

# **POLLOCKSVILLE** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**January 29, 2023**

**Leader in Worship: The Reverend Barbara Hager**

**Music Accompanist: Jennifer Miller**

311 Main Street / P O Box 205 / Pollocksville, NC 28573

[www.PollocksvillePresbyterian.org](http://www.PollocksvillePresbyterian.org)

(252) 224-8181



## **The Session & Committee Chairs for 2023**

Clerk of Session: Jay Bender	(252-224-6201) <a href="mailto:jaybender@ec.rr.com">jaybender@ec.rr.com</a>	
Treasurer: Ron Pound	(252-638-8397) <a href="mailto:ronnclbs@aol.com">ronnclbs@aol.com</a>	
Sheron Bender, <i>Child Care</i>	(252-270-9967) <a href="mailto:sbww@ec.rr.com">sbww@ec.rr.com</a>	[Class of 2025]
Shirley Bryan, <i>Evangelism/Memorial</i>	(910-581-6141) <a href="mailto:vsb218@embarqmail.com">vsb218@embarqmail.com</a>	[Class of 2025]
Amber Swanger, <i>Personnel</i>	(252-515-2385) <a href="mailto:akkocher91@gmail.com">akkocher91@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2025]
Jean Bender, <i>Christian Ed</i>	(252-229-6545) <a href="mailto:jbbender2@embarqmail.com">jbbender2@embarqmail.com</a>	[Class of 2024]
John Bender, <i>Worship</i>	(252-675-8431) <a href="mailto:jmbender1991@gmail.com">jmbender1991@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2024]
Eileen Griswold, <i>Stewardship</i>	(252-671-0391) <a href="mailto:eegriswold@aol.com">eegriswold@aol.com</a>	[Class of 2024]
Ed Jekel, <i>Facilities</i>	(315-723-4422) <a href="mailto:edjekel@quadlink.net">edjekel@quadlink.net</a>	[Class of 2023]
Margaret Ross, <i>Fellowship/Cong. Care</i>	(252-670-8254) <a href="mailto:adamandmargaretross@gmail.com">adamandmargaretross@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2023]
Ed Valentine, <i>Missions</i>	(252-617-8278) <a href="mailto:W2YPM@earthlink.net">W2YPM@earthlink.net</a>	[Class of 2023]
Presbyterian Men Moderator -	Jeremy LeRay (252-474-7678) <a href="mailto:jdleray@gmail.com">jdleray@gmail.com</a>	

# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

January 29, 2023

Prelude

“Forever”

~ Tomlin

Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

*Leader:* Jesus taught: Blessed are the poor in spirit. He said that the realm of God was theirs.

*People:* **We read that those who mourn are blessed. Jesus said they will be comforted.**

*Leader:* The meek will inherit the earth. The merciful will obtain mercy.

*People:* **All who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed. Jesus said they will be filled.**

*Leader:* Blessed are the pure in heart and peacemakers. They are God’s children and will see God.

*People:* **Those persecuted and falsely accused are blessed even in the face of evil, we will rejoice.**

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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#263

*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

**Oh God we confess that we have accepted the world’s wisdom as our guide. We have been impressed by the power of weapons and the importance of high positions. We measure worth by the number of possessions we command. We have been unkind in our speech and uncaring in our deeds. We have doubted the power of the cross to save. Turn us around, holy God, that we might be blessed. Amen.**

*Moment of Silent Confession*

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Rev. Hager

God destroys the wisdom of those who think themselves wise. The God who forgives calls us to a life of loving-kindness in word and deed, mercy toward both friend and foe, and justice in all our dealings. Thank God for setting before us standards that surpass our highest aspirations, knowing that in Jesus Christ we are made new and whole.

Anthem

“What Does the Lord Require of You?” ~ Strathdee ~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Rev. Hager

Scripture

Micah 6: 1-8 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” <sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 15 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? <sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart; <sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; <sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; <sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Sermon

“What the Lord Requires” ~ Rev. Barbara Hager

\*Hymn of Response

“Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House”

#164

*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                      "How Deep the Father's Love For Us" ~ *Townend*

\*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. Hager*

We devote ourselves and these tokens of our thankfulness toward the realization of your reign among us, holy God. We pray for purity of heart as we hunger and thirst for righteousness and as we seek to be peacemakers. We rejoice in this opportunity to share in the extension of your realm. Bless us and our offering, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

#538

The Presbyterian Hymnal

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

“Indescribable” ~ Story/Reeves

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

\* \* \* \* \*

*Welcome!*

**to everyone who is worshiping with us today.**

**~ Welcome & Thank You Rev. Barbara Hager  
for filling the pulpit during today's Worship Service ~**

*Rev. Hager was ordained to ministry in the PCUSA in 1982 after graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary (M. Div.) and Allegheny College (B.A.). She has served as solo pastor, head of staff and interim pastor in churches in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and North Carolina. She was also a practicing attorney in Connecticut for many years. She has substantive experience on the Permanent Judicial Commission and Nominating Committees in the Presbytery of Southern New England and Presbytery of New Hope. She lives in the Myrtle Grove area of Wilmington North Carolina with her cat, Max. She enjoys reading, art galleries, and travel.*

**~ Next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> ~**

**~ Rev. Dr. David Vanderbilt will be filling the pulpit ~**



**Prayer List Additions as of 1-22-2023**

*Mark Bender having shoulder surgery January 25 (Janet Purvis)*

*Penny Bender; Ed Edmondson & Thelma Edmondson*

*Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff*

**Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.**



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

Micah 6:1-8 and Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**Daily Readings for January 29 – February 4 use the following web link:**

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



## ***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](mailto:jmbender1991@gmail.com).*

### **Thank you to those who have agreed to serve!**

*January – Diane McCaffity & Rebecca Long*

*February – Ron Pound & Vic Bryan*

*March – Dana Bender & Blair Purvis*

*April – Jerry Burkot & John Bender*

*October – Bob & Carol Mattocks*

*November – Jean & Allen Bender*



## **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, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**5 pm Session Meeting**

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Souper Bowl Sunday – Donations to the Filling Station**

**Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**7 pm Women's Circle Meeting**

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

**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Childcare Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Communion during Worship -Transfiguration of the Lord**

**CWS Blanket Sunday at PPC**

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ash Wednesday – 6 pm Pancake Supper & Service to follow**

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2 Cook**

**Building Fund Sunday**

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**5 pm Session Meeting**