

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 8, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

January 8, 2023

Prelude "Here I Am To Worship" ~ Hughes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

People: **We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

People: **The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.**

Leader: This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

People: **As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God. AMEN.**

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

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

#10

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.

Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Let us again receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

A Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ *Lyle Swanger*

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity.

Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord. AMEN.

Anthem

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" ~ *Crosby/Sweney*

Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Lyle Swanger*

Scripture

First Scripture Jeremiah 1: 4-8 (NRSV)

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon

"Who? Me?!"

~ *Lyle Swanger*

*Hymn of Response

"Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

#426

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 "Blessed Be Your Name" ~ Redman

*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 ~ Lyle Swanger

*Closing Hymn "I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (*Here I Am Lord*)" #525
The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude "Everlasting God" ~ Brown/Riley

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

Welcome!

to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

~ Thank you to Lyle Swanger for leading in today's Worship Service ~

~ Next Sunday, January 15th ~

Communion, Ordination & Installation of Officers

~ Rev. Gary Howell will be officiating ~



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-9 and Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Daily Readings for January 8 – 14 use the following web link:

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

Ushers & Greeters



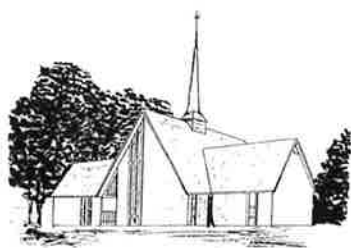
January: Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity



Your Help is Needed !

If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact

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Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

January 15	(Installation & Communion)	Rev. Gary Howell
January 22		Rev. David D. McDonald
January 29		Rev. Barbara Hager
February 5		Rev. Dr. David Vanderbilt
February 12		Jay Bender
February 19		Rev. Dr. Nancy Gladden
February 26		Rev. Gary Howell



Prayer List Additions as of 1-01-2023

*Pray for Hilda Bender having a follow up MRI this week (Cheryl Coeyman);
 Pray for Cheryl Coeyman waiting to hear report from Pet Scan (Mike Coeyman);
 Ed and Thelma Edmondson – Prayer for health (Sheron Bender);
 The Family of John Schef (Barbara Smith);
 Randy Eubanks and family – healing after-hit-and run accident (Barbara Smith).
 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 – <i>Remember your Bibles!</i> Children's Sunday School at 11 am
Wednesdays	6 pm Choir Practice
Sunday, January 8th	5 pm Session Meeting
Monday, January 9th	7 pm Women's Circle Meeting
– In Sanctuary Annex	~ Hostess, Mary Pound; Study Leader, Cathy Campbell
Sunday, January 15th	Ordination & Installation of 2025 Elders Communion during Morning Worship
Monday, January 16th	MLK Holiday – Church Office & Childcare closed
Sunday, January 22nd	8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 1, Cook Building Fund Sunday 5 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Mark Your Calendars:



Souper Bowl Sunday - February 12th

**We will be continuing this tradition of eating soup and feeding others!
 Watch for Details**