

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 30, 2023

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Music Accompanist: Jennifer Miller

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

April 30, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

People: **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

People: **And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Leader: Let us worship our God who walks with us and chases us with
goodness.

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

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Forgiveness *(Unison)*

You, O God, are our Shepherd. You provide everything we need. You let us rest in green meadows and lead us beside quiet streams. You renew our strength and guide us in ways that bring honor to Your name. Even when we walk through difficult valleys, we will not fear, for you are never far away. You are protecting and comforting, guarding and guiding every step we take. You prepare a feast for us in the presence of our enemies. You welcome us as friends and lavish your blessings on us. We know that your goodness and unfailing love will continue to pursue us all the days of our lives, and that after our lives here are over, we will spend eternity in your presence.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsive)*

Leader: We have been called to follow in the footsteps of Christ. He bore our sins in his body on a tree, so we might die to sin and live to righteousness. We were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls. The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. We are healed by Christ's wounds. In him, we are forgiven.

People: **We are healed by Christ's wounds. In him we are forgiven. We are free to live into new life. Amen.**

Anthem

"I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary"

~ Choir

Dale Oldham, Gloria & William J. Gaither

Prayer for Illumination

~ Rev. Phillips

Scriptures

John 10: 1 – 10 (NRSV)

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Sermon

"Securing the Gate"

~ Rev. Robbie Phillips

*Hymn of Response

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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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 *(Unison)*

We hear the voice of Jesus the Shepherd, O God, and seek to follow his course for our lives. We bring our gifts now before you as a result of our search. Accept them and use them so that others may join in the quest. Bring others to the gates of your promised land, and let them hear you calling them to come, enter in. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"
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 worshiping with us today.

A Special Welcome to Rev. Robbie Phillips who is with us this morning!

Next Sunday, May 7th ~ Jeff Mizell will be filling the pulpit



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!



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:42-47 and Psalm 23 or Ezekiel 34:7-15 and Psalm 100; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Daily Readings for April 30 – May 6 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions since 4-9-2023

*Thelma and Ed Edmondson (Mary Ann LeRay); Friend of Mike, Scott James, passed away
(Mike Coeyman); Jen Miller's aunt passed away as well as needs our traveling mercies
as she travels to the funeral services (Paul Miller);*

Prayers for safety for fire fighters and air quality (Mary Ann LeRay and Jeff Mizell);

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

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.



Do Not Forget the Reception this Afternoon at 3 pm.

The Pollocksville Memorial Cemetery Association

Is Honoring Thelma Edmondson

in the Pollocksville Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Annex



National Day of Prayer - May 4, 2023

Jones County Civic Center

11:30 am – 12:30 pm



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 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

Sunday, June 4th

5 pm Session Meeting

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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.

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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.

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