

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

August 13, 2023

Prelude "Arioso" ~ Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

*Leader:* We gather to worship our God,

*People:* **who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.**

*Leader:* We gather to follow Jesus,

*People:* **who encourages to never fear, for he is near.**

*Leader:* We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

*People:* **who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.**

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

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

# 96

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

**In truth, God of silence and seas, we are more adept at making waves than calming storms. We find it easier to push people out of the boat, rather than make room for those who are different from us. And our lives are such a whirlwind of activity, that we do not notice your presence or hear your sheer silence singing your shalom to us. Have mercy on us, God of patience. Grab hold of us to keep us from drowning in our oceans of temptations. Give us the words to speak of your hope to others. Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, which is nearer to us than we dare to imagine.**

*Silence is kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsive)*

*Leader:* Immediately, immediately! your sins are forgiven, your life is restored, and grace becomes your guide through this life.

*People:* **Thanks be to God! We are not left alone but take heart in the forgiving love of our God. Amen.**

Anthem

Hymn Medley

Prayer for Illumination

~ Jay Bender

Scriptures

Matthew 14: 22 - 33 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Sermon

*"Stay In the Boat!!"*

~ Jay Bender

\*Hymn of Response

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

#560

*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 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ~ Bach

\*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 "Til the Storm Passes By" #556  
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude Fugue in A minor ~ Bach

~ At the beginning of most compositions, Bach wrote "J.J." Jesu Juva which translates 'Jesus Help Me'. At the end he wrote "S.D.G." Soli Deo Gloria 'Glory to God Alone'.

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

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*Welcome!*

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

# Thank You!

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

**Next Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Dr. James Purvis will fill PPC's pulpit**



## **Prayer List Additions since 8-6-2023**

*Jennifer Miller - safe travels (Paul Miller); Bob Mattocks, as he recovers from eye procedure- prayers for good results (Ed Valentine); Julie Griffin was kicked by a horse and in Greenville - intensive care - pneumonia and cardiac/lung concerns. [Prayers also for her 4-yr old son]- Billy and Cindy Griffin's daughter; Camp Noah - pray for a safe and wonderful week for the children and families who have registered to be part of this resiliency camp. Also, prayers for the staff (Mary Ann LeRay); Please keep Ed and Thelma Edmondson in your prayers; Prayers for Ms. Penny Bender; Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare.*

**Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.**



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

**1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33**

**Daily Readings for August 13 – 19 use the following web link:**

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

***USHERS & GREETERS***

*August – Jerry Burkot*

*Ushers needed for September & December – Contact John Bender if you can help.*

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## **2023 Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**

<b>August 20</b>	<b>Dr. James Purvis</b>
<b>August 27</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Thomas Murray</b>
<b>September 3</b>	<b>Paul Miller</b>
<b>September 10</b>	<b>Rev. Barbara Hager</b>
<b>September 17</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Rev. Cynthia Williams</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick (Communion)</b>
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Rev. Tim Havlicek (Homecoming)</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Kenneth Yearick</b>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>Vicki Redding – Children's Hope Alliance</b>
<b>October 29</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. David McDonald</b>



# 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 6 pm Choir Practice**



**Wednesdays in August**

**NO Choir Practice**

**Monday, August 14**

**7 pm Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting**

**Hostess Penny Bender – *meeting will be at Ms. Penny’s home***

**Study Leader – Cathy Campbell**

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

**Sunday, August 20**

**Hot Dog and Sundae Social - see announcement below**

**Sunday, August 27**

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

**Building Fund Sunday**

**5 pm Finance Committee Meeting**

**Monday, September 4**

**Labor Day – Church Office & Childcare Closed**

**Wednesday, September 13**

**6 pm Choir Practice to resume – watch for verification of date**



**Sunday, September 10**

**Congregational Meeting**

*1) to elect the at-large members of the 2023-2024 Congregational Nominating Committee*

*2) to receive suggestions from the Congregation for the office of Ruling Elder*

**5 pm Session Meeting**

**Sunday, September 17**

**Stewardship Lunch and Program**



**Sunday, September 24**

**Congregational Meeting**

*to receive the report from the Nominating Committee, and if the way be clear, to proceed to the election of three (3) Ruling Elders to the Class of 2026.*

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

**AUGUST 20 - following the service**

**HOTDOG AND ICE CREAM SUNDAE...SUNDAY!**

**Hotdogs with all the fixings, and ice cream sundaes with all the trimmings!**

**Gather with your church family for fun and good food!**

**Sponsored by your Congregation Care Team!**