

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, February 23, 2025

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday After Epiphany

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

February 16, 202

Prelude

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

“Hymn by Caleb Simper” *arr. by Michael Ryan*

Hymn Sing

Hymns from the Sing to the Lord Hymnal

“How Great Thou Art” # 33

“It Is Well with My Soul” #554

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” #304

“’Til The Storm Passes By” #556

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Leader: God of hope, like Joseph we have been sold into slavery.

People: **We have been controlled by forces beyond us.**

Leader: But you have set us free, and given us dignity and grace.

People: **We thank you. With gratitude and awe we worship you.**

Leader: In our worship we open our hearts to you, like Joseph’s brothers receiving the bounty of grain.

People: **Fill us with your love, that we may bless and serve others according to the power you give us. Let us worship in celebration!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

#364

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins. Therefore, we need to come to the Lord and confess our sins, mistakes, and wrongs we have committed. God offers us a chance to bring these shortcomings to Him, and He has promised to listen to us, and forgive us. Let us together join in our prayer of confession – let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Silence is Kept

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.

A Time For Children

"A Big Surprise!"

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Yearick*

The Scripture Reading

Book of Psalm

Psalm 37:1-11

(NIV)

¹ Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; ² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. ³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: ⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. ⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. ⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. ¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. ¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

Old Testament Genesis 45:3 -11 (NIV)

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸ “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“What’s Your Story?”

~ *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 “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer” (v.1,2,3,5) #223

The Presbyterian Hymnal

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*

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” *by William H. Doane*

*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 “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” (v. 1,3,4) #370
The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Postlude

~ *Debbie Fitzgerald*

“Forty Days and Forty Nights” *by Lyndell Leatherman*

*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 02/09/2025

Prayers for Ed & Thelma Edmondson (Jean Bender); Prayers for Bentley (9-months old) has been in the hospital for a month with RSV and now has salmonella (Debbie Fitzgerald)

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.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 and Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Daily Readings for February 23 – March 1 use the following web link:

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



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



\$295 has been collected for CWS Blanket Sunday.

It's not too late to contribute.

Just pick up a special offering envelope from the table in the narthex or designate on your check, *CWS Blankets* & place in the offering or give to Ron Pound.

“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



\$681 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.



Nursery Volunteers are needed!



Please note.... Pastor Ken Yearick is normally in the office on Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. 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.

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, 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

– The Women of the church will be in charge of the Service

Sunday, March 23rd

8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 2 Cook

Building Fund Sunday

Sunday, March 30th

Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

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Ushers & Greeters



February: Allen Bender & Cheryl Coeyman

March - 2nd & 9th Steve Long

April - Blair Purvis & Vic Bryan

Needed for March, May, June, August, September and December

See sign-up sheet in the narthex