



Sunday, June 22, 2025

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Order of Worship

June 22, 2025

Prelude

"I Feel My Savior's Love" ~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald by K. Newell Dayley; arr. by Lynne Perry Christofferson

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Leader: Come! Let's celebrate our connection to God, through Jesus, the Christ.

People: Yes! We are all children of God! This is our truth.

Leader: As many as have been baptized into Christ have been clothed with our Lord. Jesus Christ.

People: No longer are we divided by gender, age, race, language; we are ONE in Christ!

Leader: We belong to Christ,

People: We give thanks because we are heirs of God's love! Let us worship the Lord who provides for us all. Praise be to God!

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" *The Presbyterian Hymnal* #288

Call to Reconciliation

~ Pastor Yearick

In the prophet Isaiah, God declares a readiness to be sought out, even by those who did not ask, and a willingness to be found, even by those who do not seek. With confidence in God's readiness to receive us however we are, let us boldly pray our prayer of confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to you.

Renew our hearts and minds to seek forgiveness, and ask redemption through Your Spirit, in Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Pastor Yearick

In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith; we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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.

* An Affirmation Of Faith (In Unison)

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world: The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is what we believe!

A Time With Children

"An Extreme Makeover"

~ Pastor Yearick

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Anthem

"Walk in Peace" by Lowell Prescott

Quartet: Amber Swanger, Hilda Bender, Lyle Swanger, and Jeremy LeRay

Prayer for Illumination

~ Pastor Yearick

¹Vindicate me, my God, and plead my cause against an unfaithful nation.

Rescue me from those who are deceitful and wicked.

² You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me?

Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?

³ Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me;

let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.

⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight.

I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

The Gospel Lesson Luke 8:26-39 (NIV)

26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. 27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" 29 For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. 30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. 31 And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. 32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. 33 When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, 35 and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. 37 Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Message "Are You Prepared to Meet the Devil?" ~ Pastor Yearick

*Hymn of Response "Though I May Speak"

#335

The Presbyterian Hymnal

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 "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship" ~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

by William Moore; arr. by Cindy Berry

*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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

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*The Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude "Schumann" ~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

by Mason & Webb's Cantica Laudis 1850; Setting by Richard Purvis

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

For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Daily Readings for June 22 – 28 use the following web link: https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/



Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.



Steve Long – Healing Prayers for Louis Foy as he is still recovering from surgery; Prayers for Mark Weaver as he had open heart surgery on Tuesday; Continued prayers for the Foscue family please. Jerry Burkot – Prayers for Josh Potter. He has gone through stem cell procedure and is currently going through Chemo for Leukemia. Noreen Jekel – Prayers for Ron and Mary Pound as Mary is not feeling well; Continued prayers for Carol Nelson. She has stopped chemo and is feeling better and hopes to be back to church next week. Jean Bender – Prayers for Marvin Roth in the death of Ms. Kay.

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

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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.

For the Week of June 15th: Fathers

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Ushers: June - Noreen & Ed Jekel

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.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Last Sunday's Father's Day service and lunch so special. What a Success!!

Please place any extra or unwanted bulletins in the white wastepaper bin at the rear of the Sanctuary for recycling. There are also wastepaper bins located in the library and the Ed Building Fellowship Hall.

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

Wednesday, June 25th 6 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, June 29th Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Wednesdays During the month of July – No Choir Practice
Friday, July 4th Independence Day – Church office closed

Sunday, July 6th NO Session Meeting

Monday, July 14th 7 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting

Hostess: Cheryl Coeyman / Study Leader: Sheron Bender

Sunday, July 20th 5 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 27th 8 am Men's Breakfast Team 1 to cook

Building Fund Sunday

Defibrillator and CPR Training

Reminder to those that signed up for the Thursday, June 26th Class 5:30-7:00 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall

OFFICE The church secretary, Frances Waters, will continue to be in and out of the office for the foreseeable future. Please call the office at 252-224-8181 to make sure she is in the office and available. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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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