



## Sunday, March 9, 2025

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## Pollocksville Presbyterian Church First Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

March 9, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Hymns from the <u>Presbyterian Hymnal</u>

Prelude Meditation on "He Leadeth Me" by John S.Dixon, William B. Bradbury

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Leader: Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed...

People: We follow our faithful Lord.

Leader: These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...

People: But we follow our faithful Lord.

Leader: It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...

People: We try to follow our faithful Lord.

Leader: In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...

People: We rejoice as we follow our faithful Lord.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...

People: And constantly follow our faithful Lord.

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

\*Opening Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. So let us come before God, willingly and honestly share our shortcomings, our failures and our sins, first as a community of faith, and then as individuals. Let us pray together...

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we are the dust of earth, breathed into life by your Spirit. But we have clung to things of dust without Spirit. We have allowed temptation to cloud our thoughts and darken our sins that we have committed, some known and some unknown.

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)

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And 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. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" <sup>9</sup> The 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. <sup>10</sup> For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When 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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us with He Leadeth Me"

by William Bradbury, arr. Cindy Berry

Debbie Fitzgerald

\*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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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\*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

\*Postlude

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" by John Hatton, arr. Keith D. Crowley

\*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 03/02/2025

Please continue to keep Bentley Felkel (9 months old), nephew of Debbie who is in the hospital\*\* (Debbie Fitzgerald); Prayers for the Ross family in the loss of Adam's Aunt (Dianne Bell); Prayers for Reid Carter, 1 year old who is in the hospital in Greenville – very sick (Dianne Bell); Thelma will be lonesome in the foreseeable near future and we appreciate all the prayers, thoughts and visits in the upcoming months (Allen Bender); Prayers for Margaret as she has COVID again; Prayers for Carol Jackson Nelson and her family in the loss of Bruce Jackson. Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church.

#### \*\* Update on Bentley:

He is still in the hospital, and has been since December 30<sup>th</sup>. They are still trying to diagnose what's going on, as he can't keep any food down. He's only nine months old. Please continue to pray for little Bentley and for my nephew Joey and his wife, Skyla Felkel!! We did not realize that he was still there until recently, and they still have no diagnosis for what's going on, but he cannot keep his food down.

Thank you so much for your prayers!!!

Debbie



## 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 NEEDED!**

March - 9<sup>th</sup> Steve Long; 16<sup>th</sup> - Presbyterian Women 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - 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 will be a part of the PPC Worship Service Sunday morning, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A Special Offering will be received.

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Women's Circle Meeting at the Church

**Hostess – Dianne Bell** 

Study Leader – Diane McCaffity – lesson 6

Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Women

- Women will oversee the Worship Service

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2 Cook

**Building Fund Sunday** 

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

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



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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!

THE FIRST SUNDAY LENT

