

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 28, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Day of Pentecost

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

May 28, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Leader: Come, believers and faithful ones, sing your alleluias to God!

People: **Praise God, who inspires us with the rush of a mighty wind and fills us with fire.**

Leader: Praise God, who out of love for us sent Jesus Christ to live among us.

People: **Praise God, whose Spirit is poured out upon all flesh so our sons and daughters might prophesy.**

Leader: God reaches into our lives and claims us, calling us honored and loved.

People: **We are God's people; we are redeemed, for God has called us by name.**

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

"We Are One in the Spirit"

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Call to Confession

~ Rev. Cone

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, in your mystery and love you have created humankind in your image—in all its beauty and complex diversity. We are like a multi-faceted orchestra designed to reflect the depth and wonder of your glory. Yet, we choose division over unity. We insist on uniformity rather than harmony.

Out of fear and misunderstanding, we have isolated ourselves from one another and from you. Tune our hearts to sing out the praise of your wonder and glory. Open our hearts to be stretched like stringed instruments that we may seek and glorify you in one accord. Forgive our self-centered ignorance. Forgive our self-protecting fear. May we grow in grace to be more like the one who came to be good news to *all* people, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Rev. Cone

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

~ Rev. Cone

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-8 (NRSV)

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Ezekiel 36:24-29 (NRSV)

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸ Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ I will save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

Sermon

"Born of Flesh"

~ Rev. Marie Cone

*Hymn of Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*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 *(Responsive)*

Good and gracious God, just as you poured out the power of your Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, pour out your power upon these gifts and the very lives that we offer to your purposes. Teach and inspire our young people to dream dreams and follow those dreams in serving you. May all that we offer in your name bring about a vision of your gracious and sovereign realm of love, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn "We Are Marching in the Light of God" *See Hymn Insert
(Sing 1 verse only)*

*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.

~ Thank You to Rev. Marie Cone for filling the pulpit this morning ~

Pastor Marie is an Honorably Retired member of Coastal Carolina Presbytery. She most recently served as interim pastor at First Presbyterian in Jacksonville and before that at Peace Presbyterian Church in Winterville. Prior to finding her way to North Carolina, she served four churches in the Presbytery of Philadelphia. She and her husband, Larry, fell in love with North Carolina and decided to retire to Surf City where they now live across from the beach. Pastor Marie may be officially retired from ministry, but she works part-time as administrative support for Larry's business, Kitepipe, a cloud-integration services company. Marie and Larry are the parents of three grown daughters: Liz and her husband Ken live in Devon, PA; Meg and her husband Pat live in West Chester, PA; Ellie lives nearby in Surf City. Liz and Ken are the happy parents of Beatrice (8) and Albert (4). Meg and Pat are the busy parents of Margot (3) and Emilia (1).

~ Next Sunday, June 4th ~

Lyle Swanger will be filling the pulpit

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 and Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or

Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19 -23 or John 7:37-39

Daily Readings for May 28 – June 3 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions as of 5/21/2023

The Family of Betty Schef, as she recently passed (Barbara Smith); Prayers for Layah Collins from our Childcare who is now in PreK at Pollocksville Elementary (Diane McCaffity); Remember Ms. Penny as she struggles with memory issues (Mark Bender); Prayers for Ed Edmondson – recent surgery (Thelma Edmondson); Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.

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Ushers & Greeters



May Ushers are Robert & Hailey Bender

June ushers are needed immediately!

***Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!
You are appreciated!!!***

*If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact John Bender at 252-675-8431 or email: jmbender1991@gmail.com.
August, September & December are still needed!*

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Reminders & Announcements

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 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 in Sanctuary

Annex with Cathy Campbell, Study Leader – Eileen Griswold, Hostess

Sunday, June 18th

Father’s Day – Lunch – watch for details

Sunday, June 25th

8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 2 – cook

Building Fund Sunday

Sunday, July 2nd

NO Session Meeting planned for July

Tuesday, July 4th

Independence Day – Office and Childcare Closed

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

Spirit of the Living God

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
we are march-ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo
oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...