

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, March 10, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

March 10, 2024

Prelude

“Amazing Grace” *by Robert Lau*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

People: **God's love endures forever!**

Leader: In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

People: **Christ's light shines in us!**

Leader: When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls:

People: **the Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!**

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

“To God Be the Glory”

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

The Light of the world has come, Ceaseless Creator, but we admit we love the shadows all around us. For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, instead of singing your praises; there, we can give into our natural anger, and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope. Forgive us for being impatient, irritated, grumbling, disobedient children, always demanding our way.

Lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of your joy; transform us, by grace, into the people we are meant to be. Shower us with the grace, the hope, the peace you have brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: Let the community of faith say so:

People: **God's love endures forever!**

Leader: Let those gathered in grace say so:

People: **God's love endures forever!**

Leader: Let those gathered from all parts of the world say so:

People: **God's love endures forever!**

Leader: This is the good news for us:

People: **God's love endures forever, and we are forgiven.**

Thanks be to God. AMEN

Anthem

“God So Loved the World” *by John Stainer*

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Jay Bender

Scripture

Numbers 21: 4-9 (NIV)

⁴They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" ⁶Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

John 3: 14-21 (NIV)

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Snakes in the Grace”

~ Jay Bender

*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

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

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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 “Beautiful One by Tim Hughes” *arranged by Carol Tornquist*

*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

~ Jay Bender

*Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” *by Douglas E. Wagner*

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

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Pastor Yearick has been preaching a sermon series on our journey through Lent with an emphasis on stones or rocks, based on a book by Steven Molin. A stone or rock has been given each week depicting the theme of the day. Since Pastor Ken is away, no stones today. Next Sunday, our focus will be on "crying stones" based on Luke 19.

Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshiping 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!



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9 and Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; 1 Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Daily Readings for March 10 – 16 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions as of 03/03/2024

Prayers for Sheron Bender as she was having surgery on her nose on Thursday for skin cancer (Sheron Bender); Prayers for family of Rev. Dr. Bob Bankhead who passed away 2 weeks ago (Jay Bender); Prayers for family of Minister Scott Bunting who passed away from stage 4 cancer (Jay Bender); Prayers for Ann Hughes Johnson who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer (Thelma Edmondson); Prayers for Karen Smith as she is having surgery for removal of a kidney stone (Noreen); Prayers for Kay's cousins, Harry and Teresa Pollock. Harry has Leukemia and Teresa has ovarian cancer (Mark Bender); Prayers for the family of Doris Riggs who passed away recently (Mark Bender); Prayers for the Coeyman family as Cheryl's mother passed away on the 26th (Mark 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, unless the church secretary is notified otherwise

~ USHERS & GREETERS ~

March: Cheryl Coeyman & Sheron Bender

April: Vic Bryan & Ron Pound

May: Joan Knight & "Usher Needed"

***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!!!***



The Gideons will be a part of the PPC Worship Service next

Sunday morning, March 17th. A Special Offering will be received.



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.

\$1905 has been received for “RIP Medical Debt” from PPC to date

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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.



March 28th – 7 pm at PPC
Maundy Thursday Community Service with Communion

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

Monday, March 11th

7 pm Women's Circle Meeting at the Church

Hostess – Dianne Bell, Study Leader – Diane McCaffity

Sunday, March 17th

Gideons – Minute for Mission at PPC

5 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday

8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 4, Cook

Building Fund Sunday

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) *see below*

Sunday, April 7th

5 pm Session

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Easter Sunday ~ “ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”

A Special Offering will be received

HUNGER – DISASTER – DEVELOPMENT

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

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Videos of the PPC services are available on the PPC website.

Go to pollockvillepresbyterian.org and click on “Weekly Videos”