

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, May 12, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

May 12, 2024

Prelude "Loure" ~ J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: And Jesus said, "Come!"

People: **To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"**

Leader: to the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!"

People: **to all who long to be mothered: he said, "Come!"**

Leader: Come unto me all ye who labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

All: **Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls.**

Leader: Let us praise the Lord who chose mothers to lead their children to faith.

People: **As we worship the Lord, let us remember the love of Christ That showered upon children and parents, reminding mothers of their God-given joy –**

All: **With song and prayer, and hearing and meditating on His Word - Let us praise the God of Love!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#720

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

A Time for Children

(see song on back of bulletin)

~ Pastor Yearick

Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

O Divine God of Love, Your life pulses in each of our hearts, and your love permeates each of our lives. Your care sustains us in each moment, and your compassion guides us in each situation.

When we fall, you lift us, when we fail you restore us, When we are wounded, you nurse us, when we grieve, you weep with us. But, we have failed to love as you do, we have abused our bodies and those of others, we have filled our minds with selfish dreams, and violent plans, we have made our hearts cold and empty of compassion, we have forgotten our spirits, and distorted your image within us. As a mother disciplines her children, we ask you to discipline us; As a mother forgives the sons and daughters who hurt her, we ask you to forgive us; As a mother calls her children to be reconciled with their siblings, we ask you to lead us to reconciliation with one another. In Christ's Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

~ Pastor Yearick

*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

“Consider the Lilies” Joseph Martin

~ Choir

Scripture

Proverbs 31:10-15, 20-23, 25, 30-31 (Paraphrased)

Noble Womanhood

Read Responsively

Leader: Sandy Yearick

Who can find a virtuous woman? Worth more than diamonds.

Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never will regret it.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

She shops around for the best deals in wool, and flax, and works willingly with her hands.

She is like the merchants' ships; she brings food and gifts along with many surprises.

She gets up early getting her family ready for the morning, organizing her day.

She's quick to assist anyone in need, stretching out her hand to the poor; yes, reaching forth her hands to the needy.

She senses the worth of her work; and is in no hurry to quit for the day..

She becomes skilled in the crafts of the home, diligent in homemaking.

Her husband is known in the gates, as she supports his efforts in the community.

When she speaks, she has something worthy to say, and she says it with kindness. She looks to tomorrow, not in fear but with a face of smiles.

She keeps an eye on those in her household, always with the attempt to keep them busy and productive.

Her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise.

Many women have done wonderful things, but the mother will outclass them all.

Charm can be misleading, and beauty soon fades, but the mother is to be admired and praised. For she is the woman who lives out the fear and love of God.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

Illumine our homes with the light of your love.

We thank you for gifts of love we have received.

From our mothers and those who have served as mothers in many ways, nourishing us and guiding us as we grow to be who we are -

As we have been loved by them, so we are loved by you, O God.

Join with us in this day of celebration as we rejoice in being loved.

As you grant us peace in Christ Jesus our Lord, let us celebrate the joy of remembering mother today. Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

~ Pastor Yearick

The Gospel Lesson John 3:16 – 21 (The Message – Translation)

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ “This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn’t go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person’s failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.

¹⁹⁻²¹ “This is the crisis we’re in: God-light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness. They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God. Everyone who makes a practice of doing evil, addicted to denial and illusion, hates God-light and won’t come near it, fearing a painful exposure. But anyone working and living in truth and reality welcomes God-light so the work can be seen for the God-work it is.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Marred By Pain...Chosen By Love” ~ 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

“Blessed Assurance”

#442

Sing to the Lord 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 "Blest Be the Uniting Love" ~ *Havergal/Young*

*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 "Our Father God in Heaven" *See page -11-*
(To the Tune of O Jesus, I Have Promised)

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude "Festive Praise" ~ *Robert Lau*

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

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 and Psalm 1 or Jeremiah 10:1-10a and Psalm 108; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Daily Readings for May 12 – 18 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!



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 ! 

Blair and Janet Purvis are providing red and white roses for all to wear today, as we honor and remember all mothers.

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A THANK YOU from Debbie Fitzgerald:

"I want to share my sincere thanks to the PPC Choir and congregation for a wonderful couple of months! What a joy it's been working with such a fine and talented group of choir members and loving church! Thank you, thank you, thank you for allowing me to minister with you once again!!! With much love and appreciation, hugs to all of you!"



This morning, we welcome our new music director and organist, Cheryl Kite. We look forward to her leading us in the music program here at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church, and in sharing her expertise with us in worship.

Make sure you greet her with the wonderful Pollocksville welcome!!!



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.



Pastor Yearick will be in Pollocksville on Friday, May 17 instead of Tuesday, May 14. Please call for an appointment

~ **USHERS** ~

May: Joan Knight & Blair Purvis

June: Allen Bender & Barbara Smith

July: Noreen & Ed Jekel

Ushers are still needed!

***If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact
Amber Swanger or Shirley Bryan.***

Please check the sign up sheet for the months where help is needed.

Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!

**What's
Happening** **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

Monday, May 13th

7 pm Women's Circle Meeting at the Church –

Presbyterian Women Birthday Celebration

Sunday, May 19th

Communion during Morning Worship Service –

Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 26th

No Men's Breakfast

Building Fund Sunday

Monday, May 27th

Memorial Day – Church Office and Childcare Closed

Sunday, June 9th

5 pm Session Meeting – Notice date change

Monday, June 10th

7 pm Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting

Sunday, June 16th

Father's Day – Covered Dish Lunch following the Worship Service



2024 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women

Since 1922 Presbyterian Women have faithfully given the Birthday Offering to serve our neighbors and to witness to the promise of God's love to the world. This year's recipients are Bethel Hills Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area (Bethelhills.org) and Café Ginkgo Shawnee Presbyterian Church (facebook.com/louisvilleshawnee Presbyterian). Bethel Hills offers affordable housing for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Shawnee Presbyterian Church's congregation offers free dine-in meals at Café Ginkgo. Both of these missions will expand their missions with the offering given this year. Come to the celebration on Monday May 13 at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about these organizations we will be helping.

If you would like to donate ahead of time, envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Place your contribution in the offering plate.



THANK YOU MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION!!!

\$3605 has been sent for "RIP Medical Debt" from PPC

"We have been extremely successful as the East Community of the presbytery in accomplishing our goal of raising \$20,000 to help with medical debt in our counties. We currently have over \$25,000 raised and I believe there are still checks to be credited to our campaign. These checks are in transit to RIP and hope to be added to the total amount this week. Hopefully I will have a communication for the East Community sharing the full amount raised within the week. Please share with your congregation the success of our community in living out our connectional theology through mission in this way. It truly is a testimony of what we can do together in partnership."

*Blessings to you all,
Hank Bellomy*



New Bern now has a collegiate baseball team called the New Bern Southpaws. Their first game will be in May; however, they have designated June 28 and July 12th as Faith & Family night. I believe the games start at 6pm. If we can get together 20 people or more to attend, the price will only be \$5 per person.



Sunday, June 16th is Father's Day. PPC is planning a covered dish after the service. Everyone is invited! Please ladies, plan to bring a covered dish in honor of our men.

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Thank God for Mother's Love – Anonymous

A mother's patience of a saint could only be by the hand of God.

There is no love, like a mother's love,
no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother, when she gives birth.
A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.
God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.
When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on...
through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.
Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.

Our Father God in Heaven

Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith
(To the tune of Jesus I Have Promised)

Our Father God in heaven in whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers, a home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers we bring our thankful songs.

What wealth of God's bestowing for all the world to share!
what strength of heart outgoing to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows are held in her embrace.

How well we know the story that tells of Jesus' birth,
the Lord of heaven's glory become a child of earth;
a helpless infant sleeping, yet King of realms above,
to find in Mary's keeping the warmth of human love.

Our Father God in heaven, to you we lift our prayer,
that every child be given such tenderness and care,
where life is all for others, where love your love displays:
for God's good gift of mothers let earth unite in praise!

FIVE LITTLE DUCKS

5 little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only four little ducks came back

4 little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only three little ducks came back

3 little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only two little ducks came back

2 Two little ducks went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But only one little duck came back

1 One little duck went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
But none of the five little ducks came back

Sad mother duck went out one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
And all of five little ducks came back

Five little ducks went out to play
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack"
And all of the five little ducks came back!