

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



March 26, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

March 26, 2023

Prelude "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" ~ *Brahms*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) from Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

Leader: Come into his presence with singing!

People: **Know that the LORD, he is God!**

Leader: It is God who made us, and we are his;

People: **We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

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 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" # 84
The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Unclutter our lives, Lord. We have too much, consume too much and expect too much. Grant us perspective. We often see the world only through our eyes rather than through the eyes of others. Grant us compassion. We feel our own pain but when others are hurting or suffering, we often look the other way. Forgive us, God of grace. May our heart be the heart of Christ. Amen

Silent Prayers

Assurance of God's Pardon ~ *Rev. Batts*

Anthem "Just As I Am" ~ *arr. Mary MacDonald*
~ *Amber Swanger & Rebecca Long, duet*

Scripture

Mark 8: 27-36 (NRSV)

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

Sermon

"I Call for the Question"

~ Rev. Sid Batts

*Hymn of Response

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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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.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 139; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Daily Readings for March 26 – April 1 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions as of 3-19-2023

Prayers for Jerry Burkot to get his kidney stones under control (Ed Valentine);

Family of Dr. Bill Hall who passed away (Sheron Bender);

Wish Rev. Gary Howell good luck with his cataract surgery (Bobby Mattocks);

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.



Today is *Building Fund Sunday*.

All contributions given, unless otherwise designated, will go the Church Building Fund.

Ushers & Greeters



March – Jerry Burkot & Blair Purvis

April – John Bender & Dana Bender

A message from Ed Valentine:

Miracles Recounted by Ministers (CD set/4 disks)

In 1995 just before Joan and I moved to New Bern I had the opportunity to interview and record Ministers who had firsthand experience of divine intervention – God’s Holy Spirit. I made two sets of 4 CD’s so the congregation can easily hear these stories. Why 4 CD’s? These powerful testimonies need your full, quiet time to feel the Lord’s presence. I purposely separated the stories so each CD can be another day to look forward to quiet time with the Lord. > Please email or call Frances in the church office to be placed on the waiting list. <



**The
Gideons
International**

***The Gideons will be a part of the PPC Worship Service
Sunday morning, April 2nd. A Special Offering will be received.***



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

**Sunday, April 2nd Palm Sunday
Gideons – Minute for Mission during Morning Worship
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*
*One Great Hour of Sharing – Special Offering to be received***

**Monday, April 10th 7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting
Carol Mattocks – Hostess and Study Leader**

Sunday, April 16th Lunch following Morning Worship Service – *See Below*

**Sunday, April 23rd 8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 1 Cook
Building Fund Sunday**



Saturday, April 29th The Neuse River Bridge Run

See Sheron Bender about how you can help or look for more information in the PollyPress.



April 6th – 7 pm at PPC

Maundy Thursday Community Service with Communion

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 16th



Taco Bar, (all the fixins') ... please join us for lunch - immediately following service on April 16!

***Served up by the Congregational Care team - and our resident chef!!
Sombreros optional! Fellowship and good food required!***