

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 12, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

February 12, 2023

Prelude

"He Is Exalted" ~ T. Paris

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Leader: You could have stayed in bed, you could be eating breakfast out.

People: **We have chosen to be in this place, feasting on God's words.**

Leader: You could give a cold shoulder to your neighbors, you could warm yourself in front of the fire.

People: **We have chosen to see God with more than just a sliver of our hearts.**

Leader: You could be chasing after the world's idols, you could be listening to television's talking heads.

People: **We have chosen to serve the One who blesses us with life.**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#356

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Invited to walk in your footsteps, God of Blessings, we turn away to play hopscotch on the sidewalks of seduction. Given the chance to watch you work wonders of grace and renewal, we fixate on the idols of success and power. When you want to tell us stories of healing and reconciliation, we decline to hear your gentle voice. Have mercy on us, Father of Grace. We know all the ways we have failed in our discipleship and need to come to You. We ask for the forgiveness you offer us. Help us to choose to hold fast to your hand; to walk your streets of wholeness and hope; to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, into the life you intend for us.

Silence is kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: God's forgiveness dwells in our hearts; Christ's love fills us; the Spirit's peace guides our steps.

People: **Our feet are set on the journey. Walking in faith and hope with our God, we will be servants to the world. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Anthem

Medley of Hymns

~ Choir

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Philip P. Bliss arr. Buryl Red

"I Then Shall Live"

Gloria Gaither/Jean Sibelius

"There's A River of Life"

L. Casebolt

Prayer for Illumination

~ Jay Bender

Scripture

Matthew 5: 21-37 (NIV)

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. ²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹ "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³ "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Sermon

"Make It Right"

~ Jay Bender

*Hymn of Response

"Trust and Obey"

#437

Sing to the Lord 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 "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" ~ B. Foote

*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

~ Jay Bender

*Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

#677

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Freely, Freely" ~ Carol Owens

Welcome!

to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

~ Thank You to Jay Bender for filling the pulpit this morning ~

~ Next Sunday, February 19th ~

Communion during morning worship – Transfiguration of the Lord

~ The Rev. Dr. Nancy Gladden will be filling the pulpit ~



Thank you to everyone who contributed to, and helped with the Valentine boxes for our college students!



TODAY is Super Bowl Sunday

Plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship - and lots of good soups - TOGETHER!

Our donations will go to feed people - thru our local Filling Station!

We have small sampler bowls- so you can taste various soups.

To-Go containers will be available- for those who can't stay!

Donate (whatever you would normally spend for Sunday lunch out).



Prayer List Additions as of 2-6-2023

Please keep in prayer Ashley and Tyler Jones & daughter, Amelia (Amelia has some medical concerns); Penny Bender; Ed Edmondson & Thelma Edmondson; Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

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

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/lectionary/>



NEXT SUNDAY, February 19th is CWS Blanket Sunday at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. A special offering will be received.

“Through the Blanket+ Program, emergency resources and long-term assistance is provided to help families around the world recover from disasters and build viable, sustainable lives and communities.”



Your Help is Needed !

If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact

John Bender at 252-675-8431 or email: jmbender1991@gmail.com.

February – Ron Pound & Vic Bryan

March – Dana Bender & Blair Purvis

April – Jerry Burkot & John Bender



The Church Secretary will out of the office tomorrow, February 13th



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

TODAY, February 12th

Souper Bowl Sunday – Donations to the Filling Station

Monday, February 13th

7 pm Women's Circle Meeting

– In Sanctuary Annex – Hostess, Sheron Bender; Study Leader, Eileen Griswold

Thursday, February 16th

5:30 pm Childcare Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 19th

Communion during Worship -Transfiguration of the Lord

CWS Blanket Sunday at PPC

Wednesday, February 22nd

Ash Wednesday – 6 pm Pancake Supper & Service to follow

Sunday, February 26th

8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2 Cook

Building Fund Sunday

Saturday, March 4th

Presbytery meeting in Wallace

– Shirley Bryan is the Elder Commissioner

Sunday, March 5th

5 pm Session Meeting