

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

13th Sunday After Pentecost  
Sacrament of Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.

**Order of Worship**

August 18, 2024

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Prelude "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" - *Richard A. Williamson*

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Liturgist*

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

*Leader:* God, Creator of life, bless us.

*People:* **Christ, bread of life, feed us.**

*Leader:* Holy Spirit, breath of life, give us new birth. Christ, bread of life, your love draws us in. The sweetness of your mercy fills us.

*People:* **The hearty goodness of your presence is our hope. We worship you, hungry for your grace. We worship you, to feast on your love.**

Prayer of Invocation ~ *Liturgist*

\*Opening Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #466  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Call to Confession (*Responsively*)

*Pastor:* Christ, Bread of Life, we reach out for you;

*People:* **we take the bread of your Word and break it open, hungry for you.**

*Pastor:* We taste of your grace. Nourish us; become one with us. Bread of life, feed us with your love as we now confess our sins.

**Unison Prayer for Confession**

**Creator God, we confess that we have turned from you. You offer us life; but we have sought life elsewhere. In our hunger we have been fearful and greedy, selfish and hurtful; and we have turned away from you. God of love, have mercy. Our hunger has only fed us death. God of grace, forgive us. Teach us that our hunger and thirst is for you alone. Teach us to turn to you and receive life in each moment. God of life, have mercy. Through Christ as the Bread of Life, come and feed our hearts and souls. Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace.**

## *A Time for Silent Prayer*

### Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

*Pastor:* “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9) Therefore, in the name of Jesus, know your sins are forgiven – that is our promise and our assurance through Christ.

*People:* **This is good news – 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.**

### Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Yearick*

### Scripture Reading

#### The Gospel of John 6:51-71 (NIV)

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” <sup>52</sup>Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. Many Disciples Desert Jesus <sup>60</sup>On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup>The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.

<sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them." <sup>66</sup> From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. <sup>67</sup> "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." <sup>70</sup> Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" <sup>71</sup> (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

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

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

Sermon "Do I Need to Decide Now?" ~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

\*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.**

Sharing Our 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 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross with In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

- *William Howard Diane*

\*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 Ken Yearick

\*Communion Hymn      “Let Us Break Bread Together”      (v. 1, 2)      #513  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

Anthem      “In Remembrance of Me” - *Glory To God Hymnal*

~ Choir

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn      “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”      #281  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude      “Geneva”      - George Henry Day

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



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Proverbs 9:1-6 and Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58*

**Daily Readings for August 18 – 24 use the following web link:**

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

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**Prayer List** (*additions 8/11/24*)

*Pray the rivers do not rise much further and pray for Duplin County and the rising rivers (Jay Bender); Taking Christopher to Western Carolina. Pray for safe travels and we will surely miss him (Hilda Bender); Pray for Geraldine Eubanks and pray for Carolina (Hilda Bender); Pray for the Calvin family as Mike Calvin's service was on Saturday (Jeremy LeRay).*

*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***



**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: Volunteer Needed**

**August 25: Sandy Yearick**

**September 1: Cheryl Coeyman**

***Volunteers Needed!***



## ***Attention Women of the Church***

***You are invited to a floating baby shower  
for Hailey and Robert Bender  
Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00  
in the church fellowship hall.  
Please come and help celebrate with us.  
They are registered on babylist.com.***

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## ***Announcements & Reminders***

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**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**

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 4 Cook**

**Building Fund Sunday**

**5 pm Finance Committee Meeting**

**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Church Office and Childcare Closed for Labor Day**

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Congregational Meeting \* SEE NEXT PAGE**

**5 pm Session Meeting**

**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7 pm Women’s Circle**

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Stewardship Lunch \* SEE NEXT PAGE**

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Congregational Meeting \* SEE NEXT PAGE**

**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Building Fund Sunday**

**Pledge Packets go out**



## Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 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 15<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship Lunch and Program

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



## Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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, August 25<sup>th</sup> – 8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 4 Cook



**Pastor Ken Yearick will be in the office from 10 – 2 on *Fridays*.**

***Please call for an appointment.***

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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 one of the Elders if you wish to join our Church Family. Welcome to all!***

