

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 6, 2025

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

April 6, 2025

Prelude

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

“I Have Heard of a City Called Heaven” by Donald Lee Moore

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) (*Selections from Psalm 27*)

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?

People: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

People: **My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

Leader: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

People: **Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.**

Leader: I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

People: **Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

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Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and we leave no room for God’s truth to dwell in us. When we confess our sin, we are able to experience the abundant mercy of God’s everlasting grace, right here and right now. Before God, with the people of God, let us confess to our brokenness as we confess our shortcomings and sins. Let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, your will is for all creation to have abundant life. We confess that sometimes we do not understand your way, and often we prefer to walk our own paths.

We confess that often we have received your abundant gifts, then allowed those gifts to be lost in our own desires and wants. We confess that it is easier to ask you to bless what we want to do, rather than to ask for the courage to do what you are blessing. Forgive our hard hearts, closed minds, and selfish ambitions. Free us to follow your way of justice, peace, and love that will open our very souls to the Holy Spirit's calling, in Christ, we pray, Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. From before the beginning until long beyond our imagination, God's love endures. Know that you are forgiven, loved and free.

People: **Thanks be to God! 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.

A Time With Children

"Smelly Feet"

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

"Love Speaks Louder Than Words" *by Pepper Choplin*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Shirley Bryan*

The Scripture Reading

Old Testament Isaiah 43:16-21

(NIV)

¹⁶This is what the LORD says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. ²⁰The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, ²¹ the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Gospel Lesson John 12:1-8 (NIV)

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

"THE S Word That Counts"

~ *Pastor 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

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

~ *Pastor Yearick*

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

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” by Joseph Scriven

*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

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

“Israel, Israel, God Is Calling” by Charles C. Converse; arr. by Keith D. Crowley

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.



Prayer List Additions as of 03/30/2025

Eileen Griswold – Prayers for Ed V. as he goes to Duke for testing for Tremors

Ed Valentine – Prayers for Tom Barry as he is being analyzed at Duke for Tremors.

Joan Knight – Prayers for Gera as she fell and fractured her foot.

Carol Mattocks – Prayers for BJ Ipock as he recovers from Surgery and is currently in Rehab.

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

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



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21 and Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Daily Readings for April 6 - 12 use the following web link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>



For all those who missed Ed Jekel's presentation on his work trip to Puerto Rico he will be making an "encore" performance in the Fellowship Hall today immediately following the Sunday worship service. The program will last about 45 minutes. Snacks will be provided.



**The
Gideons
International**

\$458 has been received to date for the Gideons.

It's not too late to give! If anyone would like to donate, earmark your check or envelope for the "Gideons". Then drop in the offering plate.

Ushers & Greeters



April - Blair Purvis & Vic Bryan

June - Noreen & Ed Jekel

July - Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity

October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot

November - Bob & Carol Mattocks

December - Vic Bryan

May, August, September & December ushers needed.

See sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Both the Adult and Children's Sunday School are now 9:45 am each Sunday. There will be a nursery provided during the 11 am Worship Service.

See Jean Bender if you can be a nursery volunteer.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Nursery Volunteers are needed!



The most recent quarter of "These Days" (Daily Devotions) is available on the table in the narthex. Please pick one up for your devotional use.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday Mornings 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary & Streaming Live on Facebook, YouTube & on PPC Website

Sundays at 9:45 am Adult Sunday School – *Remember your Bibles!*

Children's Sunday School at 9:45 am

Wednesdays

6 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, April 6th

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, April 13th

Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17th

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday – Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Sunday

Flowering of the Cross Prior to Worship

Communion during Morning Worship

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sunday, April 27th

8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 3 Cook

Baptism

Building Fund Sunday

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ATTENTION PLEASE!



From Noreen Jekel: Please place any extra or unwanted bulletins in the white wastepaper bin at the rear of the Sanctuary for recycling.

OUR PRAYER

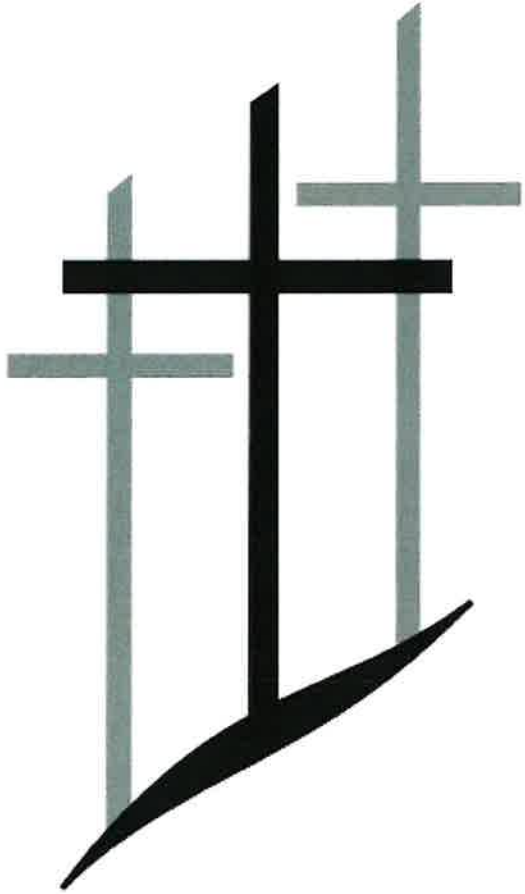
Reaching Out ... Lifting up

Each week we lift up those in our congregation to specifically pray for as part of our community of faith. We suggest you highlight them each day in your prayers for the guidance and direction God wishes for them.

Pastor Ken will announce from the pulpit each week.

Last week:

Mark and Kay Bender, Eileen Griswold, Dianne and Joe Bell, and Mary Ann Jones.



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