

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, August 4, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

11th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

August 4, 2024

*RE Lyle Swanger, using elements of worship adopted from the
226th General Assembly of the PC(USA)*

Prelude "Pleading Savior" - *Early American melody/
Leavitt's The Christian Lyre, 1831*

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Liturgist*

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Leader: We come this morning to worship together: different people,
different lives, different histories

People: **yet we are all children of the same Parent, created lovingly by
the Source of all life.**

Leader: Different people, different lives, different histories,

People: **yet we all have one Teacher, Jesus, who is so close to God that
he is said to be the living word that God spoke**

Leader: Different people, different lives, different histories,

People: **yet one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Let us open ourselves to
the word of God, which is at work in us. Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation ~ *Liturgist*

*Opening Hymn "Live into Hope" *See Insert*
Glory To God Hymnal #772

Call to Confession ~ *Lyle Swanger*

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting
in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Heavenly Father, we admit that all too often, we think we know better.

We ignore the calls that you give to us, finding every excuse to continue along with the plans and lives we have laid out for ourselves. We stray, sin, and refuse to follow that which you command. Forgive us, Lord, when we are weak and sinful. Give us hearts and minds that discern your will and heed your call.

Moment for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear and acknowledge the Good News, we who were dead in sin are born anew in Christ Jesus.

All: **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: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“Just As I Am, I Come” - *Mary McDonald*

~ *Duet ~ Amber Swanger & Rebecca Long*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Lyle Swanger*

Almighty and eternal God, you sent Jesus into this world to testify to the truth. By the power of your Spirit help us to listen to his voice so that we may testify to the world that we are your people, and you are our God; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior. Amen.



Scripture

1 Corinthians 7:17-24 (NIV)

¹⁷ Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. ¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God’s commands is what counts. ²⁰ Each person should remain in the situation they were in when God called them. ²¹ Were you a slave when you were called? Don’t let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so. ²² For the one who was a slave when called to faith in the Lord is the Lord’s freed person; similarly, the one who was free when called is Christ’s slave. ²³ You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings. ²⁴ Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

The Gospel John 6: 24-35 NIV

²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” ²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” ³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” ³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Lost In The (Polity) Sauce”

~ *Lyle Swanger*

*Hymn of Response

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

Joys/Concerns/Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of the People

...who first taught us to pray, saying,

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

(Please stand.) Fellow Christians, what do we believe?

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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

~ Lyle Swanger

I invite you now to join as we return a portion of what was given to us, in our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Offertory

"I'd Rather Have Jesus" - George Beverly Shea

Arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

*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

~ Lyle Swanger

*Closing Hymn

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

See Insert

Glory To God Hymnal #700

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Ewing” - Alexander Ewing

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

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Thank you

*Lyle Swanger who is filling the pulpit today in
Pastor Ken Yearick’s absence.*

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Daily Readings for August 4 – 10 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List (additions 7/28/24)

Pray for his Aunt Patricia Ann Robinson – getting over COVID and is extremely weak (Michael Coeyman); Pray for the family of his friend Robby Norville, as his father recently passed away (Steve Long); Prayers for Leslie Calvin whose husband, Mike, passed away 7/29/2024 (Margaret Ross)

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

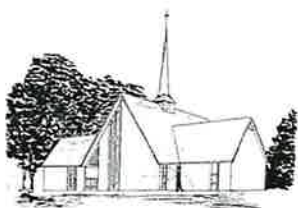
TODAY: Diane McCaffity

August 11: Volunteer Needed

August 18: Volunteer Needed

August 25: Sandy Yearick

September 1: Cheryl Coeyman



Pastor Ken Yearick is on vacation until August 13th.

Jay Bender will fill the pulpit August 11th.

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



The Session will meet this afternoon at 5 pm.



Regular choir practice will resume on Thursday, August 8th at 6 p.m.



Communion, Sunday, August 18th - Morning Worship Service

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**

Sunday, August 4th	5 pm Session Meeting
Thursday, August 8th	6 pm Choir Practice to Resume
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 5 pm Session Meeting

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Welcome to everyone who is worshipping 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!***



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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.