

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 29, 2022

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

May 29, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: We look to the skies, hoping to see Jesus.

People: **We gaze into the heavens, searching for God.**

Leader: God is nearer to us than our very breath.

People: **Jesus is with us when we gather in his name.**

Leader: Look around! Here is God. Here is the one you are looking for!

People: **God of Mystery, wisdom, encouragement, and glory reveal your power!**

Leader: Let us worship God through Christ together.

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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

The story of Ascension Day challenges us to seek the presence of the risen Christ in the here and now. In our lives, our community, and our world. We look up to heaven for our answers. We fail to seek the Spirit at work in our midst. We fail to repent from wrongdoing. We fail to forgive others for mistakes of their own. We fail to give witness to the risen Christ. Have mercy, O Lord, when we doubt the power of your Spirit. Forgive us when we doubt the Spirit is at work changing hearts and opening minds. Help us embrace the relationship between righteousness and peace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

Leader: The Love of God revealed in Jesus, forgives us, heals us, and sets us free. Trust in this good news. Go be witnesses to God's love in the world.

People: **Jesus has testified to all these things. In him we find forgiveness. We no longer need to look. The grace of Christ is with all those who believe. Amen.**

Anthem "Ashokan Farewell" ~ Jay Unger ~ Jennifer Miller, Violin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Luke 24: 44 – 53 & Acts 1: 1 - 11 (NRSV)

Luke 24: 44 – 53

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Acts 1: 1 – 11

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Sermon "Be Clothed with Power from on High" ~ Rev. Robbie Phillips

*Hymn of Response "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #150
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

Gracious and giving God, you are the One who first gave and gives to us. You gave us life, hope, love and grace. You give us all we need for life here and now. Guide us to use our lives, gifts and money for the well-being of your church, for those in need of shelter and food, for all who suffer, for all who long for your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord we live, give and pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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

~ We welcome Rev. Robbie Phillips back to PPC this morning ~

Rev. Robbie Phillips lives in Down East Carteret County, east of Beaufort, on a family farm with her husband Jamey. They have 2 grown children. Both children live in Eastern Carteret County. The newest addition to the family is their granddaughter Blake (daughter of Melissa and Matt Burhenne), who is now 18 months old. Their son is engaged to be married in August this year. Rev. Phillips served as the minister of Wildwood Presbyterian Church in Newport for almost 10 years. She served as the Disaster Recovery Director for the Carteret Long Term Recovery Alliance, which she helped start in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. She continues to work with the Alliance as a volunteer Case Manager. She currently works with her husband to run their Land Surveying business and soon to serve as the part time Transitional Minister for Grace Presbyterian in Beaufort. She continues in other ministries such as filling pulpits, moderating sessions and helping other churches in a transitional phase of life. In her free time, she enjoys working with her horses, new foals and her corgi puppy, who is being trained to be Rev. Phillip's trauma resiliency therapy partner. She and Jamey enjoy working together around the farm, spending time with family and camping in their RV.

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~ Next Sunday, June 5th ~

**The Reverend Jerrod Lowry will be filling the pulpit
during the morning worship service**

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**Day of Pentecost ~ Communion, Sunday, June 5th
~ Morning Worship Service ~**



Prayer List Additions as of 5/22/2022

*Ukraine (Mark Bender); Figuring out what's going on with Sofia (Cheryl Coeyman);
Friend of Purvis's about the same - thanks for all the prayers (Blair Purvis);
Baptist Men going to Ukraine (Carol Mattocks); Squamous cancer cell on left eye on Bob
Mattocks (Carol Mattocks); Bobby Stephens passed who designed our church (Bob Mattocks);
Prayers for safety of return of mom, Sandy Miller (Paul Miller's mom)*

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

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**Ushers for May: Thelma Edmondson & Eileen Griswold
June: Ed & Susan Pittman**



\$145 has been received to date for the Gideons.

It's not too late to give! If anyone would like to donate, earmark your check or envelope for the "Gideons" or use the special envelopes on the table in the narthex. Then drop in the offering plate.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 16:16-34 and Psalm 97 or Kings 2:1-15 and Psalm 2; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

Daily Readings for May 29 – June 4 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
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Past services are available on the website - click on “Weekly Videos”

Sundays	9:45 am Sunday School – Remember your Bibles!
Wednesdays	No Wednesday Choir Rehearsal – See note below
Monday, May 30th	Childcare & Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day
Monday, May 30th	No Childcare Meeting
Tuesday, May 31st	Church Office Closed – Secretary Off
Thursday, June 2nd	NE Area Pastors’ Dinner in Sanctuary Annex (FYI Only)
Sunday, June 5th	10:30 am Choir Practice
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



No Wednesday night rehearsal in June.

Choir will meet promptly at 10:30 am to practice during the month of June.



Donations accepted through the end of the month for the Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering. Mark your check *PW Birthday Offering* and place in the offering plate.



The Bender Family Scholarship

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

If interested, please pick up information from narthex table.