

POLLOCKSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 16, 2022

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

January 16, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: O Israel, trust in the LORD!

People: **He is our help and our shield.**

Leader: O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!

People: **He is our help and our shield.**

Leader: You who fear the Lord, trust in the LORD!

People: **He is our help and our shield.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

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Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ *Lyle Swanger*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore, we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Anthem "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Arr. Hopson* ~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Lyle Swanger*

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture	<i>First Reading</i>	Psalm 115:2-8	
	<i>Second Reading</i>	Luke 18:35-43	NRSV

² Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" ³ Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases. ⁴ Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. ⁵ They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. ⁶ They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. ⁷ They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; they make no sound in their throats. ⁸ Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them.

³⁵ As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸ Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." ⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." ⁴³ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

Sermon "The Ears of God" ~ *Lyle Swanger*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer and 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 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 Apostles' Creed

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.

*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.

Invitation to The Offering

~ *Lyle Swanger*

With gratitude, let us offer our lives and our gifts to the Lord of all life.

Offertory

*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 *(Unison)*

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people: flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”
Presbyterian Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit
Bold: Congregation Speaks

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-5 and Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 ; John 2:1-11

Daily Readings for January 16 – 22 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

**~ Thank you to Lyle Swanger
for stepping in and filling the pulpit this morning. ~**

Please keep Rev. Marie Cone and her husband in your prayers. Pastor Cone was to be with us this morning but she and her husband have tested positive for COVID.

~ Next Sunday, January 23rd ~

Rev. Gary Howell will be filling the pulpit during the morning worship service

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Prayer List Additions as of 01/09/2021

Ann Waller (Kay Bender's sister); Barbershop Quartet member, Russ, having triple bypass (Jeremy LeRay); Kay Bender has COVID & other health issues (Ms. Penny Bender); Steve, former neighbor of Janet Purvis, has stage 3 lung cancer that is inoperable; Rev. Ron Bryan – Stomach surgery recovery (Vic Bryan); Steve Long's mother, Carol, in hospital for flu and pneumonia – needs O2 stats to rise (Rebecca Long); Concern for all students returning to school/college (Mary Ann LeRay); Prayers for healing of her sister-in-law's mind (Hilda Bender); Martha Meetre and Family in the loss of her son; Catherine Bender's funeral service – Carol Mattocks' cousin; The Family of Tony Zullo who passed away (Ed Valentines' neighbor).

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.

For Joys and Concerns Please contact the church secretary by email

fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org or call 252-224-8181 with any joys, prayer requests or updates. Please include the name, the person requesting and the reason prayer is needed (if you wish this to be included). Please do the same for any joy. It cannot be stressed enough that without your help in this, someone may get overlooked. Do not assume that we know if someone is in need of prayer.

Announcements

Sunday Mornings 9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary & NOW Streaming Live on Facebook

Monday, January 17th Church Office and Childcare Closed in observance of MLK Birthday

Wednesdays 6 pm Choir Rehearsals

Sunday, January 23rd 8 am Men's Breakfast - Team 3 Cook

Wednesday, January 26th 5:30 pm Bible Study

On Jan 26th - Discussing Chapters 13 and 14

Light dinner at 5:30 with Bible study at 6 pm

Choir at 7 pm (moving time ONLY to accommodate bible study.)

Monday, January 31st Child Care Meeting

Remembering Our College Students: Valentine candy and school supplies are needed to send to 5 of our students. Please place these items in the Library by Sunday, February 6th.

Please mark your calendars: Sunday, February 16th Souper Bowl - TO GO

Sunday, February 20th Blanket Sunday – during Morning Worship