

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 17, 2023

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Music Accompanist: Jennifer Miller

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
16th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

September 17, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) (*Written by Debra McKnight*)

Leader: Grace is the cup of tea, the warm welcome and the sweet embrace:
it's the school rebuilt, the playground equipped and the hungry heart
fed.

People: **Grace dwells deep and sends us out.**

Leader: Grace is the effort in our hopes, the movement of our dreams:
it's forgiving the wrong and working for right.

People: **Grace is speaking the truth and claiming the change.**

Leader: Grace is the challenge to raise the olive branch when push invites
shove: it's the courage to embrace and the struggle to live a new way.

People: **We gather in Grace, to celebrate God's call to do justice,
love kindness and walk humbly side-by-side.**

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

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

#281

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

**Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; maker of all things; judge
of all people: we acknowledge the many sins and failures that we have
committed by thought, word, and action against each other and against
you. We earnestly repent. We are deeply sorry for our damaging words
and our destructive behaviors. In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may
delight in your will and walk in your ways, giving you the glory. Amen.**

Silence is kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ *Ken Yearick*

Anthem "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" – *Crosby / Lowry*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Ken Yearick*

Scriptures Matthew 18: 21-35 (NIV)

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²²Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³²"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon "Let's Celebrate Forgiveness"

~ *Kenneth Yearick*

*Hymn of Response

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#407

The Presbyterian Hymnal

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

~ Ken Yearick

*Closing Hymn

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

(These words to be Sung to the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation”)

**1 - Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.**

**2 - Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.**

3 - Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

4 - Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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

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Following Today's Service – Stewardship Lunch and Program

*Lunch will be provided - Followed by Questions & Answers on the Budget - Please see insert for copy of Budget. Pledge packets go out September 29th / Packets due back by October 29th
Everyone is invited to stay!*

Welcome!

to everyone who is worshipping with us today.

Thank You!

Ken Yearick for filling the pulpit this morning!

Next Sunday, September 24th

The Reverend Cynthia Williams will fill PPC's pulpit

~ USHERS & GREETERS ~

John & Dana Bender – Ushers for September 24th

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*



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7) 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Daily Readings for September 17 – 23 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List *(Additions as of 9-10-2023)*

Prayers for Ron Pound’s eye surgery; Prayers for Mrs. Wright- a friend of a former foster child of Paul and Jen Miller (Paul Miller); Ruth’s cancer has come back, friend of Cheryl Coeyman (Cheryl Coeyman); People of Morocco and all over the world where disasters are happening (Carol Mattocks); Family of Tony Hill who recently passed away (Kay Bender); Hailey Bender as she recovers from ACL surgery (Kay Bender); Samantha Bennett who recently had ear surgery to remove cancer (Margaret Ross).

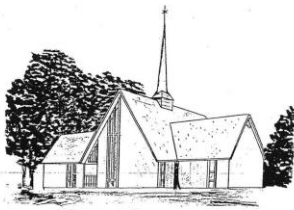
Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare.

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed items to the Childcare for their crafts and projects! Currently, no more contributions are needed, *but Be sure to stop by and see what they have made!*

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2023

Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

- September 24 – Rev. Cynthia Williams**
- October 1 – Kenneth Yearick (Communion)**
- October 8 – Rev. Tim Havlicek (Homecoming)**
- October 15 – Kenneth Yearick**
- October 22 – Kenneth Yearick**
- October 29 – ????**
- November 5 – Mary Ann LeRay**
- November 12 – Kenneth Yearick**
- November 19 – Kenneth Yearick**
- November 26 – Kenneth Yearick**

HOMECOMING 2023

Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 8th
Mark your calendars

Worship Service will be held in the sanctuary at 11:00. Sunday school will be offered to children during the worship hour in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest minister will be the Reverend Tim Havlicek.

A catered lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service. We will have tents set up on the lawn in front of the Education Building for a true “Dinner on the Grounds” (weather permitting).

Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

252-224-8181 or fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org

We need this number to enable us to plan for food.

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*Please visit PPC website: [www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](http://www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.org)*

*Please keep the church secretary updated with any phone number, address or email changes.*

*Also, prayer requests and changes to the prayer list are needed as soon as possible.*

*The Church Secretary's hours are Mon-Fri , 9am -1 pm*



*Phone 252-224-8181*

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**Videos of the PPC services are available on the PPC website.**

**Go to [pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](http://pollocksvillepresbyterian.org) and click on “Weekly Videos”**



## *Announcements & Reminders*

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| <b>Sunday Mornings</b>       | <b>11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &amp; Streaming Live on Facebook &amp; on PPC Website</b>                                                        |
| <b>Sundays at 9:45 am</b>    | <b>Adult Sunday School – <i>Remember your Bibles!</i><br/>Children’s Sunday School at 11 am</b>                                                                |
| <b>Wednesdays</b>            |  <b>6 pm Choir Practice</b>                                                   |
| <b>Sunday, September 24</b>  | <b>8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 2, cook<br/>Building Fund Sunday<br/>Congregational Meeting – <i>see below</i><br/>Crop Walk – Union Point Park in New Bern</b> |
| <b>Friday, September 29</b>  | <b>Pledge Packets Go Out</b>                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday, October 1</b>     | <b>Communion during Worship Service<br/>– <i>World Communion Sunday</i><br/>5 pm Session Meeting</b>                                                           |
| <b>Saturday, October 7</b>   | <b>10 am – 5 pm Filling Station – Jones County – “A Perfect 10”</b>                                                                                            |
| <b>Sunday, October 8</b>     | <b>Homecoming at PPC</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Monday, October 9</b>     | <b>7 pm Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting at the Church<br/>Hostess – Laurie Drescher, Study Leader – Mary Ann LeRay</b>                                     |
| <b>Wednesday, October 18</b> | <b>Childcare Family Get Together</b>                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sunday, October 29</b>    | <b>8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 3, cook<br/>Building Fund Sunday<br/>Pledge Packets to be Returned</b>                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday, October 31</b>   | <b>PPCCC Trunk or Treat – <i>Watch for Details</i></b>                                                                                                         |



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

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