



Sunday, June 1, 2025

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church 7th Sunday Of Easter

11:00 a.m. Ascension Sunday June 1, 2025

Prelude

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" ~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald by James W. Krug (Tune: LAUDA ANIMA) by John Goss

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (Responsively) - Written by Gord Waldie

Leader: Eternal God, you have raised Christ to rule over the universe!

People: We sing your praise in awe and wonder. Alleluia!

Leader: You have raised Christ to reign over all human history.

People: All is taken up in the grace and Christ. Alleluia!

Leader: You have raised up Christ to rule over our hearts and our lives.

All: We bow in humility and gratitude, and give our lives to serve in love and wonder. Alleluia! Let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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Call to Reconciliation (Responsively)

Leader: If we walk in the light, as He is in the light,

People: we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

Leader: If we claim to be without sin,

People: we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Leader: If we confess our sins,

People: He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Let us, therefore, join together in confessing our sins followed by a time to pray silently and individually. Let us pray –

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that we have sinned in your sight. Despite our best efforts and intentions, we have failed to consistently live in ways that bring honor to your name. Forgive us.

Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, set us free from the grip of sin— from attitudes and actions that do not lead to life. Hear this our prayer, O Lord...

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon (Responsively)

Pastor: As the man with leprosy, considered unclean by society, was made clean by a touch and a word from Jesus, so we are cleansed from all unrighteousness through belief in him. Friends, believe and live the good news: In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are cleansed, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

*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 With Children

"Up, Up, and Away"

~ Pastor Yearick

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Anthem "The Lord Almighty Reigns and God, You Rule with Royal Bearing" (based on Psalm 93) ~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Reading THE OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 12:1-9 (NIV)

¹The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. ⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 3:1-10 (NIV)

¹One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." ⁿ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁶ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁰ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹0 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

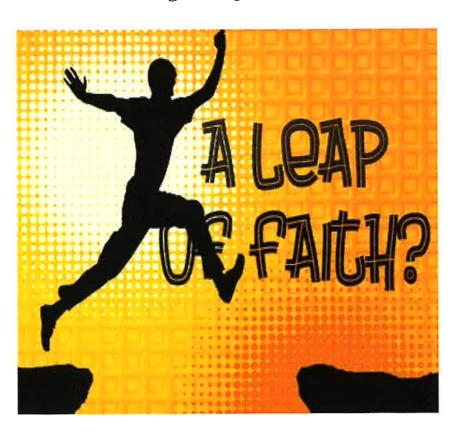
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Message

"Taking A Leap of Faith"

~ Pastor Yearick



* The Affirmation Of Faith 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.

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 Offerings

Offertory

"Come Into His Presence" by Lynn Baird ~ Debbie L. 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

"Christ Is Risen"

Tune to Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Christ is risen, but no longer in firm flesh that we can hold. Christ is risen far beyond our thought or power, forms of old. As a fire can't keep its light but shines it out; it travels on, Christ has risen and ascended: love to rule the world has gone.

Christ is risen, and has named us witnesses to all the world. We are now the risen Body, hands outstretched and grace unfurled. So we bring our lives to God, that God will bless them, shining bright, and we pray the Spirit lead us radiating love's pure light.

*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" ~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald by John Hatten and arr. by James Gilbert

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



Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

The church family congratulates Joshua LeRay and Katie Litwin on their wedding this past Thursday. We pray God's blessing on this new union and their future life together.

Happy parents are Jeremy and Mary Ann LeRay and proud grandparents are Allen & Jean Bender.



Prayer List Additions as of 05/25/2025

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Debbie Fitzgerald – She and Steve are in Charleston, and it is downpouring there. Please stay safe out there. Vic Bryan – Please remember Lt. Bob Howell who passed away 3 years ago from toxic chemicals that he was exposed to in Vietnam. Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church



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: Ed & Susan Pittman, Lee & Bonita Afflerbach, and Josh LeRay & Katie Litwin.

For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

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

Daily Readings for June 1 – 7 use the following web link: https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/

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 amAdult Sunday School – Remember your Bibles! Children's Sunday School at 9:45 am

Wednesdays

6 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, June 1st

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, June 8th

Day of Pentecost - Communion

Sunday, June 9th

7 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting

- Hostess: Hilda Bender

Sunday, June 15th

Father's Day - Lunch Following Morning Service

Sunday, June 22nd

8 am Men's Breakfast Team 4 to cook

Sunday, June 29th

Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Sunday, July 6th

NO Session Meeting



July - Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity

August - Ron Pound & Sandy Yearick

October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot

November - Bob & Carol Mattocks

December - Vic Bryan & Kay Bender

September ushers needed.



Communion - Sunday, June 8, 2025 – Day of Pentecost



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

Defibrillator and CPR Training

There will be 2 sessions. June 17 and June 26, 2025. From 5:30 - 7:00pm NOTE: Class size is limited.

Jane Sobotor is giving her time for this training. Thank you, Jane! The American Heart Association offers a variety of different class options, specifically geared to the needs of the population served. With that, Jane feels Heart Saver CPR/AED would be the best option for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. It includes adult CPR and AED training, with additional training for infants and children. Included also is training on how to treat a choking victim.

There is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the sanctuary.



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