

POLLOCKSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 5, 2021

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

December 5, 2021

Prelude "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" ~ *Buxtehude*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ *Lyle & Amber Swanger*

The Candle of PEACE "Light a Candle in the Night" ~ *Lloyd Larson* Choir

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: Lift up your hearts, people of God, for the Lord has been gracious to us.

People: **Let us prepare the way of the Lord, leveling the obstacles to his reign in our life.**

Leader: Let every low place be brought up to a generous and just pathway to righteousness.

People: **May every people in every place see the salvation of God.**

Leader: Come and worship Emmanuel, God with us.

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

"Prepare the Way"
Presbyterian Hymnal

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in your great mercy hear us as we come to confess our sins against you and one another. In our words and deeds, we are not always faithful. Sometimes we forget to be grateful, and we reach out to get more. Sometimes we don't trust you because our hearts are too full of doubt. Sometimes we want to make our way your way. Too often the sin we should have hated we have committed. Have mercy on us and forgive us. In this time of Advent, fill us with the Spirit of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, hear our prayers...

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon: *(Responsive)*

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

All: **The good news of the gospel is this: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Anthem "Carol of the Winter Wind" ~ *Joseph Martin* *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Luke 3:1-6 (NRSV)
Malachi 3:1-6 (NRSV)

3:1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

3:1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. ⁶For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished.

Sermon "The Promise of Restoration" ~ *Rev. Nancy Gladden*

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 “He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd” ~ *Handel*

*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*)

Lord, we are humbled by your love for us and by your generous grace in our life. Help us to see and to accept the opportunities we have to be a part of your work. We offer our gifts for your purposes. May the ways they are used glorify your name. In Jesus' name may it be so. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” #15
Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude “Variations on Wachet Auf” *arr. Lovelace*
*Please rise in body or spirit **Bold:** Congregation Speaks
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We welcome once again Rev. Dr. Nancy Gladden to PPC this morning
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~ ***Next Sunday, December 12th*** ~

The Rev. Dr. David Vanderbilt will fill PPC's pulpit for 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."

For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Malachi 3:1-74 and Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Daily Readings for December 5 – 11 use the following web link:

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

\$973 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.

Prayer List Additions as of 11/28/2021

*Joyce Trievel (friend of the Jekels) - Beginning chemotherapy treatment;
Ann Waller (Mark Bender); Ridge Turner – Newborn (Kay Bender's niece's baby);
Shaqueal Davis (Lori Davis, PPCCC Director's son); Shaniqua Savage & Family in the loss of
her Father (PPCCC); Tom Moore (Pastor T. Wes' Dad) - Placed in Hospice Care.*

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.

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

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| Wednesdays |  | 7 pm Choir Rehearsal |
| Today, Sunday, December 5 th | | 3 pm Women of the Church
– White Elephant Christmas Party – |
| | | <i>Bring finger food to share and a wrapped White Elephant gift to exchange.</i> |
| Today, Sunday, December 5 th | | 5 pm Session Meeting – Officer Examination |
| Wednesday, December 8 th | | Annual Community Christmas Recognition |
| Sunday, December 12 th | | 6 pm PPC Christmas Cantata |
| Sunday, December 19 th | | Annual Christmas Joy Offering to be received during the
Morning Worship Service |
| December 23 rd – 31 st | | PPC Childcare closed - to reopen Monday, January 3 rd |

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