

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 22, 2022

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

May 22, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

The Gideons

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (*based on Psalm 119:33 – 40*)

Leader: Teach us, O God, the way of your statutes;

People: **In keeping them, we shall find our reward.**

Leader: Lead us in the way of your commandments;

People: **In obeying them, we take our delight.**

Leader: Confirm in your servants your promise;

People: **And by your righteousness give us new life.**

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

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, look with mercy upon us. For though we want to be faithful to you, we confess how often we stray from the paths of righteousness you call us to walk. Temptations beckon to us. What is easy or popular breaks down our resistance; and we behave in ways we know displease you. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse our hearts, purify our minds, and strengthen our resolve, that we may obey you in every circumstance, after the example of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: In this, we know God's love for us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

People: **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come. Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Old Testament Reading:* Leviticus 19:1-4, 11-18 (NRSV)
 New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:38 – 48 (NRSV)

Leviticus 19:1-4, 11-18

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ³ You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. ⁴ Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹ You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹² And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³ You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴ You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Matthew 5:38 – 48

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Sermon

“Mission: Impossible??”

~ Rev. Charles Elliott

*Hymn of Response

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

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

God of grace, accept the offerings we dedicate to your service, and grant that they may be symbols of a consecration that knows no limits, a trust that holds nothing back from you, a devotion that recognizes how you have given everything for us, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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



Today is *Building Fund Sunday*.

All contributions given, unless otherwise designated, will go the Church Building Fund.

~ **We welcome Rev. Charles Elliott back to PPC this morning** ~

The Rev. Charles Elliott grew up in Charlotte, NC, and graduated from Davidson College and Union Seminary in Virginia. He was ordained in 1971 in Pollocksville Presbyterian Church where he served for seven years. Since then he has served in other pastorates and administrative leadership positions. After retiring in 2011, he served in six interim positions, and currently is Parish Associate for Pastoral Care at First Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Beach, SC., where he will serve as Interim Head of Staff this summer while the pastor is on a sabbatical. He is a Trustee of Thornwell Home. Charles and Caryl have been married 54 years, and have 3 daughters, 3 sons-in-law, 5 grandchildren, and 3 grand-dogs.

~ **Next Sunday, May 29th** ~

**The Reverend Robbie Phillips will be filling the pulpit
during the morning worship service**



Prayer List Additions as of 5/15/2022

*Sofia in NICU (Coeymans); Edison in NICU (Sheron Bender);
Family of Annette Bell (Mark Bender); The world in general (Hilda Bender);
Ukraine (Jeff Mizell); Praying for a full time preacher (Ed Edmondson)*

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.

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



**The
Gideons
International**

***A Special Offering will be received this morning.
~ See the bulletin insert ~***



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 16:9-15 *and* Psalm 67 *or* Deuteronomy 34:1-12 *and* Psalm 109:21-31;
Rev 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29 *or* John 5:1-9

Daily Readings for May 22 – 28 use the following web link:

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

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Reminders & Announcements

**Sunday Mornings: 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &
NOW Streaming Live on Facebook & Directly from Website
www.pollockvillepresbyterian.org**

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

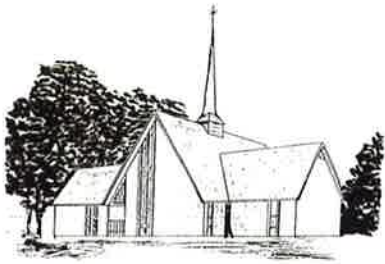
Sundays	9:45 am Sunday School – <i>Remember your Bibles!</i>
Wednesdays	6 pm Choir Rehearsal
Monday, May 30th	Childcare & Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day
Monday, May 30th	No Childcare Meeting
Thursday, June 2nd	NE Area Pastors’ Dinner in Sanctuary Annex
Sunday, June 5th	5 pm Session Meeting
Saturday, June 11th	Work Session for PPC Session Members
Monday, June 13th	7 pm Women’s Circle in the Sanctuary Annex



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**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.



Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

May 29		Rev. Robbie Phillips
June 5	<i>Communion</i>	Rev. Jerrod Lowry
June 12		Rev. Clarence Page
June 19	<i>Father's Day</i>	Kirk Ronzheimer
June 26		Rev. Gary Howell



Bender Family Scholarship

Guidelines & Procedures and instructions for making application for academic year 2022-2023 are available by e-mail.

*Please call or e-mail Thelma Edmondson, Committee Chair
Application and references deadline is June 15, 2022*

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***Please read the back of today's bulletin for information
on the Bender Family Scholarship Fund.***



*The Bender Family Scholarship Fund
Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
Academic Year 2022 - 2023*

Mr. and Mrs. James Virgil Bender, Sr. established a scholarship fund in 2004 with a gift to The Presbyterian Foundation. Income from the Fund is to be used to offer financial assistance and encouragement for high school graduates who are pursuing post-secondary school education.

When income from the Fund is sufficient, Pollocksville Presbyterian Church grants one (1) scholarship of \$1,000 per year. Students applying for the scholarship shall indicate financial need and shall have evidenced scholastic ability to successfully engage in higher education studies.

Scholarships shall be awarded only to persons from the church family of Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. The recipient must live in the Pollocksville area and be either a member of Pollocksville Presbyterian Church, or a child or grandchild of a member of Pollocksville Presbyterian Church.

Scholarship recipients may reapply annually (for up to three years) if there are no applicants who meet the criterion of "high school graduates who are pursuing post-secondary school education." Recipients who reapply shall have maintained an annual grade level of 3.0 and shall continue to meet all other requirements of scholarship eligibility.

High school graduates who meet all criteria, including having been accepted for enrollment in a certified college, university, or community college, not to include enrollment in trade programs, will be given first preference.