

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, September 1, 2024**

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

September 1, 2024

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Prelude “They, the Builders of the Nation” *by Alfred M. Durham*

Welcome and Announcements ~ Liturgist

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

*Leader:* A Mystery Beyond us calls to us.

*People:* **A Power from deep within beckons.**

*Leader:* Our busy minds can't perceive it.

*People:* **Our human traditions can't contain it.**

*Leader:* It calls to us and we must answer.

*People:* **It rises in us like a song, and we must sing.**

*Leader:* So, Holy One, we gather to worship you.

*People:* **We gather to listen and wonder and enjoy your grace.**

Prayer of Invocation ~ Liturgist

\*Opening Hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #383  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Call to Confession *(Responsively)*

*Pastor:* He is the One who sustains the universe by the power of his command; the One who gave himself to free us from the grip of sin and death; the One who, even now, reigns in the heavens, seated at the right hand of God.

*People:* **This is our God! The One who will offer to us forgiveness when we confess our sins and wrongs. Let us join together as we confess our sins to God.**

Prayer for Confession *(Responsively)*

*Pastor:* Friends in Christ, we desire to be in harmony with God, who desires truth in the inward being.

*People:* **We confess what is within us is a mix of love and fear. O God, open to us our inward lives, that we may see clearly, and be made new.**

*All:* **Help us see clearly what within us is born of love, and what is born of our wants and fears. By your grace transform our inner desires, seeking You to forgive our sins and short-coming so that what flows from our hearts may be love and healing through the grace of Christ. Amen.**

### *A Time for Silent Prayer*

#### Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

*Pastor:* Listen and understand - the voice of the Beloved speaks to us, implanting the word of hope, the word of grace, and the joy of forgiveness into our hearts.

*People:* **We listen and understand. Every gift comes from God, especially the gifts of mercy and love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.**

#### \*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 for Children

#### \*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem "Think On These Things" *by Ron Sprunger* ~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Pastor Yearick*

Scripture Epistle Reading James 1:1-18 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. <sup>9</sup> Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. <sup>10</sup> But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. <sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup> Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

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

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

Sermon

“No Pain...No Gain”

~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

\*A Creed of Affirmation *(In Unison)*

**With gratitude we affirm that every good thing is a gift of God whose love is not shadowed or changing. We give thanks that Christ, the Word of God, the word of truth, has given us birth so that the wonder of Creation might blossom in us.**

**By the Holy Spirit we seek to be doers of the word, not hearers only, to live by the perfect law, the law of liberty. We seek to rid ourselves of selfish desires, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save our souls. By the Spirit’s grace we seek to persevere, to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger. We devote ourselves to care for those who are vulnerable, to do justice and act mercifully, and to serve God in all we do, in the name of Christ, this is our affirmation of faith.**

\*Hymn of Response      *Be Thou My Wisdom*      (Tune: *Be Thou My Vision*)

Be thou my Wisdom and grant me your sight.  
Help me to see by your love's perfect light.  
Love, be my compass, my balance, my Way:  
guide from within what I choose day by day.  
  
Grant me the wisdom to seek and to learn,  
to pray for your leading and wait and discern.  
Help me to listen with all of my heart,  
listen for all of the Truth you impart.  
  
Grant me your Wisdom: a heart that's made pure,  
courage to follow a love that is sure.  
Led by your Spirit, listening still,  
help me to know and to follow your will.

Sharing of 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                      "Simple Gifts"    *by Cindy Berry*

\*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

"Work, for the Night Is Coming"

*see hymn insert*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“EVAN” by Jessie S. Irvine

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

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



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

**Daily Readings for September 1 – 7 use the following web link:**

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



**Prayer List** (*Additions from 8-25-2024*)

*Please keep the family of Lisa Smith Thomas in your prayers as she has passed away (Barbara Smith); Prayers for Katie as she travels to Italy to see family and prayers for her as she works so hard on her essays for Vet School at NC State (Mary Ann LeRay); Pray for her friend Dale who just found out that she has an aggressive form of cancer (Sheron Bender); Prayers for Gera Howe as she is not doing well (Carol Mattocks); Prayers for their friend Evan Balazsi, as he struggles with return of cancer; (Blair Purvis); Dan Schef, knee issues (Barbara Smith)*

*Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare.*

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Ushers & Greeters



**September: Blair Purvis – plus one ???**

**Ushers are needed for 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: 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](http://babylist.com).**



Ladies of PPC please email or call Cathy Campbell to arrange getting your study book before the September meeting. Cathy's contact information is in the church directory.



Pastor Ken Yearick will be in the office from 10 – 2 on *Fridays*. Please call for an appointment.



## 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**

**Thursdays**

**6 pm Choir Practice**

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

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

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

**Congregational Meeting \* SEE BELOW**

**5 pm Session Meeting**

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

**7 pm Women's Circle**

**Hostess: Noreen Jekel; Study Leader (lesson 1), Cathy Campbell**

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

**Stewardship Lunch \* SEE BELOW**

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

**Congregational Meeting \* SEE BELOW**

**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 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, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship Lunch and Program**

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



**Please review the included Eligible Membership List for the Class of 2027 Session Nominations & be prepared for the September 8<sup>th</sup> Congregational meeting.**



# 457 Work, for the Night Is Coming

*The night cometh, when no man can work, John 9:4*

ANNIE L. COGHILL

LOWELL MASON

1. Work, for the night is com - ing, Work thro' the morn - ing hours;  
2. Work, for the night is com - ing, Work thro' the sun - ny noon;  
3. Work, for the night is com - ing, Un - der the sun - set skies:

Work while the dew is spark - ling, Work 'mid spring - ing flow'rs.  
Fill bright - est hours with la - bor—Rest comes sure and soon.  
While their bright tints are glow - ing, Work, for day - light flies.

Work when the day grows bright - er, Work in the glow - ing sun;  
Give ev - ery fly - ing min - ute Some - thing to keep in store;  
Work till the last beam fad - eth, Fad - eth to shine no more;

Work, for the night is com - ing, When man's work is done.  
Work, for the night is com - ing, When man works no more.  
Work, while the night is dark - 'ning, When man's work is o'er.

**The following ACTIVE members are eligible for election as Ruling Elder of the Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. As you prepare for the nomination and election process, please review the names listed below. You will be given the opportunity to SUGGEST three (3) names for Elder.**

ANDERSON, Emily O'Farrell

BELL, Dianne B.

BELL, Joseph Ward

BENDER, Dana Meadows

BENDER, Gayle W.

BENDER, Hailey Long

BENDER, Hilda H.

BENDER, James M. Jr.

BENDER, James V. (Jay) Jr.

BENDER, Kay P

BENDER, Mark R.

BENDER, Robert Pollock

BENDER, R. Bryan

BENDER, V. Allen III

BRYAN, Victor C

BURKOT, Jerry A.

BURTON, Laura Smith

COEYMAN, Michael

DANZA, Melanie O'Farrell

DIXON, Elizabeth Foy

DRESCHER, Laurie A.

EDMONDSON, Edwin Sr.

EDMONDSON, Edwin Jr.

EDMONDSON, Thelma B.

EUBANKS, John Ray

FITZGERALD, Debra L.

FOY, Carol B.

FOY, Louis F. Jr.

GABRIEL, Karen T

GABRIEL, Timothy R.

GOLDEN, Hunter Bryce

GOLDEN, Jennifer Byrd

GREENE, Cameron Payton

GREENE, Coleman Louis

HOWE, Geraldine (Gera)

JACKSON, Christopher S.

JEKEL, Edward

JEKEL, Noreen A.

KNIGHT, Joan A.

KNIGHT, Philip M.

LERAY, Jeremy D.

LERAY, Joshua Beecher

LERAY, Mary Ann B

LONG, Rebecca N.

LONG, Steven J.

LONG, Wendy Byrd

MATTOCKS, Carol J

METTS, Lucy B.

MILLER, Jennifer R

MONAHAN, Amanda Long

MOORE, Christine M.

MULVANEY, Rebecca B

McCAFFITY, Diane F.

McCAFFITY, Jordan M.

McCAFFITY, Michael T.

NELSON, Carol Jackson

PITTMAN, G. Edward

PITTMAN, Susan H.

POUND, Mary L.

POUND, Ronald D.

PURVIS, Blair H.

PURVIS, Janet Bender

ROSS, Adam G.

ROSS, Margeret Bell

SHAW, Danielle Long

SHAW, William Mc

SMITH, Barbara J.

SMITH, Lester C. Jr.

SOBOTOR, Jane B.

SOBOTOR, William A

SWANGER, Lyle A.

TAYLOR, Christopher

TYLER, Samuel

VALENTINE, Edward H.

VENABLE, Donna Metts

WOOLARD, Justin Allen