



October 31, 2021

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

October 31, 2021

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on 'Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott'

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive) (Source-Inspired by Psalm 46; Written by Thom Schuman)

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*Opening Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

The Presbuterian Hymnal

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison) (Source-Bill Wessner)

Lord of all, the demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence, and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace, atonement in the blood of your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of your faithfulness. We are your people, but do we know you as our God?

Forgive us, Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide. Assurance of God's Pardon (Responsive) (Source-Bill Wessner)

God does show us God's own righteousness and divine forbearance. Through the work of the Holy Spirit given to us, we may come to know the truth and be made free. Jesus Christ the Son of God sets us free from our slavery to sin. Our sins are forgiven. Through his death and resurrection, a place is made for us in the household and we may be known as children of God.

To the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Anthem

"The Lord's Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte (1895 - 1964)

~ Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV, tenor

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (Common English Bible)

11 So we try to persuade people, since we know what it means to fear the Lord. We are well known by God, and I hope that in your heart we are well known by you as well. 12 We aren't trying to commend ourselves to you again. Instead, we are giving you an opportunity to be proud of us so that you could answer those who take pride in superficial appearance, and not in what is in the heart. 13 If we are crazy, it's for God's sake. If we are rational, it's for your sake.14 The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. 15 He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised. 16 So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. 17 So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! 18 All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 19 In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation. 20 So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled to God!"21 God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.

The Confession of 1967 9.17

God has created man in a personal relation with himself that man may respond to the love of the Creator. He has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. He has endowed man with capacities to make the world serve his needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Man is free to seek his life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Sermon

"Reconciled"

~ Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

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.

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. K. L. Phillips

*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

*Closing Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

The Presbyterian Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Wiggins

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

Ushers for November: Allen & Jean Bender

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Daily Readings for October 31 – November 6 use the following web link:

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/2021/6/25/

Prayer List Additions as of 10/31/2021

Betty Valentine (Ed Valentine); Mary Ann Jones; Miller Family; The Family of Bill Lanier (Gera Howe); The Family of Bert Dixon (Kay Bender); Ed Clayton (Vic Bryan); The Family of LaVada Wiley (Pastor T. Wes); Linda and Dr. Eric Faust; Shaqueal Davis (Lori Davis, PPCCC Director's son)

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If you have not turned in your Stewardship Packet please see Ron Pound!

Announcements

Bible study will pause for November and December – to resume January 2022

Wednesdays 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Sunday, November 7th 5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, November 14th Annual Congregational meeting following

Morning Worship Service

Monday, November 15th 7 pm Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting in the Sanctuary

Annex - Hostess, Dianne Bell - Study Leader, Sheron Bender

Sunday, November 21st 7 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Pollocksville Baptist

Church

Thursday, November 25th Thanksgiving Day – Church office will be closed Thursday and

Friday

Sunday, November 28th 9 am Men's Breakfast

Communion during Worship

Building Fund Sunday

~ Next Sunday, November 7th ~

We will be honored to have Nancy Gladden filling PPC's pulpit for the morning worship service