

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, August 11, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

12th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

August 11, 2024

Prelude "He Leadeth Me" - *William Batchelder Bradbury*

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Liturgist*

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Leader: Watch what God does: mostly God loves us.

People: **We would learn a life of such love so we might do as God does.**

Leader: Watch how Christ loves us: not with caution, but with extravagance.

People: **We would practice such lavish love, not noticing what it costs us.**

Leader: Watch how the Spirit loves us: moving in us, breathing love into us.

People: **We would live such love for others, keeping company with God.**

Prayer of Invocation ~ *Liturgist*

*Opening Hymn "O Worship the King" #476
The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

We break your heart, God of all the world, by the respectable lives we lead. Blessed by you with every gift, we practice thrift towards others. Seeking to be good and proper Christians, we overlook you in the company of the poor, the oppressed, those without a voice. We choose to spread gossip about our friends and neighbors, when we could speak gently to them. Forgive us for the pain we cause you and other people, Grieving God. Help us to make a clean break with those habits which keep us from wholeness. Open us to the movement of your Spirit within us. Feed us with the Bread of Life, so we might have the love and passion to feed the world. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

Leader: It is really that simple - God loves us. Through the Holy Spirit, God works in us, transfiguring our old ways, breathing life and love into us.

People: **We receive God's grace, so we can offer it to others. We are caressed in God's gentleness, so we can hold the broken. We will be quick to forgive, even as God has forgiven us. 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 Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Jay Bender*

Scripture II Samuel 18: 1-16, 24-33 (NIV)

18 ¹ David mustered the men who were with him and appointed over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds. ² David sent out his troops, a third under the command of Joab, a third under Joab's brother Abishai son of Zeruiah, and a third under Ittai the Gittite. The king told the troops, "I myself will surely march out with you." ³ But the men said, "You must not go out; if we are forced to flee, they won't care about us. Even if half of us die, they won't care; but you are worth ten thousand of us. It would be better now for you to give us support from the city." ⁴ The king answered, "I will do whatever seems best to you." So the king stood beside the gate while all his men marched out in units of hundreds and of thousands. ⁵ The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders. ⁶ David's army marched out of the city to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷ There Israel's troops were routed by David's men, and the casualties that day were great—twenty thousand men. ⁸ The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more men that day than the sword.

⁹ Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going. ¹⁰ When one of the men saw what had happened, he told Joab, "I just saw Absalom hanging in an oak tree." ¹¹ Joab said to the man who had told him this, "What! You saw him? Why didn't you strike him to the ground right there? Then I would have had to give you ten shekels of silver and a warrior's belt." ¹² But the man replied, "Even if a thousand shekels were weighed out into my hands, I would not lay a hand on the king's son. In our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, 'Protect the young man Absalom for my sake.' ¹³ And if I had put my life in jeopardy—and nothing is hidden from the king—you would have kept your distance from me." ¹⁴ Joab said, "I'm not going to wait like this for you." So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom's heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree. ¹⁵ And ten of Joab's armor-bearers surrounded Absalom, struck him and killed him. ¹⁶ Then Joab sounded the trumpet, and the troops stopped pursuing Israel, for Joab halted them.

Ephesians 4: 25-5:2 (The Message)

4 ²⁵ What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself. ²⁶⁻²⁷ Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life. ²⁸ Did you use to make ends meet by stealing? Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can help others who can't work. ²⁹ Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift. ³⁰ Don't grieve God. Don't break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted. ³¹⁻³² Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

5 ¹⁻² Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*The Apostles' Creed *(In Unison)*

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.

*Hymn of Response "Help Us Accept Each Other" #358
The Presbyterian Hymnal

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The 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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
- *Katholisches Gesangbuch, 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 ~ *Jay Bender*

*Closing Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #677
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Benediction

*Postlude "Three Chorales, (#3)" - *Henry Kihlken*

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

Thank you

Jay Bender who is filling the pulpit today in
Pastor Ken Yearick's absence.

Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

**If you are looking for a church home, please feel free to join us.
Our membership is open to all. Please see the Pastor or one of the
Elders if you wish to join our Church Family. Welcome to all!**



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

2 Kings 19:4-8 and Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Daily Readings for August 11 – 17 use the following web link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>



Prayer List

Prayers for Leslie Calvin and their family as she lost her husband, Mike, to cancer this week (Margaret Ross); Continue to Pray for Ed Edmondson as he continues to be very weak (Cheryl Coeyman); Prayers for their family friend who is 30 and is pregnant – was just diagnosed with breast cancer; (Lyle Swanger); Prayers for Brenda Parker as she was stung by 30 to 40 bees on Sunday afternoon (Shirley Bryan).

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

Ushers & Greeters



August: Ron Pound & Jerry Burkot

Ushers are needed for September, October & December 2024



Communion, Sunday, August 18th – the Morning Worship Service



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

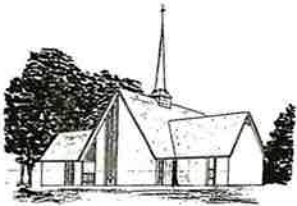
TODAY: Cheryl Coeyman

August 18: Volunteer Needed

August 25: Sandy Yearick

September 1: Cheryl Coeyman

Volunteers Needed!



Pastor Ken Yearick is on vacation until August 13th.

He will be back in the office on Friday, August 16th.

Ben Burrows has agreed to be available in the case of a pastoral issue or emergency during Pastor Ken's absence.



Attention Women of the Church

**You are invited to a floating baby shower
for Hailey and Robert Bender
Sunday, September 8th from 2:00 to 4:00
in the church fellowship hall.**

**Please come and help celebrate with us.
They are registered on babylist.com.**

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

Thursdays

6 pm Choir Practice

Monday, August 12th

7 pm Women’s Circle Annual Meeting at the Church

Sunday, August 18th

Communion During Morning Worship

Sunday, August 25th

8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 4 Cook

Building Fund Sunday

5 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, September 2nd

Church Office and Childcare Closed for Labor Day

Sunday, September 8th

Congregational Meeting * SEE BELOW

5 pm Session Meeting

Monday, September 9th

7 pm Women’s Circle

Sunday, September 15th

Stewardship Lunch * SEE BELOW

Sunday, September 22nd

Congregational Meeting * SEE BELOW

Sunday, September 29th

8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 1 Cook

Building Fund Sunday

Pledge Packets go out



Sunday, September 8th – Congregational Meeting

- 1) to elect the at-large members of the 2024-2025 Congregational Nominating Committee
- 2) to receive suggestions from the Congregation for the office of Ruling Elder

Sunday, September 22nd – Congregational Meeting

- 1) to receive the report from the Nominating Committee, and if the way be clear,
- 2) to proceed to the election of three (3) Ruling Elders to the Class of 2027.



Sunday, September 15th – Stewardship Lunch and Program

Lunch will be provided - Followed by Questions & Answers on the Budget