

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, May 4, 2025

Leader in Worship: Pastor Kenneth Yearick

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday After Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

May 4, 2025

Prelude

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

"Trust and Obey" - by Marianne Kim (tune: Trust and Obey), Daniel B. Towner

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) (inspired by Psalm 30 and John 21: 1-19)

Leader: Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

People: **We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.**

Leader: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

People: **We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.**

Leader: If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

People: **Christ is leading a dance of joy.**

Leader: Come here, sisters and brothers!

All: **That we might give blessing and honor and glory to God!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

"The Lord Jehovah Reigns"

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Reconciliation

~ Pastor Yearick

While we may yearn to be like Jesus, we know that in our misguided choices, our frantic lives, our impetuous words, we are too often like Peter. But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord, speaking of our need for the Lord's saving presence in our lives. Let us now as a community of faith, join as one in confessing our sins and wrongs. Let us pray together...

Unison Prayer of Confession

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 in our own concerns. At times we condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Friends, forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ, and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God! 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.

A Time For Children

“Who Likes to Fish?”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“Song Of Fellowship” *by Don Besig*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Vic Bryan*

The Scripture Reading The Gospel Lesson John 21:1-19 (KJV)

¹After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. ²There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. ³Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. ⁴But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. ⁵Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. ⁶And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. ⁷Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. ⁸And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

⁹As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. ¹¹Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. ¹²Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. ¹⁴This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead. ¹⁵So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. ¹⁶He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. ¹⁷He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. ¹⁹This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

“It Is Not About Numbers!”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Hymn of Response

“Come, Risen Christ” (Tune: *Fairest Lord Jesus*)

Come, risen Christ, to us. Come into our daily lives.
Come in our labors and in our rest.
Walk with us by our side. Show us where grace may hide.
Become our host, who once was guest.

Come, risen Christ, to us. Come into our fear and pain.
Come, speak to us your word of peace.
Nourish our weakened hearts. Feed us the food of grace.
From guilt and anguish grant release.

Come, risen Christ, to us. Lay your hand upon our hearts.
Draw us to follow. Our lives now use.
Call us your word to keep, love you and feed your sheep,
and bear your light where you shall choose.

* Affirmation Of Faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith) (in unison)*

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

~ Pastor Yearick

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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus" *by Larry Shackleton* *~ Debbie Fitzgerald*

*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

~ Pastor Yearick

*Closing Hymn

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

"Joyful Rondo" *by John S. Dixon* *~ Debbie Fitzgerald*

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.



Prayer List Additions as of 04/27/2025

Mary Ann LeRay – Prayers for her friend Anne Daniels - as she faces surgery and chemo and recovery; Carol Nelson – Continued prayers for Frances's family—Daughter, grandson, husband and son; Ron Pound – Prayers for his niece and her family—at the loss of their young grandson
Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

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



OUR PRAYER Reaching Out ... Lifting up

Each week we lift up those in our congregation to specifically pray for as part of our community of faith. We suggest you highlight them each day in your prayers for the guidance and direction God wishes for them. Pastor Ken will announce from the pulpit each week.

This Past Week:

Jimmy and Hilda Bender, Cheryl and Mike Coeyman, Ron and Mary Pound



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) and Psalm 30 or Isaiah 61:1-3 or Psalm 90:13-17;

Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Daily Readings for May 4 -10 use the following web link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>

Ushers & Greeters



May - Barbara Smith & Sheron Bender

June - Noreen & Ed Jekel

July - Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity

August - Ron Pound

October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot

November - Bob & Carol Mattocks

December - Vic Bryan & Kay Bender

One (1) August, & Two (2) September ushers needed.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday Mornings 11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &

Streaming Live on Facebook, YouTube & on PPC Website

Sundays at 9:45 am Adult Sunday School – Remember your Bibles!

Children's Sunday School at 9:45 am

Wednesdays 6 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, May 4th Session Meeting

Sunday, May 11th 9:30 am Mother's Day – MOC to cook Breakfast

Sunday, May 12th 7 pm Presbyterian Women Birthday

Celebration at the Church

Sunday, May 18th 2 - 4 pm Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, May 25th Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Monday, May 26th Memorial Day – Church Office Closed



Please place any extra or unwanted bulletins in the white wastepaper bin at the rear of the Sanctuary for recycling.



"ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING"

\$ 362 has been received to date.

Last year \$595 was received. Let's surpass this amount.

It is not too late to give. Just use one on the envelopes provided in the narthex or write on your check or pew envelope OGHOS and place in the offering plate.

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



Please visit PPC website: www.pollockvillepresbyterian.org

Please keep the church secretary updated with any phone number, address or email changes.

Also, prayer requests and changes to the prayer list are needed as soon as possible.

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