

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, February 18, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

February 18, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

“CWS Blankets”

Shirley Bryan

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Based on Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: **When hard pressed I cry to the Lord, for I know He is with me; I will not be afraid.**

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in the world.

People: **The LORD has done marvelous things; let us rejoice today and be glad.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; for the LORD has done this –

People: **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#383

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ Pastor Ken Yearick

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer, as we enter this Season of Lent, we are aware that much of the events in our study revolve around rejection. You were rejected many times, even among Your own family and community.

Even though You offered healing and restoration to many, people who rejected You and Your teachings. But we do the same; we turn our backs on You; we chose our own desires rather than Your Will; we follow the secular instead of Your Word.

Forgive us, O Lord; forgive our shortcomings, our mistakes, our failures; remold us back into wholeness, where we can abide in Your loving Spirit, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

Scripture

Mark 12:1-12 (NIV)

¹ Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ² At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed. ⁶ "He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷ "But the tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸ So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ "What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Haven't you read this passage of Scripture:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

¹¹ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

¹² Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

"Rejection Does Not Mean Quit!"

~ *Pastor Ken 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.

*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.

*Hymn of Response “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #101
The Presbyterian Hymnal

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The 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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*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 Ken Yearick

*Closing Hymn “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” #379
The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold:** Congregation Speaks

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Pastor Yearick will be preaching a sermon series on a journey through Lent with an emphasis on stones, based on a book by Steven Molin. To bring these sermons to light, each week you will be given a stone or a rock depicting the theme of the day. It is our hope that these visual symbols of faith will help you as you journey through Lent to the Easter Resurrection.

Today, you will receive the stone of rejection!

Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping with us today.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 9:8-17; and Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Daily Readings for February 18 – 24 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions as of 02/11/2024

Cheryl Coeyman's mom - Betty Johnson was admitted to the hospital on Friday - Lungs full of fluid—doing better Saturday, hopefully home soon! (Sheron Bender); Carol Foret a good friend—surgery for pancreatic cancer on Feb 20 (Sheron Bender); Sam Tyler's daughter, Ophelia- will be treated for Scoliosis- with surgery. She is six. (Sam grew up in our church) (Sheron Bender); Taffy and Charlie Jones—need our prayers- Taffy will have surgery on March 1- for breast cancer (Mary Ann LeRay); The family of Claudia Armstrong....she passed away last week. (Hilda Bender); The Family of Sally Ann McConnell (Mary Ann LeRay)

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.



Today is CWS Blanket Sunday

at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. A special offering will be received.

Please read the bulletin insert and use the enclosed envelope to give.

“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.”



\$513.00 was collected for our annual *Souper Bowl*

– 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.



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

The East Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is challenging the churches in the EAST to raise \$20,000 to reduce medical debt. The Steering Team is working with R.I.P Medical Debt, a national non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating burdensome medical debt. The company negotiates with area hospitals to “buy out” medical debt at a greatly reduced price. Using data analytics, the company pinpoints the debt of those most in need: households that earn less than 4 times federal poverty level, or whose debts are 5% or more of annual income.


The goal of \$20,000 will eliminate \$2,000,000 in medical debt in the EAST Community. The challenge period is January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024. The Session of Pollocksville Presbyterian Church has committed \$1000 and encourages the individual members of the church to come together and match this amount. Contributions should be marked “RIP Medical Debt” and given to Treasurer Ron Pound.

\$1220 has been received for “RIP Medical Debt” from PPC to date



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
Sunday, February 25th 8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 3, Cook
Building Fund Sunday
Sunday, March 3rd 5 pm Session Meeting
Monday, March 11th 7 pm Women's Circle Meeting at the Church
Hostess – Dianne Bell, Study Leader – Diane McCaffity
Sunday, March 24th Palm Sunday
8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 4, Cook
Building Fund Sunday
5 pm Session
Thursday, March 28th 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
Friday, March 29th Good Friday – Church Office and Childcare CLOSED
Sunday, March 31st EASTER – *Flowering the Cross prior to 11 am service*
Communion during Morning Worship
One Great Hour of Sharing (Special Offering)

~ *USHERS & GREETERS* ~

February: Allen Bender & Barbara Smith

March: Cheryl Coeyman & Sheron Bender

April: Vic Bryan & Ron Pound

***Your assistance is needed! Ushers are needed for 2024.
If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact
Amber Swanger or Shirley Bryan.***

Ushers are needed for the months of May through December.

There is also a signup sheet in the church vestibule.

Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!

You are appreciated!!!



The Filling Station is one of 6 non-profits that benefit financially from the Neuse River Bridge Run, which takes place May 3-4, 2024.

There are volunteer opportunities on May 2, 3 and 4. We need volunteers to fold and organize the T-shirts, to help with registrations, to serve food and beverages to the runners, and lots of other tasks!

If this sounds like something you'd like to help with, head over to:

<https://www.bridgerun.org/>

Or-- if you're feeling like a COMPETITOR—sign up to walk or run—and register/ and join our team.

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Stella Downs, principal at Pollocksville Elementary, has asked if anyone would be interested in helping the third-grade teacher. The teacher would appreciate help working with a small group within the class. The best time would be 9- 10:30. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Joan Knight for next steps.

Thanks,

Joan Knight

Jaknight52@suddenlink.net

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Thank You

To **EVERYONE** who helped make the PPC annual pancake supper & Ash Wednesday service

A SUCCESS.