

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, July 20, 2025

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

July 20, 2025

Prelude Meditation on "Converse" *by John S. Dixon* ~ *Debbie L. Fitzgerald*

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Liturgist*

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) ~ *Liturgist*

Leader: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

People: **Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.**

Leader: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

People: **Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.**

Leader: Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

People: **Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person, even people we do not know or care about.**

Prayer of Invocation ~ *Liturgist*

*Opening Hymn "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" #477
The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Reconciliation ~ *Jay Bender*

Unison Prayer of Confession

They may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but there are people we pass by, Watching God. Some are family and friends we take so much for granted we cannot see how we have stripped them of our love and compassion. Others are neighbors, who have been left half-dead by crushing work; who have fallen into the hands of despair; who have been abandoned by all those who walked on by them.

Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge: they are weak, or poor, or the enemy or because they remind us of whom we once were or could become.

Rescue us from the power of our sins, Righteous One. Pour out your justice on us, rather than your judgment, that we would be moved with pity, and spurred to action; that we would hear of the hope that is ours, and share it with our sisters and brothers; that we would shower mercy on all we meet, even as we have received forgiveness for our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

Leader: Children of the Most High: you are forgiven and brought into the kingdom. Be filled with spiritual wisdom, lead lives worthy of your inheritance, bear fruit in all you say and do and think.

People: **God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins, setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy. We will go and do likewise. 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.

*The Affirmation Of Faith – 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.

A Time With Children

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“My Jesus Is My Lasting Joy” by Dietrich Buxtehude

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Jay Bender

The Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

~ Jay Bender

⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' ³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

"WWJHMD"

~ Jay Bender

*Hymn of Response

"Rescue the Perishing"

#713

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

~ Jay Bender

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

"I Love To Tell The Story" ~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald
by Catherine Hanley & William G. Fischer

*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

"I'm Gonna Live, So God Can Use Me"

See Back Cover

*The Charge and Benediction

~ Jay Bender

*Postlude

Partita on "Deus Tuorum Militum" (Part I. Theme)

by Edward Landin

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

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



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

Daily Readings for July 20 – 26 use the following web link:

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

Welcome!

to everyone worshiping with us today.

**A Special Thank You to Jay Bender
who graciously filled the pulpit this morning**

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**Ushers: 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.**



### **Prayer List Additions as of 07/13/2025**

*Ed Valentine – Prayers for Lee’s wife Bonita as she is in the hospital. Mary Ann LeRay – Prayers for those in Texas and Chapel Hill and Durham that have been affected by flooding.*

*Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church*



*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 & Reminders**

**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**

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**During the month of July – No Choir Practice**

**5 pm Finance Committee Meeting**

**8 am Men’s Breakfast Team 1 to cook**

**Building Fund Sunday**

**5 pm Session Meeting**

**6 pm Choir Practice Resumes**

**Communion during the Morning Worship Service**

**7 pm Presbyterian Women Annual Meeting – see note below**



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

The August meeting of the WOC will be a time of fellowship and sharing. All women of the church are invited. Bring a salad, finger food, or dessert to share. August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. An introduction to the upcoming study will be given.



***Pastor Ken Yearick will be away through July 22<sup>nd</sup> ...  
Returning to the office Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.***

***If a need should arise, please contact a Session member.***

***The church secretary, Frances Waters, will 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.***

## ***Time is Running Out...***



***It is Scholarship Time!***

***Children of our church family who are interested in applying for a Pollocksville Presbyterian Church scholarship should complete the application (which is included weekly in the PollyPress) by August 1, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Purvis, scholarship chair,***

***at (919) 618-2949 or [bndr81@aol.com](mailto:bndr81@aol.com).***



***Please visit PPC website: [www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](http://www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.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.***



***Phone 252-224-8181***

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***Email: [fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](mailto:fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org)***

***View our LIVE STREAMS on Sundays at 11 a.m.***

***~~~ Pollocksville Presbyterian Church streams the morning worship service on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PollocksvillePresbyterian>) and YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@pollocksvillepreschurch>). No login is needed to view on YouTube. Our website also shows the stream at the bottom of the homepage while it is LIVE. ~~~***



***Videos of Past PPC services are available on the PPC website.***

***Go to [pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](http://pollocksvillepresbyterian.org) and click on "Weekly Videos"***

# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so)  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.