

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 19, 2021

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

December 19, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

~ The Miller Family

The Candle of JOY

“Light a Candle in the Night” ~ Lloyd Larson

Choir

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Leader: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

People: **Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth, then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.**

Leader: And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now, he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

All: **And he shall be the one of peace.** *(Micah 5:2-5, NRSV)*

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

“What Child Is This”

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Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Most Holy Father, during this Advent season, we are reminded of our failures and shortcomings to welcome you in our lives. We have faltered in our relationship with you and with our fellowman. Forgive us for our disobedience and unfaithfulness. Reunite us now so that we may be one with you and each other in spirit and in truth.

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon

Apostle Paul said we all have sinned and fallen from God's love. He also said God's grace is sufficient for us even in our weaknesses. Through his everlasting grace in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Anthem "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" *arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams* *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Luke 1:46-56 NRSV

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." ⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Sermon "A Time to Rejoice" ~ *Rev. Clarence Page*

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 "Child Of the Poor / What Child Is This" ~ *Trad. English Melody, Dix/Soper*

*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

~ *Rev. Clarence Page*

*Closing Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"
Presbyterian Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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We welcome Rev. Clarence Page back to PPC this morning

Rev. Clarence Page is the Central Community Mission Coordinator for the Presbytery, where he serves on several committees and coordinates church ministries. He is the former pastor of several churches in South and North Carolina. He received his Master's of Divinity from Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta and attended Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Rev. Page and his wife, Teresa, live in Lumberton.

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~ ***Next Sunday, December 26th*** ~

PPC will have a Hymn Sing during the morning worship service

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December Ushers: Bob & Carol Mattocks

"The poinsettias in the sanctuary this morning were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John D. and Virginia Jenkins by Carol and Bob Mattocks."

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Daily Readings for December 12 – 18 use the following web link:

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

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be received during today's Morning Worship Service.

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

Please use the enclosed envelope and place in the offering plate or designate on your check for "Christmas Joy Offering".

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Prayer List Additions as of 12/12/2021

Those affected by the tornados in the South & Midwest US (Ed Edmondson);

The family and friends of Catherine Brinson Bender rejoice in her life among us until 11/ 25/ 21 when she died at the Crystal Coast Hospice House in Carteret County. A service will be held on January 15th 2022 at Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern. (Carol Mattocks)

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 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.

PPC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Communion

6:00 pm Friday, December 24th

Announcements

Sunday Mornings: 11:00 a.m. – Worship in the Church Sanctuary & NOW Streaming Live on Facebook

No Bible study December – to resume January 2022

No Choir Rehearsal until Wednesday, January 5th at 6 pm - Please note time change

December 23rd – 31st PPC Childcare closed - to reopen Monday, January 3rd

Please call the church office for availability of the Secretary during the holidays.

Sunday, December 26th 11 am Hymn Sing

Building Fund Sunday

Sunday, January 9th 9:45 am Sunday School will resume

**11 am Ordination & Installation Service
Communion**

5 pm Session Meeting

Please Note:

During the week of December 27th there will be extensive repairs to the Sanctuary roof and the inside of the Education Building. The Sanctuary roof is being replaced. In the Education Building, the lights & ceiling tiles will be replaced and the inside will be painted.