

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, August 17, 2025

Leader in Worship: Pastor Kenneth Yearick

Organist/Choir Director: Debbie L. Fitzgerald

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
10th Sunday After Pentecost
Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

August 17, 2025

Prelude

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) (*Inspired by Isaiah 5 and Psalm 80*)

Leader: Long ago a vineyard was planted. The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

People: **But the vines grew wild, the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.**

Leader: What happened in that place of promise?

People: **People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.**

Leader: Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

People: **Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word.**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

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Call to Reconciliation

~ Pastor Yearick

The Psalmist in chapter 91 says: “Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. With the Lord’s assurance, let us now confess our sins.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, Holy God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Friends, forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ, and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **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.

A Time With God's Children ***"How Much Should I Share?"*** ~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Yearick*

The Scripture Lesson Old Testament Isaiah 5:1-7 (NIV)

¹I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

³ “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” ⁷ The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

The Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-56 (NIV)

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

“TROUBLE MAKERS FOR PEACE”

~ Pastor Yearick

*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.

*Hymn of Response

“Seek Ye First”

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

*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

~ Pastor Yearick

*Closing Hymn

"Send the Light" (v. 1,4)
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

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*The Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

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

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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 if you wish to join our Church Family. Welcome to all!



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Daily Readings for August 17 – 23 use the following web link:

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

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Prayer List Additions (as of 8/10/2025)

Keep Tom Ballard's family in our prayers - he passed away this week (served our church as interim); MaryAnn - Clyde Murphy's mother passed away—keep that family in our prayers; Carol Reid - Her mother, Marilyn, fell and broke her elbow and eye socket! Extra challenge is that she's in another state!; Bob Mattocks - Hannah (grandson James's wife)- is in the process of moving, taking care of 3 small children—has fallen- and has surgery coming up.

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church



OUR PRAYER Reaching Out ... Lifting up

Each week we lift up those to specifically pray for as part of our community of faith.

We suggest you highlight them each day in your prayers for the guidance and direction God wishes for them.

Week of August 3rd: *New Zion Missionary Baptist Church; Riverbend Fellowship; Piney Grove Church; Morris Chapel AME Zion Church; and Faith Missionary Baptist Church.*



Sunday, August 24th



*The Congregational Care Committee will be hosting a social event at 5 pm on August 24th at the church. Hot Dogs with all the fixings, Homemade Ice Cream for Dessert! Dinner & Social Time
Come enjoy some fellowship with us*



The church secretary, Frances Waters, will be in and out of the office in the future. Please call the office at 252-224-8181 to make sure she is in the office and available. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Ushers: September ushers needed

Please see Shirley Bryan or use sign-up sheet at the rear of the sanctuary.

August - Ron Pound & Sandy Yearick

October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot

November - Bob & Carol Mattocks

December - Vic Bryan & Kay Bender

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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	6 pm Choir Practice
Sunday, August 24 th	8 am Men's Breakfast Team 2 to cook Building Fund Sunday 5 pm Church Social – Dinner – <i>See notice above</i>
Tuesday, August 26 th	6 pm CPR / AED Training – 2 spaces available Email the Church Secretary if interested
Sunday, August 31 st	Hymn Sing during Morning Worship 5 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, September 1 st	Labor Day – Church Offices Closed
Sunday, September 7 th	5 pm Session Meeting

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Defibrillator and CPR Training

The AED training has been rescheduled for 6 pm on Tuesday, August 26th. There are only (2) two spots available. if you are interested in being part of this class.

Please email the church office at fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.com

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The Session & Committee Chairs for 2025

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Presbyterian Men's Moderator - Jerry Burkot (252-633-2348)

PASS IT ON

By Kurt Kaiser & Ralph Carmichael

**It only takes a spark
To get a fire going
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on**

**I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on**

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