

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



March 6, 2022

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

March 6, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: **The journey begins in the wilderness.**

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

People: **Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

People: **For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

Leader: 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

"We Gather Together"
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.

In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Rev. Williams

Anthem

"On Eagles' Wings (Psalm 91)" ~ Joncas

Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 4:1-13 [NRSV]

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon

"Wilderness"

~ Rev. Cynthia Williams

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)*

Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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*Please rise in body or spirit
Bold: Congregation Speaks

~ We welcome Rev. Cynthia Williams to PPC this morning ~

Cynthia is a native of Duplin County having grown up in Hallsville Presbyterian Church. She has degrees from St Andrews Presbyterian College, [yes she knew Jay Bender], The Presbyterian School of Christian Education and San Francisco Theological Seminary. In over 40 years of church service she has worked in places as diverse as Camp Kirkwood, to the denominational offices of the former Presbyterian Church US, and congregations from Texas to Florida and back to North Carolina. She loves movies, music, plays and is a book addict.

~ Next Sunday, March 13th ~

***Rev. Clarence Page will be filling the pulpit
during the morning worship service***



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Daily Readings for March 6 – 12 use the following web link:

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

Prayer List Additions as of 02/27/2021

*Lots of folks who are sick (Ed Valentine);
Wendy Goins' father-in-law passed away (Ron Pound);
PPC Childcare and Staff.*

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



Session Meeting today at 5 pm

Announcements

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

Sundays	9:45 am Sunday School
Wednesdays	6 pm Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 6th	5 pm Session Meeting
Sunday, March 13th	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Monday, March 14th	7 pm Women's Circle in the Sanctuary Annex Dianne Bell, Hostess – Diane McCaffity, Study Leader
Sunday, March 27th	8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2 cook Building Fund Sunday
Monday, March 28th	6 pm Childcare Meeting



**\$391 has been collected to date for CWS Blankets Plus
Donations are still being accepted.**

If you still wish to give, please place your gift in the offering next Sunday. Designate for Blankets+ (Special Envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex).



PPC has a new Carillon!!! Don't forget to choose your 3 favorite hymns.
Place your selection list in the basket in the back of the sanctuary, put it in the secretary's mail box or email directly to fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org



Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 13th. Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour at bedtime Saturday night so you will not be late for Sunday Services.