

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CHURCH HOMECOMING

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Pastor: Kenneth Yearick

Guest Minister: The Reverend Charles D. Elliott

Organist/Choir Director: Debbie L. Fitzgerald

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Homecoming Sunday

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

October 12, 2025

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation" ~ Debbie Fitzgerald
by Nigel Williams (tune: Aurelia) by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

A Time with the Pastor ~ Pastor Yearick

Introduction of our Guest Minister ~ Jay Bender

Welcome and Announcements ~ Liturgist

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 145) (Responsively)* ~ Liturgist

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever.

People: **Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

People: **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Prayer of Invocation ~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" #555
The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Reconciliation ~ Rev. Elliott

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and shows compassion to all that he has made. Knowing that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that our vision is blurred by the fears and anxieties of our lives. We talk about being stressed, though you teach us to let each day's troubles be sufficient for the day. We grow impatient with each other, while you yearn to bless us with patience and forbearance. We fall into despair when we should stand firm in the faith. Forgive our sins and weaknesses, O God. Renew our vision and strengthen our resolve.

Let the memory of your faithfulness in ages past be the ground and inspiration of our hope for today, tomorrow, and forever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

~ Rev. Elliott

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

People: **The Lord fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. By the power of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*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

A Time with God's Children

"Being Thankful"

~ Pastor Yearick

*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

"The New 23rd" by Ralph Carmichael

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Rev. Elliott

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 23 (NIV)

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12, 17-19a, 39-40, 12:1-2 (NIV)

11:¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12:¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sermon

"Living Between Memory and Hope"

~ Rev. Elliott

*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.

*Hymn of Response

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Necrology

"Remembering the Saints"

Edwin Wilson Edmondson, Sr. (October 21, 1934 – February 25, 2025)

*Hymn

"For All the Saints"

vs. 1,2

#526

The Presbyterian Hymnal

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

"The Church's One Foundation"

~ *Debbie Fitzgerald*

by Samuel S. Wesley (arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.)

*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

~ *Rev. Yearick*

*Closing Hymn

"God Of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

~ *Rev. Elliott*

*Choral Benediction

"All Day Sunday Singing"

~ *Choir*

by Dave Bolling and Stan Pethel

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

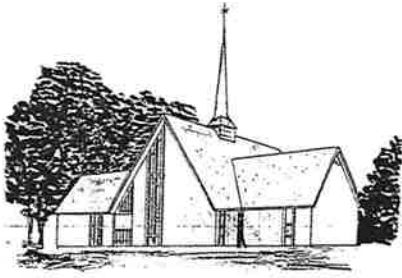
THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE SESSION FOLLOWING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE IN THE LIBRARY.



We are delighted to have The Reverend Charles Elliott as our guest speaker today.

Rev. Elliott was Pastor at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church in the 1970's.

Welcome Back!



"Welcome to Pollocksville Presbyterian,
Where awesome people meet, and an Awesome God is present.
Our ancestors worshipped here, our neighbors, too
and we continue to worship the Lord our God."

***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:
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
Daily Readings for October 12 – 18 use the following web link:
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>



Prayer List Additions as of 10-5-2025

*Blair Purvis – Please pray for Eleanor (2 ½ yrs old), and her parents, Austin and Carson Taylor, a close family friend (Has been diagnosed with leukemia & just started chemotherapy); Bonnie Zimmermann – prayers for her son-in-law, Charles, who needs a triple bypass, but they need to put him on dialysis for a few days before surgery; Millie Belfort – Please pray for all the Churches and Houses of Worship, all our sanctuaries and all our safe places where we come to worship in these troubled times; Jerry Burkot – Prayers for Sheron Floyd as she is having some serious health concerns. – Prayers for his first cousin Lanny Wird as he is struggling health-wise. – Healing prayers for Josh Potter as his chemo is not working and his Leukemia has come back; Sheron Bender – A letter was shared at the Presbytery Meeting from the Hispanic Congregation and the members of those churches are afraid to go to church even though they are legal. Please pray for them and the fear that they live in; Rebecca Long – Please pray for those Nations that don't go to church; Pastor Ken – Prayers for Billy Holland as he is in the hospital with a brain tumor.
Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church*



Ushers: October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot
November - Bob & Carol Mattocks
December - Vic Bryan & Kay Bender

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

Monday, October 13th 7 pm Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Hostess: Cathy Campbell – Study Leader: Sheron Bender

Sunday, October 26th 8 am Men's Breakfast – team 4 Cook

Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Pledge Packets Due Back In

5 pm Finance Committee Meeting/Final Budget

November 2nd Daylight Saving Time Ends

5 pm Session Meeting

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



***You should have received your Pledge Packet by mail.
There are extra copies on the table in the narthex.
Packets due back by October 26th***



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.***



Today is Homecoming at PPC
Celebrating 157 years ~ 1868 - 2025
Please stay for lunch.
Enjoy the food and fellowship.

Pastoral **Installation**

Pollocksville Presbyterian Church is invited to the installation of
The Reverend Jake Young
to full pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City
on October 19th at 4:00 p.m.
Pastor Young served as interim here at PPC for a few months in 2018.



Come Out And Support Our Community
Pollocksville Elementary School Fall Festival ~ Something for the Entire Family
October 24th 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the School ~ Please look for the flyer in the PollyPress

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The Session & Committee Chairs for 2025

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