: Mark & Kay Bender and Jay & Dana Long



Ushers: October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot

November - Bob & Carol Mattocks

December - Vic Bryan & Kay Bender

Your assistance is needed! ~ Ushers are needed for 2026

*If you would be willing to serve as an usher,
please use sign-up sheet in the narthex.*



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“Jones County – Perfect 10 Event”

Saturday, November 8, 2025

<https://fillingstation1075.com/jones-county-a-perfect-10-event/>



The Session & Committee Chairs for 2025

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