

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 16, 2023

Leader in Worship: The Reverend Clarence Page

Music Accompanist: Jennifer Miller

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

April 16, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People: **His faithfulness endures forever!**

Leader: The stone rejected by the builders has now become the cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to see!**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ *Liturgist*

*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ *Rev. Page*

As disciples of Christ, we do not always walk faithfully with him. We sometimes stray in our actions and deeds. We now come before our Lord to confess our faults and be reunited with him. Let us pray.

Prayer of Forgiveness (*Unison*)

In raising Jesus from the grave, Almighty God, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust your power to change our lives and make us new so that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Rev. Page

"Jesus came and stood among [the disciples] and said, 'Peace be with you'" (John 20:19). Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace. Alleluia. Amen.

Anthem

"Behold, the Lamb" by Dottie Rambo

~ Jennifer Miller, soloist

Prayer for Illumination

~ Rev. Page

Scriptures

JOHN 20:19-31 (RSV)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

"Be At Peace"

~ Rev. Clarence Page

*Hymn of Response

"Great Is Thou Faithfulness"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

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

Offertory

*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

~ Rev. Page

*Closing Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold: Congregation Speaks*

Welcome!

to everyone who is worshipping with us today.

Thank You & Welcome to Rev. Clarence Page who is with us this morning

~ Next Sunday, April 23rd ~

Jeff Mizell will be filling the pulpit



Special offering for "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING"

\$258 has been received to date

HUNGER – DISASTER - DEVELOPMENT

Please use the special envelope inserted in your bulletin & give ...

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 and Psalm 16 or Exodus 15:1-11 and Psalm 111; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Daily Readings for April 16 – 22 use the following web link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/lectionary/>

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Your Help is Needed !

*If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact
John Bender at 252-675-8431 or email: jmbender1991@gmail.com.*

April Ushers – John Bender & Dana Bender

May & June ushers needed immediately!



Prayer List Additions since 4-9-2023

The Family of Eva Barwick (Dianne Bell's Mother who passed away Wednesday);

Duke appointment to get a tune up on eyes (Ron Pound);

Keep family and friends of Betsy Powell who passed on Friday in our prayers (Noreen Jekel);

Follow up scan and asking prayers for good results (Cheryl Coeyman);

Prayers for her mother as she's not feeling well, but is back at home, please pray for healing

(Jen Miller); Prayers for upcoming appointment to discuss his meningioma (Jeff Mizell);

Prayers for Steve & Rebecca Long as they travel & take care of their grandson (Rebecca Long);

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.

TODAY, APRIL 16TH




Taco Bar, (all the fixins') ... please join us for lunch - immediately following service!

*Served up by the Congregational Care team - and our resident chef!!
Sombreros optional! Fellowship and good food required!*



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 –
April 19th – Regular Choir Rehearsals to resume**
- TODAY, April 16th Lunch following Morning Worship Service**
- Thursday, April 20th 2 pm Childcare Meeting**
- Sunday, April 23rd 8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 1 Cook
Building Fund Sunday
3 pm 70th Birthday Party in Honor of Mike Coeyman
At The Coeyman Farm – RSVP Cheryl - 252-671-5489**
- Saturday, April 29th The Neuse River Bridge Run**
- Sunday, April 30th 3 pm Reception to Honor Thelma Edmondson – in Sanctuary
Annex - by the Pollocksville Memorial Cemetery Assoc.**
- Thursday, May 4th National Day of Prayer – 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Jones County Civic Center**
- Sunday, May 7th 5 pm Session Meeting**
- Sunday, May 14th 9:30 am Mother’s Day Breakfast prepared by MOC**



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