

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



March 20, 2022

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

March 20, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (from Psalm 84)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;**

Leader: my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

All: **With hopeful and grateful hearts, let us worship God!**

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" #457
The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Gracious God, who cannot tolerate sin and who demands justice, we come acknowledging the wrongdoing in our life and we seek your mercy. Help us to trust your power and love when we are tempted to turn away from you. Keep us in your care especially in those times when we want to be in control. Forgive our stubbornness, our pride, and our self-righteousness. Change our hearts and lead us in the way of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsive)*

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

People: **so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.**

Leader: This is the great good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **We are set free to live as forgiven people. Thanks be to God!**

Anthem "On a Hill Far Away" ~ *Martin* *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture OT – Jeremiah 31:1-6, 10-13, 17a [NRSV]
NT – John 11:17-44 [NRSV]

See insert for Scripture Readings

Sermon "*Butterflies and the Last Straw*" ~ *Rev. Nancy Gladden*

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

*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)

Almighty God, you offer us full and hopeful lives of discipleship. As we respond to your goodness with grateful hearts, accept the offerings we bring today. May they be used in ways that bring hope and fullness of life to others. May we bring glory to you in all that we do. In the name of Jesus we ask this. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Hope of the World”
The Presbyterian Hymnal

#360

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit
Bold: Congregation Speaks

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~ We welcome Rev. Nancy Gladden back to PPC this morning ~

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**~ Next Sunday, March 27th ~
Rev. Marie Cone will be filling the pulpit
during the morning worship service**



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-9 and Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Daily Readings for March 20 - 26 use the following web link:

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

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Prayer List Additions as of 03/06/2021

Ruth Cox Whitefoot & Husband (Jean Bender); Ukraine (Rev. Clarence Page)

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. *These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.*

Ushers for March: John & Dana Bender

April: Blair Purvis & Kay Bender

Ushers Needed!

If interested in volunteering, please contact John Bender

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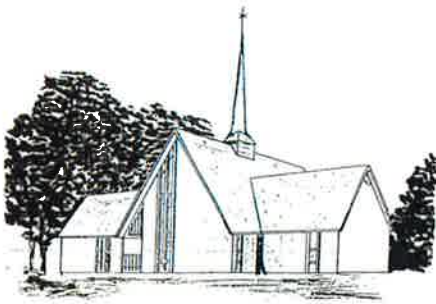
Reminders & Announcements

**Sunday Mornings: 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &
NOW Streaming Live on Facebook & Directly from Website
www.pollockvillepresbyterian.org**

Past services are available on the website - click on “Weekly Videos”

Sundays	9:45 am	Sunday School
Wednesdays	6 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 27th	8 am	Men’s Breakfast – Team 2 cook
		Building Fund Sunday
Monday, March 28th	6 pm	Childcare Meeting
Sunday, April 3rd	5 pm	Session Meeting
Sunday, April 10th		Palm Sunday

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Guest Speakers for Pollockville Presbyterian Church

March 27		Rev. Marie Cone
April 3		Rev. Cynthia Williams
April 10	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Rev. Brent Fisher
April 17	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Rev. Sam Murrell
April 24		Rev. Gary Howell
May 1		Rev. Nancy Gladden
May 8	<i>Mother’s Day</i>	Jay Bender
May 15		Rev. Jeff Mizell
May 22		Rev. Charles Elliott

Jeremiah 31:1-6, 10-13, 17a

31¹ At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ² Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³ the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

John 11:17-44

11¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."