

# **POLLOCKSVILLE** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**May 15, 2022**

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

May 15, 2022

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

*Leader:* How can we know the way of God?

*People:* **Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.**

*Leader:* Beloved, let us love one another.

*People:* **We love because God first loved us.**

*Leader:* This is our new commandment in Christ:

*People:* **As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*The Peace of Christ

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

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*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.**

*Silence is Observed*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(from Romans 5:5)*

~ Jeff Mizell

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

## Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Psalm 24: 1-6; Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV)

*Psalm 24: 1-6*

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers. <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

*Acts 11:1-18*

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Sermon "Tell Me What I Need to Know Not What I Want to Hear" ~ Jeff Mizell

\*Hymn of Response

"To God be the Glory"  
*The Presbyterian 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

~ Jeff Mizell

Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you, you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### \*Closing Hymn

“What a Friend we have in Jesus”

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Postlude

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

**~ We welcome Jeff Mizell back to PPC this morning ~**

*Jeff Mizell is the Clerk of Session at Wildwood Presbyterian Church. He is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Pathways courses at Union Presbytery Seminary and working towards becoming a CRE.*

*Jeff resides in Wildwood NC, with his wife of 29 years Melissa and they have two boys Elijah (21) and Jacob (19).*

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**Prayer List Additions as of 5/8/2022**

*Wendy Byrd, Frank T's Step-daughter in critical condition with COVID (Frank T. Bender); Friend, Bruce, is a doctor who has multiple myeloma and is in renal failure - working to get him stabilized - started chemo Monday, 5-9-22 - wife Leigh (Janet and Blair Purvis);*

*Joe Cokes - Friend of Amber & Lyle, in the hospital with diverticulitis, possibly requires surgery, And his wife Maelyn as she helps look after him (Lyle Swanger);  
The Family of Annette Bell (passed away Thursday morning)*

*Remember those who have any sickness or are shut-in for any reason.*

*Pray for those that have lost loved ones and are grieving.*

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

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**~ Next Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~**

**The Reverend Charles Elliott will be filling the pulpit during the morning worship service**



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

**Acts 11:1-18 and Psalm 148 or Leviticus 19:9-18 and Psalm 24:1-6;**

**Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35**

**Daily Readings for May 15 - 21 use the following web link:**

**<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>**

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**The  
Gideons  
International**

**The Gideons will be a part of the PPC Worship Service Sunday morning, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. A Special Offering will be received.**

**~ Ushers for May: Thelma Edmondson & Eileen Griswold ~**

## Reminders & Announcements

Sunday Mornings: 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &  
NOW Streaming Live on Facebook & Directly from Website  
[www.pollockvillepresbyterian.org](http://www.pollockvillepresbyterian.org)

Past services are available on the website - click on “Weekly Videos”

Sundays 9:45 am Sunday School – *Remember your Bibles!*  
Wednesdays 6 pm Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Building Fund Sunday  
The Gideons will give a presentation during the morning  
worship service  
Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Childcare & Church Office will be closed in observance of  
Memorial Day  
Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> No Childcare Meeting  
Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> NE Area Pastors’ Dinner in Sanctuary Annex  
Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 5 pm Session Meeting



If you wish to give to the Presbyterian Women’s annual Birthday Offering,  
mark your check *PW Birthday Offering* and place in the offering plate.  
Offerings accepted through the end of the month.



*Mother’s Day 2022 at PPC was such a such a beautiful day!  
Thank you to Ed & Noreen Jekel  
and all the others that made the Mother’s Day breakfast such of a success!  
Thank you to Ms. Penny Bender and Janet Purvis for the beautiful paper  
flowers provided for the service.*



***Congratulations to Jordy McCaffity***

***Jordy Graduated May 7<sup>th</sup> from NC Central University School of Law***

***With highest honor of Summa Cum Laude***

***He will be studying to take the Bar Examination in July***

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