

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, May 14, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

May 14, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

People: **We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**

Leader: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

People: **We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

Leader: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

People: **We long to live lives of holiness and light.**

Leader: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

People: Come near, people of God!

ALL: **Let us worship in wisdom and truth.**

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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#776

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ Ken Yearick

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Almighty God,

You love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.

Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Time of Reflection

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Ken Yearick

Anthem "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" *by Crosby/Lowery* ~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Ken Yearick

Scriptures I Kings 3:16-28 (NIV)

¹⁶Now two prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. ¹⁷One of them said, "Pardon me, my lord. This woman and I live in the same house, and I had a baby while she was there with me. ¹⁸The third day after my child was born, this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there was no one in the house but the two of us. ¹⁹"During the night this woman's son died because she lay on him. ²⁰So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side while I your servant was asleep. She put him by her breast and put her dead son by my breast. ²¹The next morning, I got up to nurse my son—and he was dead! But when I looked at him closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn't the son I had borne." ²²The other woman said, "No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours." But the first one insisted, "No! The dead one is yours; the living one is mine." And so they argued before the king. ²³The king said, "This one says, 'My son is alive and your son is dead,' while that one says, 'No! Your son is dead and mine is alive.'" ²⁴Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword for the king. ²⁵He then gave an order: "Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other." ²⁶The woman whose son was alive was deeply moved out of love for her son and said to the king, "Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don't kill him!" But the other said, "Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!" ²⁷Then the king gave his ruling: "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother." ²⁸When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.

Sermon

"It Is Hard to Let Go"

~ Ken Yearick

*Hymn of Response

"Blessed Assurance"
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

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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

~ Ken Yearick

*Closing Hymn

"Wonderful Words of Life"
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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

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Welcome!

to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

A Special Welcome to Ken Yearick who is back with us this morning!

Next Sunday, May 21st ~ PPC will have a Hymn Sing

Led by Paul Miller



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 !

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 17:22-31 and Psalm 66:8-20 or Ezekiel 34:1-7a and Psalm 115;

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Daily Readings for May 14 – 20 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions since 5-7-2023

Blair's brother-in-law Tommy was suddenly admitted to the hospital for pneumonia and it's a very serious situation (Janet Purvis); Pray for those who want to be here and are recovering from surgery (Jen Miller); Toe problems (Jeff Mizell); Vickie Bell's mother, Lucy Banks

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

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.



East Community Presbytery Meeting June 10th at St. Andrews-Covenant Church

A message from Ed Valentine & the PPC Mission Committee

They are doing a project for the Homeless in that area of Wilmington NC. (Walk the Talk)

Our PPC representative is Sheron Bender and The Filling Station representative is Mary Ann LeRay. We are asked to provide a big bundle of items that would help these folks survive and give them hope.

A suggested list of items needed is listed in the insert enclosed.

Please start collecting this whole month so we can help the needy and send many big bags of supplies. A collection box will be in the Narthex.



Women of the Church Birthday Offering Celebration May 15, 7:00 p.m.

The original Birthday challenge was for every woman to give a penny for each year of her life and if that was a secret to bring a dollar. For 101 years Presbyterian Women (and men) have given to support transformative missions around the world.

***Learn more about the Birthday Offering by visiting www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday
Support the Birthday Offering.***

Special offering envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Just place in the offering plate.

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Ushers

May Ushers are Robert & Hailey Bender

***If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact
John Bender at 252-675-8431 or email: jmbender1991@gmail.com.***

June, August, September & December are still needed!



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 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

Saturday, June 10th

East Community Presbytery Meeting

Monday, June 12th

7 pm Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting

Sunday, June 18th

Father's Day – Lunch – watch for details