

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, March 3, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

March 3, 2024

Prelude "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" - *Robert Lau*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Inspired by Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33

Leader: It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

People: **We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.**

Leader: It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

People: **We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.**

Leader: It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

People: **We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.**

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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, we do not find it easy sometimes to live as your people, but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world.

Forgive us, Loving God. Open our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you. Cleanse us and wash us clean of sin and darkness, Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

Pastor: Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom.

People: **In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life. Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Love Unmeasured, Love of God" - *Lloyd Larson* ~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Ken Yearick

Scripture Luke 11:37-52 (NIV)

³⁷ When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. ³⁸ But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal. ³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you. ⁴² "Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone. ⁴³ "Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴ "Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it." ⁴⁵ One of the experts in the law answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also." ⁴⁶ Jesus replied, "And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them. ⁴⁷ "Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them. ⁴⁸ So you testify that you approve of what your ancestors did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹ Because of this, God in his wisdom said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.'

⁵⁰ Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all. ⁵² "Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

"I Don't Want To Hear It!"

~ *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

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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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 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" - *Gregg Sewell, Traditional Spiritual*

*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 Ken Yearick*

*Closing Hymn

"Love Lifted Me"
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Recessional" - *Edward Broughton*

*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 how our hearts can become hard as stone.

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!



**Cheryl Coeyman's mother, Betty Johnson,
passed away on Monday morning, February 26th.
Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.**



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17; and Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Daily Readings for March 3 – 9 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions as of 02/25/2024

*Kay's cousins— Harry Pollock has been diagnosed with leukemia—still undergoing tests,
and Theresa Pollock -- is dealing with cancer (Mark Bender)*

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



\$345 has been received to date for CWS Blankets.

“Through the Blanket+ Program, emergency resources and long-term assistance is provided to help families around the world recover from disasters and build viable, sustainable lives and communities.”

~ *USHERS & GREETERS* ~

March: Cheryl Coeyman & Sheron Bender

April: Vic Bryan & Ron Pound

May: Joan Knight & “Usher Needed”

***Your assistance is needed! Ushers are needed for 2024.
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.
Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!***

You are appreciated!!!



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



A Message from Ed Valentine:

Pollocksville Presbyterian Church has a Lenten Season & Easter message by Pastor Ken Yearick ... A one-minute radio spot on WNOS FM 102.3 and AM 1450. You can hear this message posted in last week's PollyPress. In case you missed it, the message will run again in tomorrow's PollyPress.



A message from Frances:

***The Church Secretary will be in & out of the office
for the next several days.***

Please call the office for assistance.



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, March 3rd

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, March 10th

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Monday, March 11th

7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting at the Church

Hostess – Dianne Bell, Study Leader – Diane McCaffity

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday

8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 4, Cook

Building Fund Sunday

5 pm Session

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)



REMINDER ...

Daylight Saving Time begins NEXT Sunday, March 10th.

Remember to set your clocks forward

1 hour at bedtime Saturday night so you will not be late for Sunday Services