

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, May 7, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

May 7, 2023

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

~ *Liturgist*

*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

#469

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ *Jeff Mizell*

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Forgiveness (*Unison*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ *Jeff Mizell*

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful and live as one who has been raised to new life! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

Anthem

"Fairest Lord Jesus" *arr. Crutchfield*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Jeff Mizell*

Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, reveal your will to us today through your word, read and proclaimed. Help us to understand your creative, redemptive, and consoling work, and lead us into the world, filled with your Spirit, to proclaim, baptize, and teach in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures

Psalm 119:9-32 (NRSV)

9 How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. 10 With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. 11 I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. 12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. 13 With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. 14 I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. 16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. 17 Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word. 18 Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. 19 I live as an alien in the land; do not hide your commandments from me. 20 My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times. 21 You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments; 22 take away from me their scorn and contempt, for I have kept your decrees. 23 Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes. 24 Your decrees are my delight; they are my counselors. 25 My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word. 26 When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes. 27 Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. 28 My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. 29 Put false ways far from me, and graciously teach me your law. 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your ordinances before me. 31 I cling to your decrees, O Lord; let me not be put to shame. 32 I run the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my understanding.

John 14:1-14 (NRSV)

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going."

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"
6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me[f] for anything, I will do it.

Sermon

"A Comfort Sermon"

~ *Jeff Mizell*

*Hymn of Response

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

#103

Sing to the Lord 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

~ Jeff Mizell

Jesus, Son of the Most High God, you have done great things for us. Let these offerings show your mercy to all people and proclaim all that you have done for us, O Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

#442

The Presbyterian Hymnal

*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.

A Special Welcome to Jeff Mizell who is back with us this morning!

Next Sunday, May 14th ~ Ken Yearick will be filling the pulpit



Your Help is Needed NOW!

If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact John Bender at 252-675-8431 or email: jmbender1991@gmail.com.

May & June ushers needed immediately!



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 7:55-60 and Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 or Proverbs 4:10-18 and Psalm 119:9-32;

1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Daily Readings for May 7 – 13 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions since 4-30-2023

Edna & John Craft, loss of their son (Eileen Griswold);

Concern over ongoing fire (Mary Ann LeRay);

Robbie Phillips bit by tick this week & on medicine.

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.



Announcements & Reminders

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

Sunday, May 7th

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, May 14th

9:30 am Mother’s Day Breakfast prepared by MOC

Monday, May 15th

7 pm Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Celebration

Sunday, May 28th

Pentecost Sunday – Communion

Monday, May 29th

Memorial Day – Office and Childcare Closed

Sunday, June 4th

5 pm Session Meeting

Monday, June 12th

7 pm Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting

Sunday, June 18th

Father’s Day

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**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Women of the Church Birthday Offering Celebration May 15, 7:00 p.m.

The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women was born in 1922 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman’s Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States and has become an annual spring tradition to support mission projects that impact people in the U. S. and around the world.

Learn more about the Birthday Offering by visiting www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday Support the Birthday Offering.

Special offering envelopes are available on the table in the narthex.