

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, January 19, 2025

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

January 19, 2025

Prelude "Little Piece for Organ" by John S. Dixon ~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

Welcome and Announcements ~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Leader: God of miracles, we praise you. You have turned water into wine!

People: **The ordinary into the beautiful.**

Leader: Scarcity into abundance.

People: **Despair into confidence.**

Leader: And you turn us once again into your people:

People: **No one into Someone.**

Leader: Scattered pieces into one Body.

People: **Ordinary lives changed into worship. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Invocation ~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer" # 40

Call to Confession ~ Pastor Yearick

We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through his infinite goodness and mercy. So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of miracles, we offer to you the water of our lives: all that is ordinary, all that is broken, all that is not yet as it could be by your grace. Work your transforming grace in us: change our water into your wine. Forgive our sin, heal our hearts, and give us courage to be signs of your love, abundant with beauty and delight. By the grace you show us in Christ, take who we honestly are, and turn us into signs of your glory...

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Friends, forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ, and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God! 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.

A Time For Children

“Water Into Wine”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“Turning Water To Wine” *by Kevin G. Pace*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Yearick*

The Scripture Reading

The Gospel of John 2:1-11

(NIV)

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” ⁴“Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” ¹¹What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Half Empty or Half Full?”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Affirmation of Faith (In Unison) (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn of Response "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" #560

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 "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" ~ Debbie Fitzgerald
by William J. Kirkpatrick, Arr. Cindy Berry

*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

*Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 51

*Charge and Benediction ~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude "Sea Shanty in G" by John S. Dixon ~ Debbie Fitzgerald

Hymns from Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping with us today.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5 and Psalm 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Luke 2:1-11

Daily Readings for January 19 – 25 use the following web link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>



Prayer List Additions as of 01/12/2025

Prayers for their friends in Tennessee; Lea had to have emergency back surgery (Janet Purvis); Prayers for the students going back to college (Hilda Bender); Prayers for his sister Judy who just underwent extensive surgery for breast cancer (Blair Purvis); Prayers for their friends/neighbors Brian and Joanie whose house was lost to fire yesterday. The firemen were able to pull Joanie out and she is at the Chapel Hill Burn Center. Brian did not make it. Prayers for Laurie Drescher, as these are her in-laws. (Margaret Ross); Sister, Nora Schef, had to reschedule her heart catheterization for this Wednesday, January 15th & Nora's sister-in-law, Mary Herr, is back in the hospital due to a fall and RSV (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.

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“I would like to thank the PPC Choir and Church for my Christmas gifts!! It has been a pleasure working here (again) with you all! I leave each Sunday feeling full of renewed energy and love - and for that, I am truly grateful!!! Thank you to Frances, too, for all of her hard work and patience!

I look forward to what 2025 brings us all - through 🎵 music and 🙏 Worship!!

Many thanks and Blessings to you and your families....”

Debbie Fitzgerald

Ushers & Greeters



January: Ron Pound

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



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

Announcements

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 – <i>Remember your Bibles!</i> Children’s Sunday School at 9:45 am
Thursdays	6 pm Choir Practice
Monday, January 20 th	MLK Holiday – Church Office Closed
Sunday, January 26 th	8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 4 Cook Building Fund Sunday Following Worship Service - Finance Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 2 nd	5 pm Session Meeting
Sunday, February 9 th	Souper Bowl Sunday – Lunch following the Morning Worship Service
Monday, February 10 th	7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting at the Church Hostess – Eileen Griswold
Sunday, February 16 th	Blanket Sunday at PPC – <i>see note below</i>



Souper Bowl Sunday - Sunday, February 9th

Mark your calendars and watch for more information!!



February 16th is CWS Blanket Sunday

at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. A special offering will be received.

“Through the Blanket+ Program, emergency resources and long-term assistance is provided to help families around the world recover from disasters and build viable, sustainable lives and communities.”



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



***The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, January 20th,
in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.***