

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 22, 2023

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Music Accompanist: Jennifer Miller

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

January 22, 2023

Prelude "The Family of God" ~ Gaither

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Ministers Annual Manual, May 29, 2014)

Leader: Clap your hands and shout for joy.

ALL: **For the Lord God is an awesome God.**

Leader: God rules over heaven and earth.

ALL: **God rules to bring us new life.**

Leader: God sends the Spirit of Christ,

ALL: **To take us to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: Lead your church, O Holy Spirit,

ALL: **Make us bold in our witness to our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: **That we bring healing and hope in Jesus' name.**

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

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

#478

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

(Book of Common Worship, p. 53) See Hebrews 4:14-16

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness *(Book of Common Worship, p.200)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

A Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Book of Common Worship, p. 56) - 1 Timothy. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24*

Leader. Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Amen.

Anthem "Song of Fellowship" ~ *Besig/Price* Choir

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Rev. McDonald*

Scripture Psalm Reading: Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (NRSV)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. ⁹ Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23 (NRSV)

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Sermon "A Light for Dark Times" ~ Rev. McDonald

*Hymn of Response "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #403
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 "I'd Rather Have Jesus" ~ Miller/Shea

*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

~ Rev. McDonald

Lord God, today we bring our offering, knowing that all we have is Yours and that we are only stewards of the things we possess. We pray that You will bless this offering for the work of Your congregation. We would minister in Your name. Amen!

*Closing Hymn

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

“Heaven Came Down” ~ Peterson

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

Welcome!

to everyone who is worshipping with us today.

~Welcome to Rev. McDonald being with us in today's Worship Service~

Rev. Dr. David McDonald graduated from James Madison University in 1974 with a B.S. in Mathematics, a minor in Psychology, and 12 credit hours in Religion. In 1979 he received his Doctor of Ministry from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. He and his wife, Yvonne, have three children and five grandchildren. Rev. McDonald has served as pastor of Loch Willow Presbyterian Church in Churchville, VA; Covenant Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, VA; Jonesboro Presbyterian Church in Sanford, NC; First Presbyterian Church in Roanoke Rapids, NC; Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC; Part Time Interim Head of Staff at Winter Park Presbyterian in Wilmington, NC, and Stated Supply, Clarkton Presbyterian Church, in Clarkton, NC. Rev. McDonald was honorably retired by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina in 2016.

~ **Next Sunday, January 29th** ~

~ **Rev. Barbara Hager will be filling the pulpit** ~



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 9:1-4 and Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Daily Readings for January 22 – 28 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

Ushers & Greeters



January: Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity

February: Ron Pound & Vic Bryan



Your Help is Needed !

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



Today is *Building Fund Sunday*.

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



Prayer List Additions as of 1-15-2023

*The Family Julia Bender (Sheron Bender); Allen Bender's heart has gone into AFIB and prayers
for them to be able to get this under control (Hilda Bender);
Rev. Gary Howell's wife – medical issues (Carol Mattocks)
Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff*

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.



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**

Wednesdays



6 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 22nd

5 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 25th

2:30 pm Childcare Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 5th

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, February 12th

Souper Bowl Sunday – Donations to the Filling Station

Monday, February 13th

7 pm Women's Circle Meeting

– In Sanctuary Annex – Hostess, Eileen Griswold; Study Leader, Sheron Bender

Thursday, February 16th

5:30 pm Childcare Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 19th

**Communion during Worship -Transfiguration of the Lord
CWS Blanket Sunday at PPC**

Wednesday, February 22nd Ash Wednesday – 6 pm Pancake Supper & Service to follow