

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**November 28, 2021**

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

November 28, 2021

Prelude

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” ~ J. G. Walther

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Advent is a time for waiting.

**We wait for God, who appears like a tender branch growing from a stump.**

Advent is a time for hoping.

**We wait for God, who comes with justice and righteousness.**

Advent is a time to worship.

**We wait for God, praising the One who comes to fulfil promises.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

[\*Pass the Peace]

\*Opening Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Lighting of the Advent Candle*

~ Ed & Noreen Jekel

The Candle of HOPE

“Light a Candle in the Night”

Choir

Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

**Surprising God,**

**Forgive our sleepiness in the presence of your splendor. Forgive us if we yawn when you present us with life-changing possibilities. Forgive us for abandoning hope so quickly, and expecting the same old thing in the same old way. Forgive us for underestimating your power to do a new thing.**

**Awaken us to your holy, hopeful presence. Awaken us so we may watch and wait for you, Lord Jesus Christ. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

*Silence is observed*

### Assurance of Pardon *(Responsive)*

The One who comes with justice also comes with mercy. The God of Judgment is truly the Christ of compassion. God offers you forgiveness today, in the hope you will receive it gladly. Do not be afraid but rejoice in the God who comes to us.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem                      “Hope & Expectation”    ~ *Joseph Martin*                      Choir

## Prayer for Illumination

Scripture                      Matthew 24: 36-44                      *The Message Bible* (MSG)

<sup>36</sup> “But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even heaven’s angels, not even the Son. Only the Father knows. <sup>37-39</sup> “The Arrival of the Son of Man will take place in times like Noah’s. Before the great flood everyone was carrying on as usual, having a good time right up to the day Noah boarded the ark. They knew nothing—until the flood hit and swept everything away. <sup>39-44</sup> “The Son of Man’s Arrival will be like that: Two men will be working in the field—one will be taken, one left behind; two women will be grinding at the mill—one will be taken, one left behind. So stay awake, alert. You have no idea what day your Master will show up. But you do know this: You know that if the homeowner had known what time of night the burglar would arrive, he would have been there with his dogs to prevent the break-in. Be vigilant just like that. You have no idea when the Son of Man is going to show up.

Sermon Title                      “Mind the Gap”                      ~ Rev. Bruce Berry

## 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.**

Offertory                      “Of the Father's Love Begotten”                      ~ *Plainsong, 13th c.*

\*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 (*Unison*)

**Holy and Righteous God, we offer our gifts with humble hearts, knowing the need in your world is great and our gifts alone will never fill that need. We offer our gifts in hope that you will bless them and use them to help fulfil your purpose revealed in Jesus Christ, Savior of us all. Amen.**

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

Communion

Prayer after Communion

\*Closing Hymn

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

"Salvation Has Come To Us"

~ Buxtehude

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

*Ushers for November: Allen & Jean Bender / December: Bob & Carol Mattocks*

- ~ \$273 has been received for Children's Hope Alliance. It is not too late if you wish to contribute. Designate on your check or pew envelope "Thanksgiving Offering" & place in offering plate.
- ~ Today is *Building Fund Sunday*. All contributions given, unless otherwise designated, will go the Church Building Fund.

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**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

**Daily Readings for November 28 – December 4 use the following web link:**

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

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*We welcome Rev. Bruce Berry to PPC this morning.*

*Rev. Berry has been married to Linda 53 years, with 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. He has served churches in Missouri, California, Indiana, Kentucky, and North Carolina and has served Church courts, at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels. Rev. Berry gardens and still mows his yard with a walk behind mower. He went to Boys State with Bill Clinton. He is currently employed, part time, at Strickland Funeral Home in Wendell. In addition, he has served 4 churches in North Carolina and Pollocksville Presbyterian Church as interim pastor for a year.*

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**Prayer List Additions as of 11/21/2021**

*Jeffrey Byrd (ICU - complications from surgery) (Frank Bender); Jacob (son of friends of Ed and Noreen Jekel) Jacob dealing with addiction; Families who have lost loved ones to Covid; Families in the Children's Alliance; Traveling mercies - Thanksgiving Holiday*

**Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.**

***For Joys and Concerns Please contact the church secretary by email***

***[fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](mailto:fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org) or call 252-224-8181 with any joys, prayer requests or updates. Please include the name, the person requesting and the reason prayer is needed (if you wish this to be included). Please do the same for any joy. It cannot be stressed enough that without your help in this, someone may get overlooked. Do not assume that we know if someone is in need of prayer.***

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| <b>Wednesdays</b>                         | <b>7 pm</b> | <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>  |
| <b>Week of November 29<sup>th</sup></b>   |             | <b>Hanging of the Greens</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>3 pm</b> | <b>Women of the Church – White Elephant Christmas Party at the Church. Bring finger food to share and a wrapped White Elephant gift to exchange. Contact Cathy Campbell if you plan to attend. Email: <a href="mailto:campbellrobertc@embarqmail.com">campbellrobertc@embarqmail.com</a> or call 252-637-4191</b> |
| <b>Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>5 pm</b> | <b>Session Meeting – Officer Examination</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup></b> |             | <b>Annual Community Christmas Recognition</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>6 pm</b> | <b>PPC Christmas Cantata</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup></b>   |             | <b>Annual Christmas Joy Offering to be received during morning worship</b>  |

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

***We will welcome Rev. Dr. Nancy Gladden back to PPC for the morning worship service.***