

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, February 25, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

February 25, 2024

Prelude "The Quiet Garden" *Martin*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Inspired by Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33

Leader: Each day is a gift from God,

People: **each moment is that opportunity to reach out in service to all creation.**

Leader: Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:

People: **not written on stone tablets easily broken, but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

Leader: Each day we draw closer to God:

People: **who has forgotten more than we ever learn; who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.**

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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

#152

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

Unison Prayer of Confession Based on Psalm 23

O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want. We lie down when we could act. We stir the pot when we could offer peace. We wander tempting paths instead of following you. We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them. We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance. We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy, so that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Pastor Ken Yearick

Anthem

Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Pastor Ken Yearick

Scripture

John 8: 2-12 (NIV)

² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." ¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

"To Stone or Not to Stone"

~ 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 "In My Heart There Rings A Melody" #350
Sing to the Lord 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 "O Lamb of God" *Telemann*

*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 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" #698
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" *Bach*

*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, we will discuss ways we throw stones in life.

Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping with us today.

If you are looking for a church home, please feel free to join us.

Our membership is open to all. Please see the Pastor or one of the Elders if you wish to join our Church Family.

Welcome to all!



Today is *Building Fund Sunday*.

All contributions given, unless otherwise designated, will go to the Church Building Fund.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; and Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25;

Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Daily Readings for February 25 – March 2 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions as of 02/18/2024

*Betty Johnson, Cheryl's mom—Transitioning to Comfort care/Hospice (Mike Coeyman/
Sheron Bender); A friend who is suffering from the effects of Agent Orange, from
Vietnam war (Vic Bryan); Steve Fitzgerald's eye surgery (Hilda Bender)*

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.



**February 18th was CWS Blanket Sunday
at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. \$185 was received.**

If you would like to contribute, please designate on your check *CWS Blankets*
Or use special envelopes on the narthex table & 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.”



\$588.00 has been 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.

\$1535 has been received for “RIP Medical Debt” from PPC to date

~ *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.

There is also a signup sheet in the church vestibule.
Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!
You are appreciated!!!



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, March 3rd

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, March 10th

Daylight Saving Time Begins

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)

Make A Difference



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

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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.



A message from Frances:

***The Church Secretary will be out of the office and unavailable
Monday and Tuesday, February 26th & 27th.***

The PollyPress may not be available until midweek.