

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

***Leader in Worship: Kenneth Yearick***

***Music Accompanist: Jennifer Miller***

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

October 1, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

*Leader:* Come! Now is the time to worship!

*People:* **We come to worship God who loves us.**

*Leader:* When the Israelites grumbled and quarreled when there was no water to drink, God miraculously produced water to show them God's faithfulness and love.

*People:* **When we question and accuse God, God responds by showing us love.**

*Leader:* When the chief priests and elders questioned Jesus' authority, Jesus answered them with a story about the righteousness of doing God's will instead of paying lip service to God's will.

*People:* **When we test and interrogate God, God responds by pointing us back to love.**

*Leader:* By answering our quarrelling and questioning with love, God teaches us how to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

*People:* **When we love as God loves, we respond to testing and accusing by living the faith and sharing God's love.**

*Leader:* Come! Now is the time to worship!

*People:* **We come to worship God who loves us for the long haul.**

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

"Come Thou Almighty King"

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*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

Call to Confession

~ *Ken Yearick*

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us.**

**Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope, forgiving us of sin and wrong.**

*A Moment of Silent Reflection*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

*Leader:* This is the good news:  
in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished.  
You are forgiven, you are made new.

*People:* **We will complete God's joy by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Anthem "Touch That Soothes and Heals" *arr. Keesecker* ~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Ken Yearick*

Scriptures New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:1-14 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. <sup>14</sup>Do everything without grumbling or arguing.

Sermon

*“Evangelize...Testify...Certify”*

~ *Kenneth Yearick*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

\*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

\*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

~ *Ken Yearick*

\*Communion Hymn

**“Just As I Am”**  
*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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.**

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.**

Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn

“Revive Us Again”  
*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

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\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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

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*Welcome!*

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

**Thank You!**

**Kenneth Yearick for filling the pulpit this morning!**

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**Next Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Homecoming Sunday**

**The Reverend Tim Havlicek will fill PPC's pulpit**



**Today, October 1<sup>st</sup> ~ World Communion Sunday**  
**Communion During the Morning Worship Service**



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**  
*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32*  
Daily Readings for October 1 – 7 use the following web link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/lectionary/>

~ **USHERS & GREETERS** ~

*October – Bob & Carol Mattocks*

*November – Jean & Allen Bender*

*December – Ushers Needed*

**Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!**  
**You are appreciated!!!**

*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)*

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**Prayer List** *(Additions as of 9-24-2023)*

*Geraldine & Feldon Eubanks, both in hospital with heart issues (Hilda Benda)*

*Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare.*

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

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***Congratulations!***

***Cheryl Coeyman & Bob Mattocks***

*who have been elected to serve as Ruling Elders for the Class of 2026  
for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church.*

***Please pray for the Session Members as they prepare to lead our Church.***

# ***HOMECOMING 2023***

*Celebrating 155 years ~ 1868 -2023*

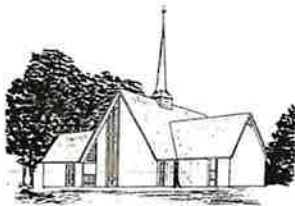
**Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Worship Service will be held in the sanctuary at 11:00. Sunday school will be offered to children during the worship hour in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest minister will be the Reverend Tim Havlicek.*

*A catered lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service. We will have tents set up on the lawn in front of the Education Building for a true "Dinner on the Grounds" (weather permitting).*

*Please contact the church office by Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.  
252-224-8181 or [fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](mailto:fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org)*

*We need this number to enable us to plan for food.*



**2023**

## **Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**

- October 8 – Rev. Tim Havlicek (Homecoming)**
- October 15 – Kenneth Yearick**
- October 22 – Kenneth Yearick**
- October 29 – Rev. Andy Konigsmark**
- November 5 – Mary Ann LeRay**
- November 12 – Kenneth Yearick**
- November 19 – Kenneth Yearick**
- November 26 – Kenneth Yearick**
- December 3 – Kenneth Yearick (Communion)**
- December 10 – Jay Bender**
- December 17 – Lyle Swanger**
- December 24 – Kenneth Yearick (Morning Service)**
- December 24 – Kenneth Yearick (Christmas Eve Candlelight Service)**
- December 31 – Kenneth Yearick**



Please visit PPC website: [www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](http://www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.org)

*Please keep the church secretary updated with any phone number, address or email changes. Also, prayer requests and changes to the prayer list are needed as soon as possible. Announcements for the bulletin need to be given to the secretary by Wednesday of each week. Articles or announcements for the PollyPress need to be emailed to the church office by first thing Monday morning.*



## 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, October 1**

**5 pm Session Meeting**

**Saturday, October 7**

**10 am – 5 pm Filling Station – Jones County – “A Perfect 10”**

**Sunday, October 8**

**Homecoming at PPC**

**Monday, October 9**

**7 pm Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting at the Church  
Hostess – Laurie Drescher, Study Leader – Mary Ann LeRay**

**Wednesday, October 18**

**Childcare Family Get Together**

**Sunday, October 29**

**8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 3, cook**

**Building Fund Sunday**

**Pledge Packets to be Returned**

**Tuesday, October 31**

**PPCCC Trunk or Treat – *Watch for Details***



***Pledge packets have been mailed.***

***Packets due back by October 29<sup>th</sup>***