

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



March 12, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

March 12, 2023

“May the Lord bless the people with peace.”

In reverent silence, prepare your hearts and minds to worship God.

Prelude “All Who Are Thirsty” ~ *Brown/Robertson*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: “Come, let us worship the Lord.”

ALL: **“The Lord who spoke to the woman at the well.”**

Leader: “Come, let us drink from the living water.”

ALL: **“The water that quenches our thirst forever.”**

Leader: “Come, let us worship the Savior.”

ALL: **“The Savior who knows everything about us.”**

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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #51

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Almighty God, we come before you with humble hearts. We confess our shortcomings in thought, word, and deed. We have not always followed your commandments, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We seek forgiveness and pray that you will renew our hearts and minds. Help us to walk in your ways and guide our path through green pastures. Please, Lord, lead us beside still waters. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: "Beloved, hear the good news: God's grace is abundant and freely given."

ALL: **"We are forgiven through our faith in Christ."**

Leader: "God's love is perfect and true."

ALL: **"Thanks be to God for the eternal gifts of mercy and grace."**

Anthem "Thy Will Be Done" ~ *Joyce Eilers* ~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Rev. Konigsmark*

Scripture (*See insert for scripture readings*) ~ *Contemporary English Version*

1st Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

2nd Reading: John 4:5-30

Sermon "Living Water" ~ *Rev. Andy Konigsmark*

*Hymn of Response "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #276
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 "Step By Step" ~ *Rich Mullens*

*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 (*Unison*)

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of redemption through Jesus Christ. As we receive your grace each day, guide us to be vessels of your love and mercy. Use our hearts and hands as we build the Kingdom of Heaven. Allow our service to bring glory to your Holy Name. May everything we do be done in the name of Jesus our Christ. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" #696
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Charge ~ *Rev. Konigsmark*

Beloved, as you go forth from this place, remember the encounter of the Samaritan woman with Jesus. May you be reminded that the Lord sees, knows, and loves you just as you are. May you be empowered to share this message of love and acceptance with those around you. Go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded us. Amen.

*Benediction ~ *Rev. Konigsmark*

May the God of living water, who met the Samaritan woman at the well, bless you and keep you. May the Lord shine his face upon you and be gracious to you. May the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and joy and empower you to be agents of love and reconciliation. Go in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior. Amen.

*Postlude "I've Got a River of Life" ~ *L. Casebolt*

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

1st Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (CEV)

¹ The Israelites left the desert and moved from one place to another each time the Lord ordered them to. Once, they camped at Rephidim, but there was no water to drink. ² The people started complaining to Moses, "Give us some water!" Moses replied, "Why are you complaining to me and trying to put the Lord to the test?" ³ But the people were thirsty and kept complaining, "Moses, did you bring us out of Egypt just to let us and our families and animals die of thirst?" ⁴ Then Moses prayed to the Lord, "What will I do with these people? They are about to stone me to death!" ⁵ The Lord answered, "Take some of the leaders with you and go ahead of the rest of the people. Also, take along the walking stick with which you struck the Nile River. ⁶ When you get to the rock at Mount Sinai, I will be there with you. Strike the rock with the stick, and water will pour out for the people to drink." Moses did this while the leaders watched. ⁷ The people had complained and tested the Lord by asking, "Is the Lord really with us?" So, Moses named that place Massah, which means "testing," and Meribah, which means "complaining."

2nd Reading: John 4:5-30 (CEV)

⁵ Jesus came to the town of Sychar. It was near the field that Jacob had long ago given to his son Joseph. ⁶⁻⁸ The well Jacob had dug was still there, and he sat beside it because he was tired from traveling. It was noon, and after Jesus' disciples had gone into town to buy some food, a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well. Jesus asked her, "Would you please give me a drink of water?" ⁹ "You are a Jew," she replied, "and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans won't have anything to do with each other?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered, "You don't know what God wants to give you, and you don't know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would ask me for the water that gives life." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where are you going to get this life-giving water?" ¹² Our ancestor Jacob dug this well for us; his family and animals got water from it. Are you greater than Jacob?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. ¹⁴ But no one who drinks my water will ever be thirsty again. The water I give will become in that person a flowing fountain that gives eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman replied, "Sir, please give me a drink of that water! Then I won't get thirsty and must return to this well." ¹⁶ Jesus told her, "Go and bring your husband." ¹⁷⁻¹⁸ The woman answered, "I don't have a husband." "That's right," Jesus replied, "you're telling the truth. You don't have a husband. You have been married five times, and the man you now live with isn't your husband." ¹⁹ The woman said, "Sir, I can see you are a prophet. ²⁰ My ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say Jerusalem is the only place to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her: The time is coming when you won't worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans don't know the one you worship. But we Jews know the God we worship, and by using us, God will save the world. ²³ But a time is coming, and it is already here! Even now, true worshipers are being led by the Spirit to worship the Father according to the truth. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and the Spirit must lead those who worship God to worship him according to the truth. ²⁵ The woman said, "I know that the Messiah will come. He is the one we call Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ "I am that one," Jesus told her, "And I am speaking to you now." ²⁷ The disciples returned about this time and were surprised to find Jesus talking with a woman. But none of them asked him what he wanted or why he was talking with her. ²⁸ The woman left her water jar and ran back into town, saying to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could he be the Messiah?" ³⁰ Everyone in town went out to see Jesus.

Welcome!

to everyone who is worshipping with us today.

~ Thank You to Rev. Konigsmark for filling the pulpit this morning ~

Reverend Doctor Andy Konigsmark is a storyteller, athlete, bartender, and ordained Presbyterian minister. He dedicates his time to exploring the post-Christian community and raising his two hilarious and ambitious children.

He is proud to be Dodi's husband, one bad banana, who serves her community as a health and wellness professional. To learn more about Andy and his family, read his book, *Born to Backslide*. He plans to release his next book, *God Given Giggles*, in March Of 2023. His first published work, *Breaking Bread*, is a testament to his unwavering commitment to developing authentic Christian communities.

~ Next Sunday, March 19th ~

~ Rev. Gary Howell will be filling the pulpit ~



Prayer List Additions as of 3-5-2023

Rev. Bryan Miles is battling COVID for the second time – is home but still needs our prayers (Jen Miller); Continued prayers for Ed Valentine after his surgery (Cheryl Coeyman); Mom had a severe TIA and was a major scare and needs our prayers (Carol Jackson); 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.

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Daily Readings for March 12 - 18 use the following web link:

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

Ushers & Greeters



March – Jerry Burkot & Blair Purvis

April – John Bender & Dana Bender

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

Contact John Bender at 252-675-8431 or email: jmbender1991@gmail.com.



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 through March 26th**

Wednesdays  **6 pm Choir Practice**

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

**Sunday, April 2nd Children’s Sunday School will start at 10 am each Sunday –
Nursery Provided for 11 am Worship Service**

Palm Sunday

5 pm Session

Thursday, April 6th 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

Friday, April 7th Good Friday – Church Office and Childcare CLOSED

Sunday, April 9th EASTER – *Flowering the Cross prior to 11 am service*

The Filling Station

**Volunteer Orientation and Training at The Filling Station - Thursday, March 16,
10:30-Noon (includes tour) RSVP needed: 252-224-1127 or
info@fillingstation1075.com**



Thursday, March 16th - 5:30 pm - Childcare Committee Meeting



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.