

# **POLLOCKSVILLE** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

***Leader in Worship: Pastor Kenneth Yearick***

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**Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**  
**Fourth Sunday After Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

11:00 a.m.

May 11, 2025

Prelude "Simple Gifts" *by Charles Callahan* ~ *Debbie L. Fitzgerald*

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Liturgist*

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

*Leader:* Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.

*People:* **Thank you God for giving us mothers.**

*Leader:* We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

*People:* **Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.**

*Leader:* We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love.

*People:* **For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today. Praise to God!**

Prayer of Invocation ~ *Liturgist*

\*Opening Hymn "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" # 54  
*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

Call to Reconciliation ~ *Pastor Yearick*

God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter. Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change as we offer our confessions unto Almighty God. Let us pray together...

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord, When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter: Lord, have mercy on us. When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation, Christ have mercy on us.**

**When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice, grant us your peace. Forgive us for our sins, our wrongs, our mistakes, and cleanse and purify us through your Holy Spirit, Amen.**

*Silence is Kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

*Pastor:* God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcomes us into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, Praising the Lord for His forgiveness and salvation.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, 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 For Children

"A Purse of Love"

~ *Pastor Yearick*

\*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

"To Love" *by Ruth Elaine Schram*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Amber Swanger*

The Scripture Reading The Old Testament Lesson Exodus 1:15-2:10 (NIV)

<sup>1:15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, <sup>16</sup> "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." <sup>17</sup> The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?" <sup>19</sup> The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive." <sup>20</sup> So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous.

<sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

<sup>2:1</sup> Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. <sup>6</sup> She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. <sup>7</sup> Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" <sup>8</sup> "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

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

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

The Message

"Grassroot Moms"

~ Pastor Yearick

\*Hymn of Response

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

#600

*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

\*A Litany for Mothers

~ Margaret Ross

All who gather here are sons or daughters.

**We praise God for the women who gave us life.**

For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

**We give God thanks and praise.**

For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

**We pray for peace.**

For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

**We pray for healing.**

For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

**We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.**

For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

**We weep with those with broken hearts.**

For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

**We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.**

For those who are preparing emptier nests,

**We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.**

For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

**We pray for wisdom and patience.**

For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

**We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.**

For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

**We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.**

For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

**We give God thanks and praise.**

For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

**We give God thanks and praise.**

## 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 "More Precious Than Silver" by Lynn DeShazo ~ Debbie Fitzgerald

\*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

"Faith Of Our Mothers"

(Tune: Faith of Our Fathers) Lyrics by Arthur Bardwell Patten

**Faith of our mothers, living still  
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;  
In nursery lore and fireside love,  
Thy presence still pervades the air.  
Faith of our mothers, living faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,  
Oh, may thy consecration prove  
Source of a finer, nobler race;  
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,  
Still serve the home and save the Church,  
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds;  
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.**

\*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

\*Postlude

"Postlude on "Laudate Dominum"

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

by Richard A. Williamson and C. Hubert H. Parry (Tune: Laudate Dominum -  
"Praise God in His Sanctuary")

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



*Welcome!*

**Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.**



### **Prayer List Additions as of 04/04/2025**

The Family of Frankie Parker – Frankie passed away this week; Shirley Bryan - Mike Coeyman is recovering from his surgery; Eileen Griswold - Prayers for David (Buddy) White—has been diagnosed with leukemia; Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church



### **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.**

#### **This Past Week:**

**Gayle Bender, Vic and Shirley Bryan, Adam and Margaret Ross**



#### **For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

**Acts 9:36-43 and Psalm 23 or Isaiah 53:1-6 and Psalm 114; Revelation 4:9-17; John 10:22-30**

**Daily Readings for May 11 – 17 use the following web link:**

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



### **Ushers:**

**May - Sheron Bender & Barbara Smith**

**June - Noreen & Ed Jekel**

**July - Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity**

**August - Ron Pound & Sandy Yearick**

**October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot**

**November - Bob & Carol Mattocks**

**December - Vic Bryan & Kay Bender**

**September ushers needed.**

# 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, May 12<sup>th</sup>                      7 pm Presbyterian Women Birthday**

**Celebration at the Church**

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>                      2-4 pm Blessing of the Pets**

**Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>                      Hymn Sing during Morning Worship**

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>                      Memorial Day – Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>                      5 pm Session Meeting**

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>                      Day of Pentecost - Communion**

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>                      7 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting**

**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>                      Father's Day - Lunch Following Morning Service**

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>                      8 am Mem's Breakfast Team 4 to cook**

**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>                      Hymn Sing during Morning Worship**

**Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>                      NO Session Meeting**



*The tradition continues.....*

***Mother's Day Reflections from Ms. Penny Bender:***

***"In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday of May an official day to honor mothers.***

***One of my earliest memories is of roses on Mother's Day. On this special Sunday, you picked either a white or red rose to wear at church. If you did not have a rose bush in your yard, a lovely tray of roses would be available for all church attendees - male or female/young or old. All were encouraged to wear a rose. A red rose was worn if your mother was living and a white rose if your mother was not.***

***This custom remained throughout my years at the First Baptist Church in New Bern. To my delight when I came to Pollocksville in 1948 as a new bride, this tradition was also observed at our church. Although we know longer honor Mother's Day in this fashion, wouldn't it be nice to start this practice again at our church?"***

***AND so on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022, Ms. Penny had a tray of red and white paper roses for each member of the congregation to wear to honor their mother in this special way.***



*And now Today....*

*Janet & Blair Purvis are continuing this tradition on Ms. Penny's behalf of providing red and white roses on Mother's Day to everyone.*



*To all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters and other women in our lives that care for us and love us unconditionally,*

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY !**



*The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering is an annual tradition began over a century ago. Grants from this offering have funded more than 200 major capital projects and today fruits from these projects continue to thrive in places like Peru, South Korea, Malawi, and across the U.S. Proceeds from the first Birthday Offering helped fund the construction of the beautiful entrance gate at the Montreat Conference Center here in Montreat, NC. This year's offering will address housing for Native Americans in South Dakota and disaster relief in the Mississippi Delta. To learn more about the Birthday Offering Come to the meeting Monday May 12 7:00 p.m. or visit [presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).*



## **The Session & Committee Chairs for 2025**

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Presbyterian Churches in the eastern end of the Presbytery will meet on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the Wallace Presbyterian Church. Among the activities of the EAST Gathering will be participation in several mission opportunities in the Wallace area.

One of those projects involves assembling kits for Church World Service. These are kits utilized for feminine hygiene. The following is a list of items for these kits:

Here's what you'll need to make one Pack:

- One 1-gallon size re-sealable bag
- Two 2oz bottle hand sanitizer
- Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- One travel pack of Wet Ones
- 5 regular Tampons
- 5 super absorbency Tampons
- 12 Pads (Unscented. Long super ultra-thin)
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger. No Ivory or Jergen's soap. Do not remove from packaging)
- One pack of flushable wipes (Unscented. 42 count)
- [Six fragrance-free laundry sheets \(placed in small, Ziploc bags\)](#)

Please review and consider donating some or all of these items. There will be totes at the rear of the sanctuary for your donations. Those attending the Gathering will take the church's contribution to the event. REMEMBER – the Gathering is Saturday, May 31 – please have your donations at the rear of the sanctuary before that date.

All members of the congregation are invited to attend the Gathering and support this mission project and others. You need to register for the meeting using this link, <https://forms.office.com/r/HAfF6WifR3>. Check in on the day of the Gathering will begin at 8:45 am. If you wish to reserve a lunch please go on and register by May 15.