

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, July 7, 2024**

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

**Order of Worship**

July 7, 2024

Prelude "America, the Beautiful" - *by Jason W. Krug*

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Liturgist*

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) (*Based on Psalm 14*)

*Leader:* The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, and on our own."

*People:* **We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.**

*Leader:* The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

*People:* **We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.**

*Leader:* The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

*People:* **We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.  
Let us praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Invocation ~ *Liturgist*

\*Opening Hymn "God of Our Fathers" #758  
*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

Call to Confession ~ *Pastor Yearick*

Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is close to all who call on Him in truth, listening to their cries for help, and offering them salvation. So let's bring our confession to God, knowing that he will hear our prayers and forgive.

**Prayer of Confession** (*Responsively*)

*Pastor:* The grace of God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

*People:* **God, we confess that our hearts have been closed to you.**

*Pastor:* We have judged one another, and so we have not been able to hear your truth.

*People:* **Holy One, have mercy.**

*Pastor:* We have been absorbed in our expectations instead of your grace, and so we have not witnessed your miracles.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Pastor:* We have not loved our neighbors and so we have not received love.

*People:* **Holy One, have mercy.  
Forgive us, heal us, and create us anew. Amen.**

### *Silent Prayer*

#### Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

*Pastor:* Because Jesus lived and died and rose again for us, we know that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

*People:* **That is why we can affirm that "in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!"**

*All:* **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.**

#### \*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem "Bring Us Peace" - *by Craig Courtney* ~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Pastor Yearick*

Scripture The Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 2:1-8 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." <sup>2</sup> As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day.

<sup>4</sup> The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' <sup>5</sup> And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. <sup>6</sup> And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. <sup>7</sup> You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. <sup>8</sup> But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious people; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

The Gospel Lesson Mark 6:1-6 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?" <sup>3</sup> Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." <sup>5</sup> He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup> He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Rejecting the Carpenter or the Messiah?" ~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We give our hearts to God, Creator of all that is and all that is to come, who is creating in each moment. We open our hearts and minds to His grace and presence in all things.**

**We follow Jesus, our teacher and healer, open to God's grace and power in him. For he was open to God's leading, and so he gave himself in obedience. He was killed by fear but raised by love, and still is present with power and truth.**

**We live by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in us and in all things: the power that unites us as the Church, the Body of Christ, and that enables us to trust resurrection and to live with mindfulness and forgiveness, and to serve God in love for the sake of the healing of the world. We trust that this power in us is made perfect in our weakness: not in our own strength or ability, but in our reliance upon God's grace.**





**Prayer List** (Additions as of 7/2/2024)

Prayers for his stepbrother Steve, who must have quadruple heart bypass surgery (Jeremy LeRay); Prayers for Jennifer and her family on the loss of her brother (Rebecca Long); Continued prayers for Debbie Fitzgerald and Family in the loss of her brother; Family of Carmella Lavardo, mother of the secretary of 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian in Morehead who passed away (Ken Yearick). Henry, the 8-year old grandson of Sue Humphrey who has pneumonia (Friend of Ed Valentine's daughter-in-law)

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare.



**There will be no Thursday evening choir practice during the month of July. During July, the choir will meet earlier for rehearsal on Sunday morning prior to the worship service. Regular choir practice will resume on August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**USHERS — July: Noreen & Ed Jekel**

**August: Ron Pound & Jerry Burkot**

**Ushers are needed for September, October & December 2024**



**Both the Adult and Children's Sunday School are now 9:45 am each Sunday. There will be a nursery provided during the 11 am Worship Service. See Jean Bender if you can be a nursery volunteer. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.**



**Nursery Volunteers**

**TODAY: Sheron Bender                      July 14: Eileen Griswold  
July 21: Cheryl Coeyman                July 28: Sandy Yearick**

**~ Thank you to both our Ushers & Nursery Volunteers. ~**



**NO Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting for the month of July.**

**The Annual Meeting will be Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## **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**

**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>      No July Session Meeting**

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>      5 pm Finance Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>      8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 3 Cook  
Building Fund Sunday**

**Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>      6 pm Choir Practice to Resume**

**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>      5 pm Session Meeting**

**Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>      7 pm Women's Circle Annual Meeting at the Church**

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>      Communion During Morning Worship**

MAIN LOGO



***Don't Forget to those who have signed up for the Southpaws game, July 12<sup>th</sup>. This been designated for Faith and Family night for the New Bern Southpaws collegiate baseball team. PPC has a group that is going. See Cheryl Coeyman for details!***