

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

April 7, 2024

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Prelude “Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death” ~ *Telemann*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

*Leader:* Christ is risen!

*People:* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! We are baptized into Christ’s death, so that as Christ was raised by your glory, we too may walk in newness of life.**

*Leader:* Alleluia! Raise us up, O God, from cynicism to trust, from fear to love, from death to life.

*People:* **Raise us up, O risen Christ! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ *Liturgist*

\*Opening Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

A Time for Children

~ *Pastor Yearick*

Call to Confession

~ *Pastor Yearick*

The Psalmist prayed: Open to me the gates of righteousness, O Lord, that I may enter through them and give thanks to you. We give thanks that God has answered us, and has become our salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. With gratitude for God’s life-giving love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

*Silent Prayer*

Assurance of Pardon *(from Isaiah 65:17-19)*

*Pastor:* Hear the word of the Lord: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth: for the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; I will rejoice and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

\*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 "Alleluia" *Bach* ~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Pastor Yearick*

Scripture John 20:19-31 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*"I Don't Believe It!"*

~ *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

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

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*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

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 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" ~ Jennifer Miller, Soloist  
*Glory to God Hymnal #255*

\*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

"Christ Is Alive!"  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

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\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

"Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death" ~ Telemann

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

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**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Acts 4:32-35 and Psalms 133 or Isaiah 65:17-25 and Psalms 3; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31*

Daily Readings for April 7 – 13 use the following web link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>

*Welcome!*

**Welcome to everyone who is worshiping 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!**



**Prayer List**

*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**



**“ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”**

**\$245** was received during Easter Sunday’s Worship Service  
**HUNGER – DISASTER – DEVELOPMENT**

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.

It is not too late if you wish to contribute. Place your contribution in the offering plate. Envelopes are on the table in the narthex or designate on your check or pew envelope *for “One Great Hour”*.

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**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 7<sup>th</sup>            5 pm Session Meeting

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>        7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting at the Church

Eileen Griswold, Hostess & Shirley Bryan, Study Leader

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>        8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 1, Cook

Building Fund Sunday

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>        11:30 am National Day of Prayer – Jones County Civic Center

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>            5 pm Session Meeting