



Sunday, September 14, 2025

Leader in Worship: Pastor Kenneth Yearick
Organist/Choir Director: Debbie L. Fitzgerald

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church 14th Sunday After Pentecost

1:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

September 14, 2025

Prelude

"Arioso" by Lani Smith

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

A Time With The Pastor

~ Pastor Yearick

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

(inspired by 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8) Call to Worship (Responsively)

Leader: God of grace, you create us because you desire us.

People: And we desire you, and we worship you.

Leader. Because you treasure us, you seek us out.

People: Even when we wander, you search us out and bring us home.

Leader: Spirit of love, help us to reach out for you and for all who are lost.

For in your love, we discover one another; People:

Leader: We come to seek your will; we come to find fulfillment in Christ,

People: So in faith, and with joy we come to worship you. Alleluia.

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Sing to the Lord Hymnal

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Call to Reconciliation

~ Sheron Bender

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole. Join me as we offer our prayer of confession. Let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we confess sometimes we are your lost sheep, wandering and needing you to return us to our place with you. And we confess sometimes we think we are the insiders, the saved, and we resent those who are lost, who are outside our fold, and we scorn your grace toward them. Soften our hearts to your grace for us and for all your children.

In humility and gratitude, we ask your forgiveness, your healing and your grace, in Christ, we pray, Amen.

Assurance of God's Pardon (Responsively)

~ Pastor Yearick

Pastor: Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us.

People: We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life.

Pastor: Feel that forgiveness in your heart. We are all His children

People: We are lost, but now we are found, Sin has been wiped away.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*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

"Lost and Found"

~ Pastor Yearick

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Anthem

"Touch That Soothes and Heals"

by Gregg DeMey

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Sheron Bender

The Scripture Readings

Reading from Psalms Psalms 14 (NIV) ~ Sheron Bender

¹The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. ²The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. ³All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. ⁴Do all these evildoers know nothing? They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the Lord. ⁵But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous. ⁶You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge. ⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

The Gospel Reading Luke 15: 1-10 (NIV)

~ Pastor Yearick

¹⁵ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. ⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Message **"Finders – Keepers – or Seekers"** ~ Pastor Yearick

*Hymn of Response "Amazing Grace" (v.1,2,4) # 85

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*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.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

~ Pastor Yearick

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

"This Is My Father's World" by Cindy Berry ~ Debbie Fitzgerald

*Doxology

Offertory

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

"Dear Gentle Watchful Shepherd"

Insert

*The Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

"Piece Triumphant" by Craig A. Penfield

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

*Please rise in body or spirit /

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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Congregational Meeting

BUSINES

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for at the conclusion of this Morning Worship Hour for the following purposes:

- 1- To elect four (4) at-large members to the Congregational Nominating Committee
- 2- To receive suggestions from the congregation for nominees for the office of Ruling Elder, Class of 2028
- 3- To act on the Session's recommendation that the current PNC be dismissed at its request and that the Nominating Committee bring forward nominees for a new PNC so that the search for an installed pastor might continue.
- ❖ Please see the Member List enclosed in today's bulletin those eligible for election as ruling elders.

Sunday, September 28th – to receive the report from the Nominating Committee, and if the way be clear, to proceed to the election of three (3) Ruling Elders to the Class of 2028.

~ Stewardship Lunch and Program ~ TODAY

Everyone is invited!

~ Lunch will be Provided Following the Morning Worship Service ~ Followed by Questions & Answers on the Budget - see draft of the budget in the bulletin

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:

Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Daily Readings for September 14 – 20 use the following web link: https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/

Prayer List (Additions as of 9-7-2025)

Rebecca Long – Prayers for their friend Bob as he is having a pacemaker inserted tomorrow for a very slow heartbeat. Prayers for Rain!!!! Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

Ushers: September - Eileen Griswold & Barbara Smith

October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot **November - Bob & Carol Mattocks December - Vic Bryan & Kay Bender**



Both the Adult & Children's Sunday School are now 9:45 am each Sunday.



There will be a nursery provided during the 11 am Worship Service.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

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 - Note new Day!!!

Sunday, September 14th Stewardship Lunch

Monday, September 15th 7 pm Presbyterian Women Meeting

Hostess: Sheron Bender / Study Leader: Cathy Campbell – Lesson 1

Sunday, September 28th 8 am Men's Breakfast

Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Congregational Meeting following Morning Worship

- election of three (3) Ruling Elders to the Class of 2028

5 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Pledge Packets Go Out

Sunday, October 5th Communion during Morning Worship

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, October 12th HOMECOMING

Please visit PPC website: www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.org

Please keep the church secretary updated with any phone number, address or email changes.

Also, prayer requests and changes to the prayer list are needed as soon as possible.

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.

From the Pastor

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





Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 12, 2025
Time is getting near - Mark your calendars
Guest Minister: The Reverend Charles D. Elliott
Former Pastor here at PPC



The Session & Committee Chairs for 2025

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Dear Gentle Watchful Shepherd

(Tune: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)

Dear gentle, watchful shepherd, you lead us as we graze, and guide, us when we wander, to find again your ways.

And when we stray in darkness, alone and lost and weak, unseen, you still are with us, your dear ones whom you seek.

We pray for those who struggle through life all on their own, who find no path to guide them, who think they are alone. You fold them in your mercy in every lonely place, and with your hand upon them you bless them with your grace.

O lead us, loving shepherd to seek the last and lost, to love them with your passion, and serve at any cost. Send us to find the lonely, forgotten and ignored: it's there that we shall meet you, our saving, healing Lord.

