

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, March 9, 2025

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Help us to overcome our mistakes we have made that have hurt others and brought shame upon you. Forgive our sin, and re-create us now. Breathe life into us by your Spirit that we may live each moment glorifying your name. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, reminding us all of this surpassing grace

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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

“Sin Remover”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You” *by Jay Althouse*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Yearick*

The Scripture Reading The Epistle Reading: Romans 10:9-13 (NIV)

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” ⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” ⁹The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Will We Ever Learn?”

~ *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

“Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

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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.



**Following today's worship service, Ed Jekel will be giving a talk on his
Presbytery Work Trip to Puerto Rico.
A light lunch will be served. Please stay and join us!**



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:
*Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 and Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 - 4:1:
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)*

Daily Readings for March 9 – 15 use the following web link:
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS NEEDED!

March - 9th Steve Long; 16th - Presbyterian Women

23rd & 30th - 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.



**The
Gideons
International**

**The Gideons will be a part
of the PPC Worship Service Sunday morning, March 23rd.
A Special Offering will be received.**



**Sunday, March 30th 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 – *Remember your Bibles!*

Children's Sunday School at 9:45 am

Thursdays

6 pm Choir Practice

Monday, March 10th

7 pm Women's Circle Meeting at the Church

Hostess – Dianne Bell

Study Leader – Diane McCaffity – lesson 6

Sunday, March 16th

Celebration of Women

– Women will oversee the Worship Service

Sunday, March 23rd

8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2 Cook

Building Fund Sunday

Sunday, March 30th

Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Saturday, April 5th

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering to be held at PPC

Sunday, April 6th

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, April 13th

Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17th

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday – Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 20th

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 3rd. 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!

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