

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, February 16, 2025

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday After Epiphany

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

February 16, 202

Hymns from the Presbyterian Hymnal

Prelude

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” by Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Presentation of Flowers by Ed Valentine

Minute for Mission

“CWS Blankets”

Cheryl Coeyman

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Leader: Jesus said, “I tell you this so that my joy may be in you...”

People: **Love one another as I have loved you...”**

Leader: Jesus said, “You are my friends if you do what I ask you...”

People: **Love one another as I have loved you...”**

Leader: Jesus said, “I have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last...”

People: **Love one another as I have loved you...”**

Leader: As we gather in worship, we know that Christ laid down his life for us.

ALL: **We are called to be a community where his love lives and grows!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

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Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

The love of God is demonstrated in many ways; through healings, words of assurance and promise; through actions that enhance our faith and in ways we response to others in need. God is always present watching and waiting for us to move in His direction. Because we are sinners in the need of grace, the Lord reminds us that He will always forgive and forget. Let us approach the throne of grace in humility and also in boldness and offer our prayers for forgiveness and restoration. Let us pray together our prayer of confession –

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess our sin to you, for we have denied your light in us; we have betrayed your Holy Spirit in us.

We have sought happiness and security instead of faithfulness and trust. For those sins which weigh upon us, and those we do not even know we ask your forgiveness. Heal our hearts, renew your Spirit within us, and restore in us the image of Christ, that by your grace we may be light for the world. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Pastor Yearick

Beloved of God, hear this good news: The One who formed you and called you by name declares, "You are mine." Through Christ, all that is evil within us is taken away, while all that is good within us is redeemed and restored. In love, God gathers us in, and pours out mercy beyond measure. In Christ, we are forgiven, and God says to us all: "You are dearly loved. Praise be to God!

*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.

A Time For Children

"Love, Love, Love"

~ Pastor Yearick

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

"Fill Us With Your Love" by Tom Colvin/Hal H. Hopson ~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Pastor Yearick

The Scripture Reading

The Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 13

(paraphrased by J. Mark Jordan)

(Responsively)

Pastor. Although I may be a gifted speaker and can pray in tongues anytime, anywhere, and yet I don't love others, I am only making noise without substance. And though I seem to have an answer for everything and people come to me for my opinions, and I am a dynamo of spiritual power with many spiritual victories, and yet I have no love, I am a zero.

And though my generosity is well known, and I have sacrificed all for God with wounds and scars to prove it, yet I have no love, God hasn't profited from me at all.

People: So, how can we tell whether or not we have real love? Let us see how love behaves by the following list:

Pastor: Love smiles through the pain of being hurt, criticized, misunderstood and ignored without constantly complaining. Love never confronts anyone unless it is with a kind, well-considered word without blasting them out of the room. Love doesn't judge or want what others have—clothes, car, job, wife, husband, money, personality or even spiritual gifts. It doesn't go around talking about God being unfair or people being uncaring when the real problem is envy and jealousy. It shuns the limelight and recognition. It doesn't have "I" problems.

People: Love declines to make a scene about everything and won't make mountains out of molehills. It will not choose inappropriate and disruptive ways to make a point. It doesn't have to be right all the time and it is slow to get stirred up about every tale spread through the ever-active grapevine. Love doesn't wear its feelings on its sleeves, and it doesn't assume that others are thinking, doing and intending the worst. It gives people the benefit of the doubt.

Pastor: Love suffers when someone fails or when tragedy strikes. It takes no pleasure in sin or wrongdoing of any kind. It is most interested in the truth winning out, even when the truth hurts. Love lends its shoulder to bear the burdens of others and never breaks their confidence. It believes the best in people and tries hard to trust them.

People: Even when love feels someone is wrong, lying, or making a huge mistake, it still hopes for the best possible outcome. And when love is disappointed and crushed by bearing, believing and hoping, it endures the hurt and embarrassment with cheer and restraint, always continuing to be itself—love.

ALL: Three great forces motivate the church: faith, hope and love. These powerful attributes are the basis for everything the church is doing in the world today. But even when you narrow it all down to these three, at the top of the list you'll find love."

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 10: 25-28 (NIV)

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” ²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“What’s Love Got to Do With It?”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

* 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.

*Hymn of Response

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

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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

~ *Debbie Fitzgerald*

“What Wondrous Love is This” by *Paul Edwards* (A Traditional Folk Hymn)

*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

~ Pastor Yearick

*Closing Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (v.1,3) #376

*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

“A King of Love” by Gordon Young ~ Debbie Fitzgerald

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in Memory of Ed Valentine's wife & Sweetheart, Joan AND in Honor of all the Sweethearts at PPC. From Ed Valentine

Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping with us today.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Daily Readings for February 16 – 22 use the following web link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>



Prayer List Additions as of 02/09/2025

Prayers for the family of Janice Gaskins. She passed away after fighting cancer for 18 years (Mary Ann LeRay); Prayers for Sissy Mills, the Jones County Emergency Management Director. She recently lost her mother (Mary Ann LeRay)

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

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



TODAY is CWS Blanket Sunday at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church.
Use the enclosed envelope for your offering and place it in the offering plate.

“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.”



Souper Bowl was a BIG Success



\$581 has been collected to date. The money collected will go to The Filling Station.
If you would like to contribute, please designate on your check *Souper Bowl* & place in the offering or give to Ron Pound.

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

Sunday, February 23rd

8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 1 Cook

Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Building Fund Sunday

Sunday, March 2nd

Transfiguration of the Lord - Communion during Worship

5 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 5th

5:30 pm Pancake Super

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, March 9th

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Monday, March 10th

7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting at the Church

Hostess – Dianne Bell

Study Leader – Diane McCaffity – lesson 6

Sunday, March 16th

Celebration of Women

– Women will oversee the Worship Service



Please note.... Pastor Ken Yearick is normally in the office on Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. The pastor *will be* in the office on Friday, February 21st. There will be a change in the next few weeks' schedule. He will be in on February 28th & March 3rd. Then he will be off on Friday, March 7th.



The church secretary, Frances Waters, will be out of the office on Monday, February 17th. The PollyPress will not be sent out until Tuesday the 18th.



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

Ushers & Greeters



February: Allen Bender & Cheryl Coeyman

Ushers are needed for 2025



Nursery Volunteers are needed!



Next Sunday we will have our hymn sing prior to worship to offer an opportunity to sing some of the hymns we sing infrequently, or to sing a favorite hymn. Hopefully, we can renew this event on the last Sunday of every month. Be ready to pick your hymn!



**Transfiguration of the Lord – Sunday, March 2nd
Communion during the Morning Worship Service**



Ash Wednesday



***Wednesday, March 5th – 5:30 pm – Pancake Supper
Ash Wednesday Service to follow at 6:30 pm***