

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

## 5th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

### Order of Worship

July 2, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

*Leader:* With joy and celebration, God welcomes us to this place.

*People:* **How good it is to gather in God's house!**

*Leader:* With joy and celebration, we welcome one another.

*People:* **We greet each other by name; we are equal in God's Kingdom.**

*Leader:* We open our hearts, to welcome God's love; we open our arms, to welcome God's people.

*People:* **Here, every single one of God's children is welcome.**

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

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

#759

*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**In your house, there is room for all; at your Table, we find a place set for us. But we admit, Inviting God, that we find it difficult to be as accepting as you and we find it easy to shoulder others away from your feast. You fling wide the doors to your kingdom, Welcoming God, but we are quick to try to shut them to those who are different from us. Your heart is open so that all might experience your grace, and we reluctantly remember our ungracious words and deeds. Forgive us, God of every person: heal our broken lives; mend our fragmented souls. Open our hearts to your vision of the Kingdom where all are welcome, all are affirmed, all are beloved - even as we receive these gifts from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsive)*

*Leader:* Can it be any clearer? God has created us to be a family - sisters, brothers, neighbors, friends. No longer strangers, we are all welcome in the kingdom of love, grace, and hope.

*People:* **In Christ, we are one. There are no barriers, no differences, no divisions. We are a new people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Anthem "Til the Storm Passes By" *Mosie Lister ~ Jeremy LeRay, Baritone*

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures II Chronicles 7: 14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Sermon "If My People..." ~ *Jay Bender*

\*Hymn of Response "Sweet Hour of Prayer" #632  
*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 "God Bless America" *Irving Berlin*

\*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

~ *Jay Bender*

\*Closing Hymn

"The Star Spangled Banner"

#760

*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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

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*Thank You!*

**to Jay Bender for filling the pulpit this morning!**

**Next Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> ~ The Reverend Barbara Hager will fill PPC's pulpit**

*Welcome!*

**to everyone who is worshiping with us today.**



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

***Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42***

**Daily Readings for July 2 – 8 use the following web link:**

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



## **Prayer List Additions since 6-25-2023**

*Louise Theissen passed away (Margaret Ross);  
 Foster daughter has friend of hers who has a dad in a coma, William (Paul Miller);  
 Praying for Jerry Burkot as he has upcoming surgery (Bobby Mattocks);  
 Please keep Ed and Thelma Edmondson in your prayers; Prayers for Ms. Penny Bender;  
 Rev. Gary Howell and family in the loss of his wife, Louise;  
 Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff*  
**Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.**

## **Ushers & Greeters**



*July – Rebecca Long and Diane McCaffity*

*Ushers needed for August and September – Contact John Bender if you can help.*

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## **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, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**NO Session Meeting planned for July**

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Independence Day – Office and Childcare Closed**

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm Childcare Meeting**

**Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**NO Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting in July**

**NOTE: Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>,**

*Conclusion of this year's study on the Sabbath and the introduction of the upcoming study*

**Sunday, July 16**

**Finance Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 3 – cook  
 Building Fund Sunday**



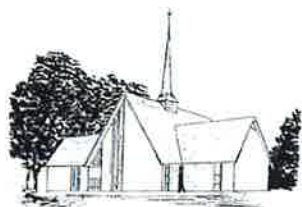
## A Message from Sheron Bender:

**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED?** The Crop Walk is scheduled this year for September 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a mission project that we've been involved in as a church for about 25 years. I got the ball rolling when I worked with the youth for about 13 years. Each year- we got \$ sponsors— and walked the walk in New Bern. When the youth all left for college- for several years- a few of us kept up the tradition—Barbara Smith, Diane McCaffity and the Pounds..... We would donate a bit, and walk. Then Bob Howe picked up the leadership and along with Mary Ann LeRay.

- \* At this juncture- we are looking for someone who MIGHT be interested in heading this up.
- \* There is an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 18 at RCS from 5:00-6:00. Materials like flyers, posters etc.— are available to make a small display table if desired. A minute for mission- might be shared to the congregation. (We've not always walked—but walking teams are encouraged) If you are interested, let me know—and I'll send you the link—to register our church.

Thanks for considering!

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# 2023

## Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

July 9		Rev. Barbara Hager
July 16		Kenneth Yearick
July 23		Steve Mabie
July 30		Rev. Barbara Hager
August 6	(Communion)	Kenneth Yearick
August 13		Jay Bender
August 20		Dr. James Purvis
August 27		Rev. Dr. Thomas Murray
September 3		Rev. Dr. David Vanderbilt
September 10		Rev. Barbara Hager
September 17		Kenneth Yearick
September 24		Rev. Cynthia Williams