

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 28, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

April 28, 2024

Prelude "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" by Robert Lau

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: Living God, Root of Life, we grow and blossom from your heart.

People: **You are the river; we are your flowing.**

Leader: Loving Christ, Flowering of Love, we give thanks for the beauty of your grace.

People: **You are the vine; we are your branches.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Fire of God, your love burns in us, and shines into the world.

People: **We are your candle; you are the flame.**

We belong to you; we worship you; we serve you. Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

A Time for Children

~ Pastor Yearick

Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

Pastor: The grace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

All: **God of life, you are the vine, and we are your branches.
But we confess that we have tried to live separate from you.
We have not rooted ourselves in you, or opened ourselves to
your life and your spirit and your power flowing through us,
your love and your beauty blossoming in us.**

Our lives become dry and fruitless. God of life, we desire to be rooted in you, joined to you, part of you. Return us; forgive us, fill us again with your life.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. (Romans 8:34) Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Praise 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 "Be Thou My Vision" *by Tom Fetke ~ Women's Chorus*

Prayer for Illumination *~ Pastor Yearick*

Scripture The Gospel Reading John 15:1-8 (NIV)

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Don’t Lose Your Connection”

~ 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 “The Vine” (to be tune of “Amazing Grace”) *see back page*

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

“As the Deer with O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

by Martin Nystrom arr. by Cindy Berry

*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

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

“Christie Sanctorum” *by John A. Davis, Jr.*

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

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 8:26-40 and Psalm 22:25-31 and Exodus 19:1-6 and Psalm 118:19-25; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Daily Readings for April 28 – May 4 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!



Next Sunday, our worship service will revolve around celebrating music, with a hymn sing, special choral music, and numerous hymns of praise. It is also a time to express our sincere thanks to Debbie Fitzgerald, who served as organist and music director for the past few months. Be sure to express your appreciation for her service with us.



Prayer List (Additions as of 4/26/2024)

Mike Coeyman (issues with blood pressure); Debbie Fitzgerald’s oldest daughter,

Malorie is having surgery on Tuesday and Debbie will be taking care of the children;

The Family of Carol Wargo – a parishioner from PA who passed away Friday morning (Ken Yearick)

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!



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



THANK YOU MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION!!!

\$3405 was sent for “RIP Medical Debt” from PPC



Today is *Building Fund Sunday*.

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



Pastor Yearick will be in Pollocksville on Wednesday through Sunday this week instead of Tuesday with commitments in the area.




*A reminder that May 12th is Mother's Day and Cheryl Kite will begin as our new organist and choir director.
The men of the church will be cooking the Mother's Day breakfast.
Plan now to attend!*

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 28th **Building Fund Sunday**

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

Sunday, May 5th **5 pm Session Meeting**

Sunday, May 12th **9:30 am Mother's Day Breakfast –**
Prepared by the Men of the Church

Monday, May 13th **7 pm Women's Circle Meeting at the Church –**
Presbyterian Women Birthday Celebration

Sunday, May 19th **Communion during Morning Worship Service – Day of Pentecost**

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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.

THE VINE *(To the tune of: Amazing Grace)*

- 1) **Jesus, immutably the same,
Thou true and living vine,
Around thy all-supporting stem,
My feeble arms I twine.**
- 2) **Quicken'd by thee, and kept alive,
I flourish and bear fruit;
My life I from thy sap derive,
My vigour from thy root.**
- 3) **Grated in thee, by grace alone,
In growth I daily rise,
And rais'd on this foundation-stone,
My top shall reach the skies.**
- 4) **I can do nothing without thee;
My strength is wholly thine;
Wither'd and barren should I be,
If sever'd from the vine.**
- 5) **Upon my leaf, when parch'd with heat,
Refreshing dew shall drop;
The plant which thy right hand hath set,
Shall ne'er be root**
- 6) **Each moment water'd by thy care,
And fenc'd with power divine,
Fruit to eternal life shall bear
The feeblest branch of thine.**