

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 23, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

April 23, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Leader: When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

People: **our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.**

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now;

People: **when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.**

Leader: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

People: **Blessing and honor and glory to God!**

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

"I Danced in the Morning"

#302

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ Jeff Mizell

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things, making peace through the blood of the cross. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Forgiveness *(Unison)*

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ *Jeff Mizell*

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Anthem

“Heavenly Sunlight” *Zelley/Cook*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Jeff Mizell*

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 (NRSV)

1 Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. 2 Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, 3 who also do no wrong but walk in his ways. 4 You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. 12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. 13 With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. 14 I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. 16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. 17 Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word. 18 Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. 19 I live as an alien in the land; do not hide your commandments from me.

Luke 24: 13-35 (NRSV)

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” 19 He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us[f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon

"Check Your Blind Spots"

~ Jeff Mizell

*Hymn of Response

"He Lives"

#262

Sing to the Lord 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 *(Responsive)*

Leader: Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us, Jesus, as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts.

People: **May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us, now and always. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

“Jesus Saves!”

#694

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*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 Jeff Mizell who is with us this morning

~ Next Sunday, April 30th ~

Rev. Robbie Phillips will be filling the pulpit



Today is *Building Fund Sunday.*

All contributions given, unless otherwise designated, will go to the Church Building Fund.



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!



Special offering for **“ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”**

\$758 has been received to date

HUNGER – DISASTER - DEVELOPMENT

Please use the special envelope on the table in the narthex or mark on your check OGHS

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, 36-41 and Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 or Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 34:1-10;

1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Daily Readings for April 23 – 29 use the following web link:

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

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Prayer List Additions since 4-9-2023

The Family of Eva Barwick, Dianne Bell’s Mother who passed away (Ron Pound);

Marie Senzig as she begins chemotherapy (friend of Noreen Jekel);

Ron Pound has swollen retina; Cheryl Coeyman has a co-worker who lost her husband;

Layah Collins (from PPCCC – Battle with Cancer); Betty Schef (Barbara Smith);

Cheryl Simmons (in Carolina East Medical Center)

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

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.



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

Saturday, April 29th The Neuse River Bridge Run

Sunday, April 30th 3 pm Reception to Honor Thelma Edmondson

**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

Monday, May 15th 7 pm Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Celebration

Sunday, May 28th Pentecost Sunday – Communion

Monday, May 29th Memorial Day – Office and Childcare Closed

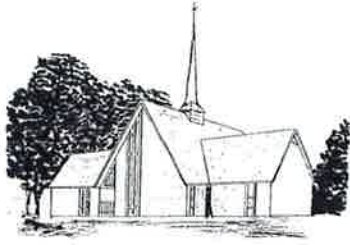
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*You
are
Invited*

*The Pollocksville Memorial Cemetery Association
Would like to invite everyone to a reception to Honor
Thelma Edmondson*

On Sunday, April 30th at 3 pm

in the Pollocksville Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Annex



2023

Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

April 30	Rev. Robbie Phillips
May 7	Jeff Mizell
May 14	Kenneth Yearick
May 21	Steve Mabie
May 28 Day of Pentecost (Communion)	Rev. Marie Cone
June 4	Lyle Swanger
June 11	Rev. Marie Cone
June 18	Kenneth Yearick
June 25	OPEN

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*Miracles Recounted by Ministers (CD set/ 4 disks)
prepared by Ed Valentine.*

*2 sets are available for the congregation to hear these stories.
Please email or call Frances in the church office to be placed on the waiting list.*



If you would like an announcement or article included in the weekly PollyPress, please email the information to the secretary: fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org.

Please indicate what week(s) you wish it to be included. Also, if you have any joys or concerns that need to be announced, please contact the church office.

Announcements for the bulletin need to be given to the secretary by Wednesday of each week.

Articles or announcements for the PollyPress need to be emailed to the Secretary by first thing Monday morning.

