

POLLOCKSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 3, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
14th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

September 3, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Psalm 105:1-8 NKJV)

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

People: **Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

People: **Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!**

Leader: Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

People: **O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**

Leader: He *is* the LORD our God; His judgments *are* in all the earth.

People: **He remembers His covenant forever, The word *which* He commanded, for a thousand generations,**

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

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession (Mark 12:29-31 NKJV)

~ *Paul Miller*

Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

We know in our own lives that we fail to keep these commands. We find ourselves together once again in need of mercy and forgiveness from our Creator and Sovereign.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ *Paul Miller*

(Romans 8:31-34, II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Anthem

Hymn Medley

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Paul Miller*

Scriptures

New King James Version

Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'

New Testament: Matthew 16:21-28

From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Sermon

*"My King" by the late Dr. S. M. Lockridge
delivered 3 September 2023 by Paul W. Miller*

*Hymn of Response

*"Be Thou My Vision"
The Presbyterian Hymnal*

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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

*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)* (I Chronicles 29: 10b – 14 NKJV)

**“Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You.”
Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

“Thine Is the Glory”
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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

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Welcome!

to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

Thank You!

Paul Miller for filling the pulpit this morning!

Paul Miller is the third child of Brown and Sandra Miller, who raised him in the church. He chose to follow Jesus, professed his faith, and was baptized as a young man at Daytona Christian Church. While attending the United States Naval Academy Paul became an active member of the Officers' Christian Fellowship community and continued to lead and participate in OCF bible studies throughout his 20-year career as a United States Marine. Following his retirement, he became a member of West New Bern Presbyterian Church and was ordained as an elder before transferring his membership to Pollocksville Presbyterian Church last year. Paul serves as a Mathematics instructor at Pamlico Community College and lives in New Bern with his wife Jennifer, their son Robert, and his mother-in-law Mary Ann.

Next Sunday, September 10th

The Reverend Barbara Hager will fill PPC's pulpit



Prayer List (Additions as of 8-27-2023)

Prayers for upcoming school year (Cheryl Coeyman); Carol Foray- battling cancer (Sheron Bender); Ron Pound's upcoming eye surgery - has been postponed (Noreen Jekel); Paula and Grayland's (Adam Ross's parents) preacher's mother passed away (Paula Ross); Darryl West passed away as a result of a lawnmower incident (Paula Ross); Continued prayers for Amy Eubank Aneuber for transplant success & prayers for her family; 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:

Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Daily Readings for September 3 – 9 use the following web link:

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

~ *USHERS & GREETERS* ~

Ushers needed for September

October – Bob & Carol Mattocks

November – Jean & Allen Bender

December – Ushers Needed

***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*



2023 Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

September 3 – Paul Miller

September 10 – Rev. Barbara Hager

September 17 – Kenneth Yearick

September 24 – Rev. Cynthia Williams

October 1 – Kenneth Yearick (Communion)

October 8 – Rev. Tim Havlicek (Homecoming)

October 15 – Kenneth Yearick

October 22 – Kenneth Yearick + Children's Hope Alliance

October 29 – Rev. Dr. David McDonald

November 5 – Mary Ann LeRay

November 12 – Kenneth Yearick

November 19 – Kenneth Yearick

November 26 – Kenneth Yearick



Pollocksville Presbyterian Church Homecoming

Sunday 2023 ~ October 8th

Mark your calendars



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

Monday, September 4

Labor Day – Church Office & Childcare Closed

Wednesday, September 6



NO Choir Practice

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

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

~ In order to be prepared, see Bulletin Insert for List of Eligible Members ~



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.