

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, January 5, 2025

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Christmas

Epiphany Sunday

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

January 5, 2025

Prelude

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Christmas is known as a season of giving – offering gifts to others in the love of Christ. Yet we like, the Magi of old, present our gifts only in response to the greatest gift of love given to us by God in the birth of Jesus, God Incarnate. Signs of that great gift are all around us – “stars” shining in everyday life, leading us to recognize God’s power, presence, and intervention, causing us to worship. Star Gifts remind us that God is still at work offering us the gifts we need as we follow Jesus each day. You will receive your star gift from the ushers as you leave today. As you receive your gift, consider how you may use it this year. Post it in a prominent place at home or work, and then let your Star Gift shine! Remember, the gift of Jesus is not meant just for your personal benefit; it is meant to help us be the light of Christ to the world.

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The people who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord,

People: **for God has done wondrous things!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

God doesn't call us to a blind faith... but to a faith that is eye-opening and mind-expanding. But we often find it more beneficial for ourselves if we pretend we cannot see or understand God's vision for creation. So we need to approach the throne of grace seeking God's forgiveness and to ask for Restoration from sin. Let us now join together as we confess our sins together with the printed confession in the bulletin. Let us pray together...

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you are always speaking, giving us instructions, directing our attention, and reminding us of your love. We confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners. We aren't sure what is your voice, and what is ours, and what is just noise. We are easily distracted. We like our own ways. But even when we are too busy, you still call. We admit that we find you difficult to hear, and we ask for your help. Open our minds and hearts. Tune our ears to your voice. Remind us that you alone can and will forgive when we ask. Restore us to your heavenly realm, and continue to lead us to that glorious star. Help us to listen to what you have to say, and then help us to follow wherever you lead. Amen.

Silence is Observed

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Friends, our salvation is not something that can be purchased with money or fame.

People: **Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone.**

Pastor: In the name of Jesus, I announce to you this day, our sins are forgiven. This is His promise and our assurance.

People: **Alleluia! 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.

The Anthem

The Scripture Reading The Gospel of John 1:1-14 (NIV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

“Give Me A Sign!”

~ Pastor Ken Yearick

*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.

The Installation and Ordination Service for Elders

Noreen Jekel, Ron Pound, and Blair Purvis

*Hymn

“As with Gladness Men of Old” (v.1.4)

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

~ *Debbie Fitzgerald*

*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.

Offertory Prayer

~ *Pastor Yearick*

The Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Prayer of Consecration 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 Words of Institution

The Prayer of Dedication and Blessing of the Elements

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn

“Walk Beside You” *(Tune of We Three Kings)*

Go in peace and take from this place our dear love and God's deep grace.

Serving, healing, Christ revealing, be God's human face.

Oh, God of wonder, God of light, shining with a love so bright,

bless you, guide, you, walk beside you, fill you with God's gentle light.

*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

All hymns from The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping with us today.



Prayer List Additions as of 12/29/2024

Prayers for his sister Barbara who is in the hospital with blood clots in her lung and her husband Walter just had heart surgery (Bob Mattocks); Prayers for Samantha and Gloria Wiggins in the loss of their father/husband (Margaret Ross); Prayers for Blair's sister Judy Joyner who is being treated for a recurrence of breast cancer (Janet Purvis); Prayers for the family of Alice Pearl Bender Andrews, who is the sister of Lucy Bender Metts (Sharon Bender); Travel mercies for Ed Valentine as he travels back home and to all those traveling during the holidays (Vic Bryan); 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.*



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-14 and Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Daily Readings for January 5 – 11 use the following web link:

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

*Special
Offering*

\$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!***



If you would like an announcement or article included in the weekly PollyPress, please email the information to the secretary at fwaters@pollockvillepresbyterian.org

Articles or announcements for the PollyPress need to be to the Secretary by *first thing* Monday morning.

Announcements for the bulletin need to be given to the secretary by Wednesday of each week.



HOG KILLING

After Worship TODAY, the church decorations will need to be taken down and put away. We will begin this process after church and continue into the week. Please join in this task and help put the beautiful decorations away to be used again.



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



Please note the change in the Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Church on Monday, January 13th with Janet Purvis hosting.



Announcements & Reminders

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
Sunday, January 5th **Begin HOG Killing**

Monday, January 13th 5 pm Session Meeting
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

Sunday, February 2nd 5 pm Finance Committee Meeting
5 pm Session Meeting



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

UPCOMING EVENTS



We will be continuing this tradition of eating soup
and feeding others!

Souper Bowl Sunday - February 9th - Watch for Details



February 16th is CWS Blanket Sunday
at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. A special offering will be received.