

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, July 9, 2023

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Music Accompanist: Jennifer Miller***

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

July 9, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Leader: Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.
Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

People: **God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion.**

All: **Creation joins us in giving thanks.**

Leader: Give ear, all people, to the law of God.
Give thanks for all the guidance God gives us.

People: **God upholds all who are falling.
God raises us up when we are bowed down.**

Leader: Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.
Come, for Christ has promised rest.

People: **The gentle spirit of Christ invites us.
We have come to find rest for our souls.**

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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

#455

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, we do not understand our own actions. We turn away from the good we are intent on doing. Yet, we find wisdom in your law. We delight in the idea of mutual caring and celebrating life together, but we get bogged down in our own concerns. We are too busy to seek community and to preoccupied to ponder your will for us. We go our own way, cutting ourselves off from you and one another. O God, help us to put away this sin. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Rev. Hager

God's forgiveness is realized most profoundly by those who understand their own emptiness and seek refreshment God alone can provide. We are drawn to God and to one another by the Eternal Spirit who wills our unity, who offers help with the burdens we carry, and invites us to find rest for our souls. Christ assures us: "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." In Christ we are forgiven and given new life!

Anthem

"In the Garden" C. Austin Miles (1913)

~ Carol Nelson & Jen Miller, duet

Prayer for Illumination

~ Rev. Hager

Scriptures

Psalm 145: 8-14 (NRSV)

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. ¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, ¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds. ¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 (NRSV)

¹⁶"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Sermon

"Rest for the Weary"

~ Rev. Barbara Hager

*Hymn of Response

"Take My Life, Lord"
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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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

*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

~ Rev. Hager

With all the gifts of creation, you have blessed us, gracious God. We give thanks for all your works. Gratitude is our first impulse for giving. Accept our grateful hearts, along with our gifts. We ask for wisdom as our church determines priorities for the use of resources. May we be as concerned about outreach and mission as we are about programs for ourselves. As you are faithful to us, O God, may we be faithful in all things, seeking always to live by your gracious will. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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

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Welcome!

to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

Thank You!

to Reverend Barbara Hager for filling the pulpit this morning!

Rev. Hager was ordained to ministry in the PCUSA in 1982 after graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary (M. Div.) and Allegheny College (B.A.). She has served as solo pastor, head of staff and interim pastor in churches in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and North Carolina. She was also a practicing attorney in Connecticut for many years. She has substantive experience on presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission and Nominating Committee. She currently serves on the Bills and Overtures Committee of the Coastal Carolina Presbytery. She lives in the Myrtle Grove area of Wilmington North Carolina with her cat, Max. She enjoys reading, art galleries, and travel.

Next Sunday, July 16th ~ Ken Yearick will fill PPC's pulpit



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Daily Readings for July 9 – 15 use the following web link:

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

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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Prayer List Additions since 7-2-2023


*Bonnie Zimmerman's dad passed away this past week (Cheryl Coeyman);
 Marie Harris, who used to live here- has passed away. Prayers for her husband Tom;
 Prayers for the Family of Louise Howell, the wife of Rev. Gary Howell who passed away;
 Please keep Ed and Thelma Edmondson in your prayers; Prayers for Ms. Penny Bender;
 Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff*
Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.



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**
Monday, July 10th **NO Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting in July**
Sunday, July 16 **5 pm Finance Committee Meeting**
Sunday, July 23rd **8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 3 – cook**
Building Fund Sunday

Wednesdays in August  **NO Choir Practice**
Sunday, August 6 **Communion during Morning Worship**
5 pm Session Meeting
Monday, August 14 **7 pm Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting**

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



The Crop Walk is scheduled this year for September 24th.

This is a mission project that we’ve been involved in as a church for about 25 years.

* 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 pm.

Please contact Sheron Bender 252-670-9967 or sbww@ec.rr.com if you are interested.