

# **POLLOCKSVILLE** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

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**Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Order of Worship**

11:00 a.m.

March 23, 2025

*Hymns from the Presbyterian Hymnal*

Prelude      “Voluntary on Restoration” *by John S. Dixon*      ~ *Debbie L. Fitzgerald*

Welcome and Announcements      ~ *Liturgist*

Minute for Mission      “Gideons”      ~ *Bob Jolly*

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*    *(Based on Isaiah 43: 19-21)*

*Leader:* Let us worship God, who has done great things.

*People:* **We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

*Leader:* Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

*People:* **We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

*Leader:* Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

***People:* We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

Prayer of Invocation      ~ *Liturgist*

\*Opening Hymn      “This Is My Father’s World”      #293

Call to Confession      ~ *Pastor Yearick*

God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reached out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risked the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter. Let us look for the areas we need to open up from resisting God for healing and change. As one in Christ, let us confess our sins and seek repentance. Let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Compassionate God, You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen.**

**You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

*Silence is Kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Pastor Yearick

**The proof of God's everlasting love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Much more now have we been justified by his blood receiving salvation through Jesus. As we reflect on God's amazing love, let us rejoice knowing we are saved through the blood and the Cross. Rejoice, for His assurance is true – you are forgiven!**

\*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.**

A Time With Children

"The Cookie Jar"

~ Pastor Yearick

\*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

"When I Return" by Marta Keen, arr. by Jay Althouse

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Pastor Yearick

The Scripture Reading    Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

<sup>2</sup> Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

<sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. <sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” <sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. <sup>8</sup> “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” <sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ <sup>8</sup> “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

*Pastor:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“One Way In – One Way Out”

~ Pastor 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.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

~ Pastor Yearick

**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 "Depth of Mercy with Search Me, O God" ~ Debbie Fitzgerald  
by Carl M. von Weber and Edward J. Hopkins; arr. by Cindy Berry

\*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

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

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\*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

\*Postlude "Thine Is The Glory" by George Frederic Handel ~ Debbie Fitzgerald

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**Bold:** Congregation Speaks

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*Welcome!*

**Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.**



The  
**Gideons**  
International

**The Gideons are a part of this morning's Service.  
A Special Offering will be received.**

**Designate on your check or pew envelope "Gideons".**



## **Prayer List Additions as of 03/16/2025**

*Prayers for safety for Amber as she drives a school bus full of children home in the upcoming storm (Lyle Swanger); Prayers for Scott Bell as he is having Neck surgery (Dianne Bell); Prayers for Frances and Warren as Warren is in the hospital and is very weak (Pastor Ken); Prayers for her neighbor as her husband has recently passed away (Diane McCaffity)*



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

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

**Daily Readings for March 23 – 29 use the following web link:**

**<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>**

Ushers & Greeters



## **USHERS NEEDED!**

***March - Jimmy Bender & Sheron Bender***

***April - Blair Purvis & Vic Bryan***

***June - Noreen & Ed Jekel***

***July - Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity***

***October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot***

***November - Bob & Carol Mattocks***

***December - Vic Bryan***

***May, August, September & December ushers needed.***

***See sign-up sheet in the narthex.***



***Next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> we will have a hymn sing prior to worship to offer an opportunity to sing some of the hymns we sing infrequently, or to sing a favorite hymn.***

***Be ready to pick your hymn!***

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday Mornings	11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary & Streaming Live on Facebook, YouTube & on PPC Website
Sundays at 9:45 am	Adult Sunday School – <i>Remember your Bibles!</i> Children's Sunday School at 9:45 am
Thursdays	6 pm Choir Practice
Sunday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Hymn Sing during Morning Worship
Saturday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering to be held at PPC
Sunday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm Session Meeting
Sunday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Friday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday – Church Office Closed
Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday Flowering of the Cross Prior to Worship Communion during Morning Worship



## ***A Message from Sheron Bender:***

***It's 2 months until the Neuse River Bridge Run! There are opportunities to help if you like! If you'd be able to sponsor a Jones County youth runner – a youth sponsorship is \$45.***

***We partner with Jones County Rec Department — and create opportunities for running teams at the elementary school to participate in this experience.***

***We also need volunteers to help on the day of the race, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If either of these sound interesting, You can go online: Neuse River Bridge Run — and volunteer or donate. Or, Drop a check in my church mailbox in the next 2 weeks. Thanks for considering!***



THE THIRD  
SUNDAY IN LENT