

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 26, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

February 26, 2023

Prelude

"The Lily of the Valley" ~ Charles W. Fry

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (*From Psalms 146*)

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

People: **Happy are those whose help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoner free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: **The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow. The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

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

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Forgive us, Holy God, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor. Forgive us when we are so narrow minded that we believe we have nothing to give or that we have all the answers. Forgive our fear of scarcity and our lack of trust in your providence. Forgive our lack of vision to understand our interconnectedness. Forgive our selfishness. Renew our hope; increase our courage; broaden our vision. Strengthen our trust in you. And hear now our silent individual confessions...

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Rev. Howell

Anthem "Come To Me, O Weary Traveler" ~ Silvia G. Dunstan ~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination ~ Rev. Howell

Scripture Psalms 32 (RSV)

¹Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³When I declared not my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* ⁵I acknowledged my sin to thee, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; then thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin. *Selah* ⁶Therefore let every one who is godly offer prayer to thee; at a time of distress, in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. ⁷Thou art a hiding place for me, thou preservest me from trouble; thou dost encompass me with deliverance. *Selah* ⁸I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not keep with you. ¹⁰Many are the pangs of the wicked; but steadfast love surrounds him who trusts in the LORD. ¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Romans 5:12-19 (RSV)

¹²Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned— ¹³sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Then as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man's act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Sermon "What About Sin?" ~ Rev. Gary Howell

*Hymn of Response "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" # 78
The Presbyterian 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

"Give Thanks" ~ Don Moen

*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

O God, these gifts we offer were never ours to begin with. You are the giver of all good gifts — our talents, our treasure, our very lives. Accept these gifts we offer, as testimonies of our love for you and our desire to serve you. In our giving, we make a declaration: Our lives are in your hands. We affirm our desire to be bold in our discipleship — not hiding our talents in the ground, afraid to risk; but daring to be children of light, ministering in your name to the poor and broken of this world. In the name of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ~ Thomas A. Dorsey

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

Welcome!

to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

~ Thank You to Gary Howell for filling the pulpit this morning ~

~ Next Sunday, March 5th ~

~ Kenneth Yearick will be filling the pulpit ~



Today is Building Fund Sunday.

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



Prayer List Additions as of 2-19-2023

Asking for travel mercies for his son and surgeon, nurses and doctor for surgery on Monday 2-20-23 (Ed Valentine); Prayers for the Family of Ron Pound's Brother and his family in the loss of his grandson, Nick, [passed away following car accident] (Ron Pound); Sister's grandchild, Barrett, has health concerns and needs prayer (Gera Howe); Sister, Josie, having back surgery (Chris Moore); Kay battling back problems (Mark Bender); Penny Bender; Ed & 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:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 and Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Daily Readings for February 26 – March 4 use the following web link:

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



The Neuse River Bridge Run is happening on Saturday, April 29! There are lots of ways you can support the race - (and by doing that—supporting the Filling Station) See Sheron Bender about how you can help or look for more information in the PollyPress.



Last Sunday was CWS Blanket Sunday

at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. \$257 was received for Blankets Plus.

Let's surpass last year's gifts of \$ 461! Donations are still being accepted.

If you still wish to give, please place your gift in the offering next Sunday. Designate for Blankets+ (Special Envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex).

"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 – Jerry Burkot & Blair Purvis

April – John Bender & Dana Bender

*May, June, July, August, September & December – **Ushers Needed***



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

Saturday, March 4th

Presbytery meeting in Wallace

– Shirley Bryan is the Elder Commissioner

Sunday, March 5th

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, March 12th

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Monday, March 13th

7 pm Women's Circle Meeting

– In Sanctuary Annex – Hostess, Dianne Bell; Study Leader, Diane McCaffity

Thursday, March 16th

5:30 pm Childcare Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 26th

8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 3 Cook

Building Fund Sunday