

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 5, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

February 5, 2023

Prelude

“Just a Little Talk With Jesus” ~ *Derricks*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Leader: Jesus declared that we are the light of the world.

People: **Loving God, You have appointed us as Your witnesses to be blameless and innocent; Your children without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom we shine as lights in the world.**

Leader: We are all children of light, children of the day.

ALL: **Let us not hide the bright hope You have given us, but tell everyone of Your love, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. In whose name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Rev. Vanderbilt

Anthem

"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel"

Traditional Spiritual arr. Emerson

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Rev. Vanderbilt

Scripture

Isaiah 58:1-12 (ESV)

¹"Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. ³'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, ¹⁰if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. ¹¹And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. ¹²And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

Matthew 5:13-20 (ESV)

¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

*Hymn of Response

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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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

"We Will Understand It Better By and By"

Tindley arr. Stevens

*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

~ Rev. Vanderbilt

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” ~ Akers

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

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Welcome!

to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

**~ Welcome & Thank You Rev. David Vanderbilt for joining in today’s
Worship Service ~**

Today Rev. Dr. David Vanderbilt fills our pulpit. He lives in Jacksonville and is retired from active pastoral ministry from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. He has served in ordained ministry over 46 years—both in local churches and as a military chaplain in the U. S. Navy. Dr. Vanderbilt has also taught for Campbell University and Coastal Carolina Community College in the departments of history and religion. He is married to Jennifer (for 53 years) and has one son and two granddaughters.

**~ Next Sunday, February 12th ~
~ Jay Bender will be filling the pulpit ~**



Remember next Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday

**We are excited to gather and enjoy fellowship - and lots of good soups - TOGETHER!
Come, Plan to Stay and Eat! Our donations will go to feed people - thru our local
Filling Station! We will have small sampler bowls- so you can taste various soups—and
To-Go containers will be available- for those who can’t stay!**



Prayer List Additions as of 1-29-2023

Hilda Bender is going back to Duke for brain scan; Ed Valentine’s Brother-in-law, George, having back pain; Mark & Kay need prayers dealing with Mark’s shoulder (Hilda Bender); The Family of Ben Coulter - passed away due to complications of an accident (Barbara Smith); Please keep in prayer Ashley and Tyler Jones & daughter, Amelia (Amelia has some medical concerns)

*Penny Bender; Ed Edmondson & 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:

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) and Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

Daily Readings for February 5 – 11 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>



Your Help is Needed !

If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact

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February – Ron Pound & Vic Bryan

March – Dana Bender & Blair Purvis

April – Jerry Burkot & John Bender



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 5th

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, February 12th

Souper Bowl Sunday – Donations to the Filling Station

Monday, February 13th

7 pm Women's Circle Meeting

– In Sanctuary Annex – Hostess, Sheron Bender; Study Leader, Eileen Griswold

Thursday, February 16th

5:30 pm Childcare Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 19th

Communion during Worship -Transfiguration of the Lord

CWS Blanket Sunday at PPC

Wednesday, February 22nd

Ash Wednesday – 6 pm Pancake Supper & Service to follow

Sunday, February 26th

8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2 Cook

Building Fund Sunday

Sunday, March 5th

5 pm Session Meeting