

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, January 12, 2025

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
Baptism Of Our Lord Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

January 12, 2025

Prelude "Meditation" ~ *Debbie L. Fitzgerald*

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Liturgist*

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.

People: **God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;**

Leader: I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring justice to the nations.

People: **When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and the Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from Heaven saying:**

Leader: "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted." May the joy of the Lord be with you all as we worship the God of repentance and grace.

People: **And also with you. Let us worship the God of salvation. Joy to the world!**

Prayer of Invocation ~ *Liturgist*

*Opening Hymn "Joy To The World!" #40

Call to Confession *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us all.

People: **Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from a sinful conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

Pastor: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for the one who has promised is faithful. Let us confess our sins –

Unison Prayer of Confession

Great God our Father, You have given us Jesus, the Light of the world. But we often prefer darkness. We cling to sins that hide Your brightness. We are frightened disciples, slow to speak Your good news, We have not lived Your new life. Forgive and renew us, O Lord, and fill us with Your Holy Spirit, so that we may preach Your Word to the nations, and proclaim Your glory in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Light forever. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ *Pastor Yearick*

A Time For Children

"Baptism of Jesus"

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

"Born To Set Us Free" *by Jay Althouse*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Yearick*

The Scripture Reading

The Gospel of Mark 1:1-11 (NIV)

¹ The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—
³ "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with^(w) water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*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.

*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.

*Hymn of Response "When Jesus Was Baptized" *(TUNE: Away in a Manger)*

**When Jesus was baptized John said to repent,
and follow the Righteous One whom God had sent.
So wash us, dear God, and create us anew,
born fresh from your Word and living in you.**

**When Jesus was baptized in waters that flow
he sank in the Source of what makes all things grow.
So, held in Creation, renewed and made one,
we swim in the grace of your life-giving Son.**

**When Jesus was baptized in light, like a dove
your Spirit came down and you filled him with love.
So give us your Spirit; let all that we do
be you living in us as we live in you.**

**When Jesus was baptized you spoke from above,
saying "This is my servant, my son whom I love."
So help us to hear you speak love when you call,
and as your Beloved, share freely with all.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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..

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine" by H. Percy Smith

*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

~ Pastor Yearick

The Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows

*Closing Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" (v.1) #304

*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

Hymns from The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:
Isaiah 43:1-7 and Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Daily Readings for January 12 – 18 use the following web link:
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>**



Prayer List Additions as of 01/05/2025

Continued Prayers for his sister Barbara who is in the hospital (Bob Mattocks); Continued prayers for his sister, Judy, who is going through another breast cancer diagnosis (Blair Purvis); Continued prayers for Ed Edmondson and Carol Nelson. Prayers for complete healing for both (Cheryl Coeyman); Sister, Shirley Jones - health concerns (Barbara Smith); Sister, Nora Schef - heart catheterization (Barbara Smith); Laura Ashley's MIL, Sue Phelps - health issues (Barbara Smith); Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

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



\$1698 has been received for *The Annual Christmas Joy Offering*

It is not too late if you wish to contribute. There are envelopes available on the table in the narthex or just mark on your check or pew envelope *Joy Offering*.

Drop in the offering plate or give to Ron Pound.

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

Ushers & Greeters



January: Ron Pound

Ushers are needed for the upcoming year! See sign-up sheet in the narthex.



There will be a nursery provided during the 11 am Worship Service.

See Jean Bender if you can be a nursery volunteer.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Nursery Volunteers are needed!



Pastor Ken Yearick is in the office on Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- 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, January 13th** 7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting at the Church
Hostess – Janet Purvis
with Carol Mattocks, Study Leader – Lesson 4
- Monday, January 20th** MLK Holiday – Church Office Closed
- Sunday, January 26th** 8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 4 Cook
Building Fund Sunday
5 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- Sunday, February 2nd** 5 pm Session Meeting



*Please note the Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting will
be held at the Church on Monday, January 13th
with Janet Purvis hosting and Carol Mattocks as study leader.*



This new quarter of “These Days” (Daily Devotions) is available
on the table in the narthex. Please pick one up for your devotional use.

