

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, August 20, 2023

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Organist: Mary Ann Jones

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

August 20, 2023

Prelude "Fugue in G Major" ~ *Bach*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (From Psalm 91)

Leader: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Congregation: **I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

Leader: "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name."

Congregation: **"He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."**

Leader: "With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Father, we know that we are sinners. Like wayward sheep, we manage to find ourselves in all kinds of precarious situations, wondering how we got there. The truth is, we know full well how we got there. Time after time, we turn our ears away from Your voice, our eyes away from Your loving gaze, and we choose the lies and counterfeit pleasures of the world, which always let us down. Today, Father, we find ourselves in Your presence, confessing the very sin that separates us from You. We long for this cycle to be broken and for our sin nature to be removed, and we rejoice that one day, it will happen.

Until then, we repent of our sin and invite Your Holy Spirit to change our hearts, day by day and hour by hour. We want to desire the things that You desire, so that Your will can be accomplished through our lives. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Dr. Purvis

As a believer, there is nowhere safer than the loving presence of your Father. When you approach His throne with a repentant heart, He welcomes you into His arms. When He looks at you, He sees the very righteousness of Christ who died for you. You are forgiven, indeed. You are loved, indeed. As it is written, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1). Through the blood of Christ, you have been forgiven and set free – free to live a life of peace and purpose ... a life that others can't help but notice.

Anthem

Hymn Medley

Prayer for Illumination

~ Dr. Purvis

Scriptures

Matthew 4: 1-11 (NIV)

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Sermon

"Just One Move"

~ Dr. James T. Purvis

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 "Variations on DOWN AMPNEY" * ~ *Austin C Lovelace*

*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 (*Unison*)

Father, give us eyes to see what You see. Give us ears to hear what You hear. Give us hearts that are continually convicted, molded, and strengthened by Your Holy Spirit. This week and beyond, may we operate from a position of freedom, being assured of Your unconditional love. When we miss the mark, and sadly we will, may we quickly run back to You, leaving the condemnation and lies of the enemy behind.

Praise God that we serve a risen Savior who lived the perfect life so that we don't have to. Father, You have redeemed us. You have saved us. We owe you everything that we have. May You be glorified in every single thing we do, this day and every day. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” # 51
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude “Fugue in B Flat Major” ~ Bach

~ Born in Rutherfordton NC (1919) Austin Lovelace was a prolific writer and composer. He served many Presbyterian Churches including Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church in Denver CO. He died in Denver in 2010.

** The hymn tune for "DOWN AMPNEY" is number 313 in the Presbyterian Hymnal.*

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

to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

Thank You!

Dr. James Purvis for filling the pulpit this morning!

~ Dr. James T. Purvis, D.D.S. ~

Although he was raised in Raleigh, NC, James has always considered Pollockville his second home. He attended PPC regularly, as his family traveled frequently to visit his late grandfather, Virgil, his grandmother, Penelope, and the entire Bender family. James attended Campbell University for undergraduate studies. He then went on to UNC-Chapel Hill, where he graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He has practiced dentistry for over 10 years in New Bern, NC, and has fallen in love with serving his friends and family members in this area. James enjoys serving his profession regionally as the NCDS 5th District President and nationally as a member of the ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs. He also loves serving his alma mater, Campbell University, as a Trustee. James is married to his wife, Veronica, who is the greatest supporter and friend imaginable. Together, they have a 3-year-old son, Birch Ransom. James enjoys all kinds of outdoor sports, traveling, and cooking at home with his family. He is humbled to have the opportunity to come back and serve a congregation he loves so dearly.

Next Sunday, August 27th ~ Rev. Dr. Thomas Murray will fill PPC's pulpit



Prayer List Additions since 8-6-2023

*Ron Pound having eye surgery Tuesday, 8-29-2023 (Ala Gore);
 Fred Hollinger has prostate cancer/starting radiation (Janet Purvis);
 Dr. John Goodman passed away (Jay Bender); Cheryl Coeyman surgery (Hilda Bender);
 Bob Mattocks, as he recovers from eye procedure - prayers for good results (Ed Valentine)
 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.*

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**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

***Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 and Psalm 67; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28***

**Daily Readings for August 20 – 26 use the following web link:**

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

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Sunday, August 20th

Today - following the service

HOTDOG AND ICE CREAM SUNDAE...SUNDAY!

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

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

Sponsored by your Congregation Care Team!

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## ***Congratulations!***

***The Bender Family Scholarship Committee Report  
 For The 2023-2024 Academic Year***

***The BFS Committee is pleased to announce that the scholarship has been  
 awarded to***

***Hayley Gore***

***Hayley is the daughter of Ala Pound Gore and Teddy Gore;  
 and, is the granddaughter of Mary and Ron Pound.***

# ~ USHERS & GREETERS ~

August – Jerry Burkot & Ron Pound

**Ushers needed for September & December.**

October – Bob & Carol Mattocks

November – Jean & Allen Bender

**Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!  
You are appreciated!!!**

If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact  
John Bender at 252-675-8431 or email: [jmbender1991@gmail.com](mailto:jmbender1991@gmail.com)



**2023**

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

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| August 27    | Rev. Dr. Thomas Murray                                                     |
| September 3  | Paul Miller                                                                |
| September 10 | Rev. Barbara Hager                                                         |
| September 17 | Kenneth Yearick                                                            |
| September 24 | Rev. Cynthia Williams                                                      |
| October 1    | Kenneth Yearick (Communion)                                                |
| October 8    | Rev. Tim Havlicek (Homecoming)                                             |
| October 15   | Kenneth Yearick                                                            |
| October 22   | Kenneth Yearick & <i>Children's Hope Alliance -<br/>Minute for Mission</i> |
| October 29   | Rev. Dr. David McDonald                                                    |
| November 5   | Mary Ann LeRay                                                             |
| November 12  | Kenneth Yearick                                                            |
| November 19  | Kenneth Yearick                                                            |
| November 26  | Kenneth Yearick                                                            |



## 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 in August**

**NO Choir Practice**

**TODAY!! Sunday, August 20**

**Hot Dog and Sundae Social – Everyone is Invited!**

**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**

**Thursday, September 7**

**4:30 pm Childcare Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, September 10**

**5 pm Session Meeting**

**Monday, September 11**

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

**Hostess – Kay Bender, Study Leader – Carol Mattocks**

**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



**Sunday, September 17 – Stewardship Lunch and Program**

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



**Sunday, September 24 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 2026.