

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, December 29, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
First Sunday After Christmas

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

December 29, 2024

Prelude ~ Mary Ann Jones

Welcome and Announcements ~ Liturgist

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: God of love, Christ is born, and we give you praise!

People: **Your love is embodied among us, and we give you thanks. You are not abstract, but real.**

Leader: You are not far, but near.

People: **We search for you, and we find you.**

Leader: Jesus, lead us to the place of God..

People: **Let us worship God in awe, with gratitude, with love, joy, and thanksgiving! Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Invocation ~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #175

Call to Confession ~ Pastor Yearick

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we admit that we don't always like praying prayers of confession. To speak aloud our imperfection, our failings, our actions that caused harm and the good we lack in doing, it makes us vulnerable. Not only that, but we sometimes feel we're too much on display, or we can't really mean it when we speak words from a page.

Yet we know that holding things back allows them to swirl in our minds and in our hearts. They continue to wound us because we don't acknowledge them.

So, O God, make this prayer a beginning. Guide us to speak aloud the things we must confess in order to find wholeness. Even if the words are sometimes hard to say, forgive us, that you may restore us in your righteousness. Amen.

Silence is Observed

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*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.

*The Apostles' Creed *(In Unison)*

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.

A Time For Children

"Jesus Is Never Lost"

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Hymn

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (v.1)

#168

"The First Noel" (v.1)

#167

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-35; 39-40

Hymn

"Away in a Manger"

#176

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

The Meditation

"Losing Jesus So Soon?"

~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

*Hymn "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (v.2,3) #182

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer ~ Pastor Yearick

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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory ~ Mary Ann Jones

Offertory Response "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (v.1) #184

Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #191

*Charge and Benediction ~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude ~ Mary Ann Jones

All hymns from The Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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Welcome!

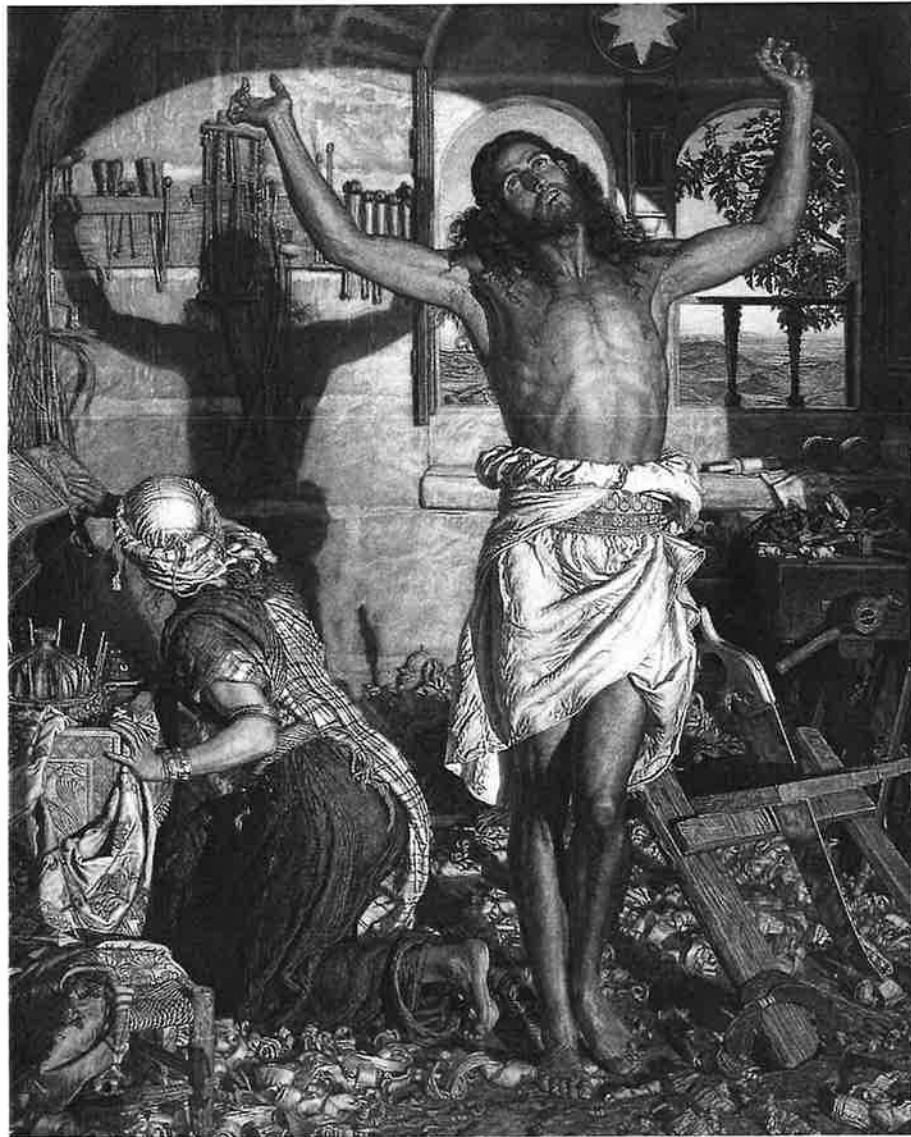
Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.



Prayer List Additions as of 12/8/2024

Prayers for his family member, Crystal Spruill, who is in the hospital but is doing better (Banks Overman); Continued prayers for Carol Jackson Nelson and Reid as she had more surgery on December 20th for her breast cancer (Cheryl Coeyman); Travel mercies for all those traveling (Jeremy LeRay); Prayers for Ed & Thelma Edmondson – Ed was admitted to the hospital Monday (12-23-24) Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare

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



William Holman Hunt, Artist



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26 and Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Daily Readings for December 29 – January 4 use the following web link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>



\$352 has been received for The Annual Christmas Joy Offering

It is not too late if you wish to contribute. There are envelopes available on the table in the narthex or just mark on your check or pew envelope *Joy Offering*.

Drop in the offering plate or give to Ron Pound.

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.

Ushers & Greeters



December: Vic Bryan & Kay Bender

Ushers are needed for the upcoming year! See sign-up sheet in the narthex.



There will be a nursery provided during the 11 am Worship Service.

See Jean Bender if you can be a nursery volunteer.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Nursery Volunteers are needed!



If you would like an announcement or article included in the weekly PollyPress, please email the information to the secretary at

fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org

Articles or announcements for the PollyPress need to be to the Secretary by *first thing* Monday morning.

Announcements for the bulletin need to be given to the secretary by Wednesday of each week.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Sunday Mornings 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &
Streaming Live on Facebook, YouTube & on PPC Website
- Sundays at 9:45 am Adult Sunday School – *Remember your Bibles!*
Children’s Sunday School at 9:45 am
- Thursdays 6 pm Choir Practice
No Practice January 2nd
- Wednesday, January 1st New Year’s Day – Church Office will be closed
Sunday, January 5th Ordination & Installation / Communion
Begin HOG Killing
5 pm Session Meeting
- Monday, January 13th 7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting
at the home of Jean Bender
with Carol Mattocks Study Leader – Lesson 4
- Monday, January 20th MLK Holiday – Church Office Closed



HOG KILLING

After the Worship on Sunday, January 5th, the church decorations will need to be taken down and put away. We will begin this process after church and continue into the week. Please join in this task and help put the beautiful decorations away to be used again.

“May the dawn of this New Year fill your heart with new hopes, open up new horizons and bring you promises of brighter tomorrows.

Have a wonderful year ahead.”

Happy New Year 2025!

Frances

*GROW IN
CHRIST*

