

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



November 6, 2022

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

November 6, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: The Word of the Lord came,

People: **hope for all people cradled in his arms.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord comes,

People: **calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord will come,

People: **gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.**

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”

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ *Rev. James*

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit...

A Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Unison)*

Leader: Now, after we confess, we hear the good news proclaimed: God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, God's steadfast love is poured out upon us!

People: **We will trust in God, in whom our salvation rests. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Anthem "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength" ~ *Este's Psalmes* ~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Rev. James*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

Scripture John 6:60-71 (NIV)

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" ⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them." ⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." ⁷⁰ Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" ⁷¹ (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

Sermon "Who Are You Listening To?" ~ *Rev. Bill James*

WHO are you listening to for "words of life"?

WHAT is being said?

HOW can we hear and receive Jesus' "words of life"?

*Hymn of Response "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #379
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

*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)*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

*Closing Hymn

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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

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Welcome!

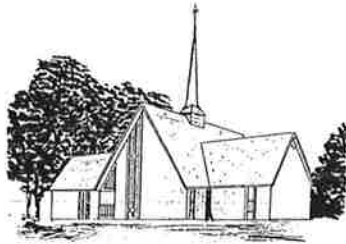
Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

~ Today we welcome the Rev. William (Bill) James to PPC ~

Bill is son-in-law to Bob & Carol Mattocks, and married Kelly Mattocks James here in Pollocksville Presbyterian Church on June 3, 1989. Together with Kelly, have 4 adult children: Philip, Andrew, Victoria, and Kathryn. They are expecting a second grandchild in January — a little brother to 2-year-old Noah. The James are glad to live close to New Bern in Durham.

~ Next Sunday, November 13th ~

Rev. Cynthia Williams will be filling the pulpit during the morning worship service



~ Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church ~

November 20		Rev. Marie Cone
November 27	(Baptism & Communion)	Jay Bender
December 4		Jeff Mizell
December 11		Lyle Swanger
December 18		Jeff Mizell
December 24	(Christmas Eve Service)	Jay Bender
December 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>	Jay Bender

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Prayer List Additions as of 10-30-2022

*Prayers for the Family of Jim Bell who passed away this past Thursday morning;
Prayers for Ed Edmondson (Thelma Edmondson); Sandy Bruno, Friend in River Bend who was
in hospital for 5 days with COVID and is at home now struggling to recover (Noreen Jekel);
Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff*

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.

Ushers & Greeters



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



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Daily Readings for November 6 – 12 use the following web link:

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



***Not too late to turn in your Pledge Packets
- See Ron Pound***



***Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 13th
To include the election of one ruling elder, class of 2025.***



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, November 6th 5 pm Session Meeting**
- Friday, November 11th Veterans Day – Childcare Closed**
- Sunday, November 13th Annual Congregational Meeting following morning worship**
- Monday, November 14th 7 pm Women's Circle Meeting in the Sanctuary
Shirley Bryan Hostess & Study Leader**
- Sunday, November 20th Children's Hope Alliance Offering
Community Thanksgiving Service – watch for details**
- Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th – Thanksgiving Holidays
Childcare and Church Office CLOSED**