

# **POLLOCKSVILLE** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**April 3, 2022**

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

April 3, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

*Leader:* When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

*People:* **we were like those who dream.**

*Leader:* Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

*People:* **We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."**

*Leader:* May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

*People:* **come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.**

*All:* **Let us worship God.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*The Peace of Christ

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#376

*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice.**

**Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray.**

Silent Confession

## Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsive)*

The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own.

**Forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead,  
we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel that in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

## Anthem

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” ~ *Mueller*

Choir

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture

Old Testament – Isaiah 43:16-21 [NRSV]

Gospel – John 12:1-8 [NRSV]

**43** <sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**12** <sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

# Sermon

## “Counting the Cost”

~ Rev. Cynthia Williams

## 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**

**\*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**      *(Unison)*

**Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"**

**#366**

*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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

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**~ We welcome Rev. Cynthia Williams back to PPC this morning ~**

**~ Next Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> ~**  
**Rev. Brent Fisher & Rev. Clifford Carr will be filling the pulpit**  
**during the morning worship service**



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

Joshua 5:9-12 and Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Daily Readings for April 3 - 9 use the following web link:**

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>



**Prayer List Additions as of 03/27/2021**

*Ukraine; Our Military; PPC Childcare and Staff; Our Nation*

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. *These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.*

## **Reminders & Announcements**

**Sunday Mornings: 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &**  
**NOW Streaming Live on Facebook & Directly from Website**  
**[www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](http://www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.org)**

**Past services are available on the website - click on “Weekly Videos”**

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>9:45 am Sunday School</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>6 pm Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>TODAY at 5 pm Session Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7 pm Women’s Circle in the Sanctuary Annex</b> <b>Study Leader: Cathy Campbell</b>
<b>Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7 pm Maundy Thursday – Service and Communion</b>
<b>Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday – PPC Office and Childcare Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Sunday (Flowering of Cross prior to Morning Worship)</b>
<b>Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Monday – PPC Office and Childcare Closed</b>

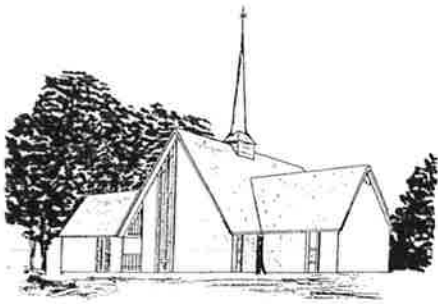
***Ushers for April: Blair Purvis & Kay Bender  
May: Thelma Edmondson & Eileen Griswold***

***Ushers are needed for September & October...  
If interested, please contact John Bender.***

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***April 14<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm at PPC  
Maundy Thursday Community Service with Communion***



***Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church***

April 10	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Rev. Brent Fisher
April 17	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Rev. Sam Murrell
April 24		Rev. Gary Howell
May 1		Rev. Nancy Gladden
May 8	<i>Mother's Day</i>	Jay Bender
May 15		Rev. Jeff Mizell
May 22		Rev. Charles Elliott
May 29		Rev. Robbie Phillips
June 5	<i>Communion</i>	Rev. Jerrod Lowry



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