

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

April 21, 2024

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Prelude "Come, We Who Love the Lord" by Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

*Leader:* Beloved, you shepherd us in joy.

*People:* **In your grace we feast, we rest, we travel this life.**

*Leader:* Beloved, you shepherd us in grace.

*People:* **You lead us through death to new life.**

*Leader:* Beloved, you shepherd us in love.

*People:* **In your love we love one another. In our love we worship you.  
Alleluia!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

\*Opening Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

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A Time for Children

~ Pastor Yearick

Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor as together, we pray the prayer of confession...

Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

**Gentle Shepherd, you have led us to clear springs and green meadows. But we have strained against you, and wanted to go our own way. We have gone in ways other than the ways of deep life. Forgive our waywardness, and brings us back into your way. Show us your way; lead us to life, and restore us in blessing. Help us to know your voice, to trust your desire for us, and to follow you, for the sake of goodness and mercy.**

## *Silent Prayer*

### Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

*Pastor:* God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. This is the Good News, and it is our assurance and proof of God's everlasting love.

*People:* **Praise be to You, O God, Praise and Glory be showered upon You. Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

### \*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.**

### \*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem "Because He Lives" *by Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither ~ Choir*

### Prayer for Illumination

*~ Pastor Yearick*

Scripture Old Testament Psalm 23 (NIV) *(Read in Unison)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup>he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Gospel Lesson John 10:11-18 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

<sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

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

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

Sermon

“*Barking Sheep Dogs*”

~ Pastor Ken 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

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The 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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "O Master, Let Me Walk With You" by Robert Lau

\*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 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" #426  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude "Welyn" by Alfred Scott-Gatty

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

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**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Acts 4:5-12 and Psalm 23 or Zechariah 10:1-12 and Psalm 80:1-7; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18*

**Daily Readings for April 21 – 27 use the following web link:**

**<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>**

*Welcome!*

**Welcome to everyone who is worshipping with us today.**

**If you are looking for a church home, please feel free to join us.**

**Our membership is open to all. Please see the Pastor or one of the Elders if you wish to join our Church Family.**

**Welcome to all!**



**Welcome to PPC's Newest Member; Laurie Ann Drescher**



**Congratulations!**

**~ To Robert & Hailey Bender who are expecting a Baby Girl in October ~**



*Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, plans are being made for a  
HYMN SING at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church  
during the 11 am Morning Worship Service!!!  
Please plan to come and be a part of this special service.*



**Prayer List** (Additions as of 4/14/2024)

*Keep Mary and Ron Pound in prayer as Mary fell at home and is in the hospital in Greenville (Cheryl Coeyman); Keep the folks in the Middle East in your prayers (Mark Bender);  
Keep our service members overseas in your prayers (Ed Edmondson);  
Prayers for Warren Waters who is having cataract surgery this week (Pastor Ken Yearick);  
Please keep Ed in prayer as he is having a rough patch (Thelma Edmondson);  
Prayers for Laurie Drescher as she is suffering from a severe sinus headache (Dianne Bell)  
Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare  
Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.  
These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless the church secretary is notified.*

**~ USHERS ~**

**April: Vic Bryan & Ron Pound**

**May: Joan Knight & Blair Purvis**

**June: Allen Bender & Barbara Smith**

**Ushers are still needed!**

**If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact  
Amber Swanger or Shirley Bryan.**

**Please check the sign up sheet for the months where help is needed.**

**Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!**

**~ NOTICE ~**

**The Church Secretary will be out of the office tomorrow, Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
No Polly Press until Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



## ***National Day of Prayer – Jones County Civic Center***

***Thursday, May 2, 2024***

***2024 Theme – “Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World” -2 Samuel 22:29-31***

***Co-coordinators: Eileen R. Dove and Mary Ann LeRay***



**\$595** has been received for **“ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”**


***HUNGER – DISASTER – DEVELOPMENT***

It is not too late if you wish to contribute. Place your contribution in the offering plate. Envelopes are on the table in the narthex or designate on your check or pew envelope for *“One Great Hour”*

## ***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**

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**        **8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 1, Cook**  
**Building Fund Sunday**

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**        **11:30 am National Day of Prayer – Jones County Civic Center**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**            **5 pm Session Meeting**

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**        **9:30 am Mother’s Day Breakfast –**  
**Prepared by the Men of the Church**

**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**        **7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting at the Church –**  
**Presbyterian Women Birthday Celebration**

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**        **Communion during Morning Worship Service – Day of Pentecost**



Pastor Ken Yearick is available in the Pastor's Office on Tuesday's, from 10 am to 2 pm. Please call for an appointment.

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## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

The East Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is challenging the churches in the EAST to raise \$20,000 to reduce medical debt. The Steering Team is working with R.I.P Medical Debt, a national non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating burdensome medical debt. The company negotiates with area hospitals to "buy out" medical debt at a greatly reduced price. Using data analytics, the company pinpoints the debt of those most in need: households that earn less than 4 times federal poverty level, or whose debts are 5% or more of annual income.

The goal of \$20,000 will eliminate \$2,000,000 in medical debt in the EAST Community. The challenge period is January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024. The Session of Pollocksville Presbyterian Church has committed \$1000 and encourages the individual members of the church to come together and match this amount. Contributions should be marked "RIP Medical Debt" and given to Treasurer Ron Pound.

***\$2405 has been received for "RIP Medical Debt" from PPC to date.  
Contribute today before it is too late!!!***

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The Filling Station is one of 6 non-profits that benefit financially from the Neuse River Bridge Run, which takes place May 3-4, 2024.

There are volunteer opportunities on May 2, 3 and 4. We need volunteers to fold and organize the T-shirts, to help with registrations, to serve food and beverages to the runners, and lots of other tasks!

If this sounds like something you'd like to help with, head over to:

<https://www.bridgerun.org/>

Or-- if you're feeling like a COMPETITOR—sign up to walk or run—and register/ and join our team.