

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, March 17, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

March 17, 2024

Prelude “Old 107th” *by Genevan Psalter, 1543*

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

The Gideons

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God, the Maker of heaven and earth,

People: **who comes to our aid in times of need, who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,**

Leader: who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us and confess Him alone as Savior and Lord.

People: **This is our God! Let us come and worship the true God together.**

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ *Pastor Yearick*

There are times when we look at the folly of the world and just throw up our hands in sorrow. So much sin; so much wrong; so much evil, that it is difficult to sort it all out. But we don't need to – for Christ has already allowed sin to weigh Him down on the Cross so that we don't have to carry the burden – we simply asked to approach the Lord, and confess our sins, and let God take care of the rest. So, let us join together as one body, to confess our corporate sins, and then in silence, confess our individual shortcomings. Let us now pray the prayer of confession printed in your bulletin...

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Praise be to God!**

Anthem "He Hideth My Soul" *by William J. Kirkpatrick; Arr. by Rick Gibson* ~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Pastor Yearick

Scripture

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Epistle Lesson I Peter 2: 9-10 (NIV)

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Who Are You?”

~ *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

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

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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

“He Knows My Name”

by Tommy Walker; Arr. 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

~ Pastor Yearick

*Closing Hymn

“Where He leads Me”
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” by Todd Kendall

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

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Pastor Yearick is preaching a sermon series on our journey through Lent with an emphasis on stones or rocks, based on a book by Steven Molin. To bring these sermons to light, you will be given a stone or rock each week depicting the theme of the day. It is our hope that these visual symbols of faith will help you in your preparation and reflection of the 40 days of Lent leading to the Resurrection. Today, we will discuss who we are in relationship to Jesus addressing Peter as the Rock. Next Sunday, we will share in discussing “crying rocks” based on Luke 19:29-40.

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!



**The
Gideons
International**

**The Gideons are a part of this morning's
Worship Service. A Special Offering will be received.
Designate on your check or pew envelope “Gideons”.
There are handouts available on the table in the narthex.**



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Pastor Yearick plans to incorporate a time for children early in the service and urge parents to bring your children to worship after which they may retire to the Educational Building.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Jerimiah 31:31-34 and Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Daily Readings for March 17 – 23 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions as of 03/10/2024

Prayers for the Coeyman family as the return from her mother Betty Johnson's service.

Prayers continue for Cheryl and family!

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 March: Cheryl Coeyman & Sheron Bender

April: Vic Bryan & Ron Pound

May: Joan Knight & Blair Purvis

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.



Easter Sunday ~ "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING"

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.



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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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 – <i>Remember your Bibles!</i> Children’s Sunday School at 11 am

Wednesdays



6 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, March 17th

5 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday

8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 4, Cook

Building Fund Sunday

Lunch following morning worship with a

special video presentation to follow *see info on next page*

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)

Sunday, April 7th

5 pm Session



Sunday March 24th

Following the worship service next Sunday, you are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after which Mel and Mary Cowles will present a DVD program from Sight and Sound Productions regarding the Easter story. You are encouraged to come and share in this meaningful program, good food, and great fellowship as we prepare for Holy Week.



MAUNDY THURSDAY *Community service will be held here in the church sanctuary March 28th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Sharon Bender from the Baptist Church, Rev. George Gouge from the Methodist Church, and Pastor Yearick will lead the service with Holy Communion. Plan now to attend and invite your friends and neighbors to this meaningful service.*



to Sandra Yearick

**who was presented last Sunday, March 10th with the
Honorary Presbyterian Woman of the Year Award
at First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City**