

# **POLLOCKVILLE** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

### Order of Worship

March 30, 2025

Prelude

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” by Johannes Brahms

### Hymn Sing

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

*Leader:* Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

*People:* **For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

*Leader:* Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

*People:* **We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

*Leader:* Come, let us worship and praise the God of Love.

*People:* **Praise be to our Gracious God!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

\*Opening Hymn

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

God takes our broken promises and turns them into vows of faithfulness. God takes our biggest failings and shapes lives of service. God listens to our prayers of confession and changes them into songs of mercy. Therefore, let us come to the One who pours forgiveness into our lives as we join together in the prayer of confession – let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We admit we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with you, O God of Glory. In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by missing out hearing your voice and feeling your presence. In that flood of worries, which can overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that you offer us through your grace. All too often we ignore your offering of hope, of joy, and of life that you offer to us.**

**Forgive us and have mercy on us. In love, may we share your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait for you all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is Kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

*Pastor:* In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the Way?

*People:* **In every wilderness, on every road; in every moment, in every life; in every journey, in every heart, we receive the daily bread we need — God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy.**

*All:* **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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.**

A Time With Children

“Making Mistakes”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

\*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“Shepherd Me, O God” *by Marty Haugen*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Yearick*

The Scripture Reading

The Psalms

Psalm 32:1-8

(NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. <sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

The Gospel Luke 15:1-3a, 11b-32 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

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

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

The Message

*"I Love My Sinners"*

~ *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.**

\*Hymn of Response

*"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"*

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*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

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

~ *Debbie Fitzgerald*

*"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" by William Waller*

\*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

*"Wonderful Words of Life"*

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*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

\*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

\*Postlude      Postlude on "Holy Manna" *by John S. Dixon*      ~ 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.**



### **Prayer List Additions as of 02/09/2025**

Please continue to keep Bentley Felkel (9 months old), nephew of Debbie in your prayers. They found that he had a rare blood disorder (Debbie Fitzgerald); Prayers for the school and community – there have been 3 students that have lost their lives since January (Amber Swanger); Prayers for their Niece Ashley as she is at the hospital with very high blood pressure (Mark Bender); Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

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



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Joshua 5:9-12 and Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

**Daily Readings for March 30 – April 5 use the following web link:**

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



**The  
Gideons  
International**

***\$388 was received during Sunday's worship service for the Gideons. It's not too late to give! If anyone would like to donate, earmark your check or envelope for the "Gideons". Then drop in the offering plate.***

**Ushers & Greeters**



**Today - Jimmy Bender & Sheron Bender**

**April - Blair Purvis & Vic Bryan**



# 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 – *Remember your Bibles!***

**Children's Sunday School at 9:45 am**

**Wednesdays**

**6 pm Choir Practice**

**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**

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 3 Cook**

**Building Fund Sunday**

**Hymn Sing**

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**ATTENTION PLEASE!**



***From Noreen Jekel:***

***Next Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> we are hosting the Coastal Carolina Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering from 9-12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. It is an opportunity for worship, education, community building, fun and renewal.***

***Ladies, if you are planning on attending, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Sanctuary so we have an idea of how many will be attending from our own congregation.***

***For all those who missed Ed Jekel's presentation on his work trip to Puerto Rico he will be making an "encore" performance in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Sunday worship service. Please let Ed or Noreen know if you plan on attending the program which will last about 45 minutes. Snacks will be provided.***

***Please place any extra or unwanted bulletins in the white wastepaper bin at the rear of the Sanctuary for recycling.***

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