

# POLLOCKSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

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**Organist: Mary Ann Jones**

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**Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Order of Worship**

11:00 a.m.

August 27, 2023

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Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in C Minor" ~ *Bach*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Psalm 16:8-11)

*Leader:* I keep my eyes always on the LORD. with him at my right hand I will not be shaken.

*People:* **Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,**

*Leader:* Because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

*People:* **You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.**

Prayer of Invocation ~ *Liturgist*

\*The Peace of Christ

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #150  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

**Eternal Father, we acknowledge that You are good, and You work all things out perfectly in Your time. We also confess that we have been impatient. We have too often gone ahead with our own plans when You have called us to wait upon Your will. We have trusted too much on our own strength instead of relying on Your power. We have let ourselves be led astray by our own flesh instead of obediently following Your Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit, come upon us afresh with mercy and forgiveness, with new life and hope, in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Silence is kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsive)*

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

All: **Only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: **Amen.**

Anthem

Hymn Medley

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Rev. Murray*

Scriptures

New Revised Standard Version

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 24:10-11

<sup>10</sup> "When you make your neighbor a loan of any kind, you shall not go into the house to take the pledge. <sup>11</sup> You shall wait outside while the person to whom you are making the loan brings the pledge out to you.

New Testament: Mark 10:17-22; 46-52

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' " <sup>20</sup> He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon

*"The Prince and The Pauper"* ~ *Rev. Dr. Tom Murray*

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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Chorale Prelude on DUNDEE” ~ *Healey Willan*

\*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)*

**God, we have been made in your image. So, in your generosity, make us generous. In your faithfulness, make us faithful. So that whatever gift we bring to you might be an offer of worship before you, as the gold, frankincense, and myrrh were before your son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

“Just As I Am”

#370

The Presbyterian Hymnal

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude "Fugue in G Major" ~ Bach

- ~ The tune DUNDEE appears in the Scottish Psalter of 1615. Today it can be found in the Presbyterian Hymnal #234, #269 and #270 with the melody in the Tenor voice.
- ~ Healey Willan (London, 1885 - Toronto, 1968) was best known as an organist and a composer of Church music.

\*Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold:** Congregation Speaks  
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*Welcome!*

**to everyone who is worshipping with us today.**

*Thank You!*

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Murray for filling the pulpit this morning!**

Rev. Dr. Tom Murray is a retired PCUSA Minister who served the church for 40 years. His pastorates included Marin City Presbyterian Church, Marin City, CA; Calvary Presbyterian Church of the Pine Valley, Bayfield, CO; St. John's Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV; First Presbyterian, McAlester, OK and First Presbyterian, Sioux City, IA. Tom is married to Dawn his wife of 12 years. Dr. Murray received his M. Div from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, CA and his PH'd in Systematic Theology from the Evangelical Christian University of America.

**Next Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Paul Miller will fill PPC's pulpit**



### **Prayer List Additions since 8-20-2023**

*Ron Pound upcoming eye surgery (Ala Gore); Amy Eubank Aneuber has been diagnosed with non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver (Thelma Edmondson); Susan Jenkins' sister Ruthie is at Brookstone in rehab (Janet Purvis); Prayers for Jean Bender's sister as she has lost her husband (Hilda Bender); Prayers for Jen Miller as she travels (Paul Miller); Prayers for comfort for Joan & Phil Knight and Family in the loss of her nephew (Thelma Edmondson); Prayers for Cheryl Coeyman, just had surgery and is recovering (Mike Coeyman); Prayers for Ms. Penny Bender; Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare.*

**Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.**



### **For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20*

Daily Readings for August 27 – September 2 use the following web link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/lectionary/>

# ~ *USHERS & GREETERS* ~

*August – Jerry Burkot & Ron Pound*

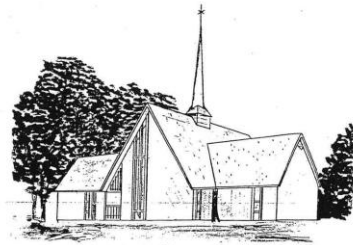
***Ushers needed for September & December.***

*October – Bob & Carol Mattocks*

*November – Jean & Allen Bender*

***Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!  
You are appreciated!!!***

*If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact  
John Bender at 252-675-8431 or email: [jmbender1991@gmail.com](mailto:jmbender1991@gmail.com)*



**2023**

## ***Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church***

<b>September 3</b>	<b>Paul Miller</b>
<b>September 10</b>	<b>Rev. Barbara Hager</b>
<b>September 17</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Rev. Cynthia Williams</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick (Communion)</b>
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Rev. Tim Havlicek (Homecoming)</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick</b>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick &amp; <i>Children's Hope Alliance - Minute for Mission</i></b>
<b>October 29</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. David McDonald</b>
<b>November 5</b>	<b>Mary Ann LeRay</b>
<b>November 12</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick</b>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick</b>
<b>November 26</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick</b>
<b>December 3</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick</b>
<b>December 12</b>	<b>Jay Bender</b>

  
**meeting**

*This Afternoon!*

*Finance/Stewardship Committee Meeting at 5 pm in the Church Library*

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Today is *Building Fund Sunday*.

All contributions given, unless otherwise designated, will go the Church Building Fund.

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**OUR DAYCARE IS GETTING CRAFTY!**

**You can help by donating any of the following!**

**Yarn**

**Paper plates**

**Pipe cleaners**

**Card stock paper**

**Seashells**

**Plastic bottles with lids on - 16 or 24 oz.**

**Paper towel rolls**

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*If you would like an announcement or article included in the weekly PollyPress, please email the information to the secretary at*

*[fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](mailto:fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org)*

*Please indicate what week you wish it to be included. Also, if you have any joys or concerns that need to be announced, please contact the church office.*

Announcements for the bulletin need to be given to the secretary by Wednesday of each week.

Articles or announcements for the PollyPress need to be to the Secretary by first thing Monday morning.



## Announcements & Reminders

**Sunday Mornings: 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary & Streaming Live on Facebook & on PPC Website**

**Sundays at 9:45 am      Adult Sunday School – *Remember your Bibles!*  
Children’s Sunday School at 11 am**



**NO Choir Practice**

**Wednesdays in August**

**Sunday, August 27**

**Building Fund Sunday**

**5 pm Finance Committee Meeting**

**Monday, September 4**

**Labor Day – Church Office & Childcare Closed**

**Thursday, September 7**

**4:30 pm Childcare Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, September 10**

**Congregational Meeting – *see below***

**5 pm Session Meeting**

**Monday, September 11**

**7 pm Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting**

**Hostess – Kay Bender, Study Leader – Carol Mattocks**

**Wednesday, September 13**

**6 pm Choir Practice to resume – watch for verification of date**

**Sunday, September 17**

**Lunch & Program – *see below***

**Sunday, September 24**

**Congregational Meeting – *see below***



### **Sunday, September 10 - Congregational Meeting**

- 1) to elect the at-large members of the 2023-2024 Congregational Nominating Committee
- 2) to receive suggestions from the Congregation for the office of Ruling Elder



### **Sunday, September 17 - Stewardship Lunch and Program**

***Lunch will be provided - Followed by Questions & Answers on the Budget***



### **Sunday, September 24 - Congregational Meeting**

- 1) to receive the report from the Nominating Committee, and if the way be clear,
- 2) to proceed to the election of three (3) Ruling Elders to the Class of 2026.