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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
15th Sunday After Pentecost
Order of Worship

1:00 a.m.

September 21, 2025

Prelude "I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies" ~ Debbie Fitzgerald
by Felix Mendelssohn

A Time With The Pastor ~ Pastor Yearick

Sharing with John Thomas

Welcome and Announcements ~ Liturgist

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: Over the chaos of the world, God, you reign in peace and grace.

People: **You who are the foundation of the world, we turn to you for Mercy!**

Leader: Into the pain of our lives, Christ, you come with healing and redemption.

People: **You who are our wholeness and our hope, we turn to you for Strength!**

Leader: Amidst suffering of this world, Holy Spirit, you bind us together in one Body.

People: **You who are our unity and our compassion, we turn to you for Love.**

ALL: **Praise be to You, Almighty Lord; be present as we come to worship You!**

Prayer of Invocation ~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" #209
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Reconciliation ~ Pastor Yearick

If anyone sins, we have someone who intercedes on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of the whole world. (I John 2:1,2) Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Pastor Yearick

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! 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.

A Time With God's Children

"Do the Right Thing"

~ Pastor Yearick

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

"How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place"
by David von Kampen (Psalm 84)

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Diane McCaffity

The Scripture Readings

The Epistle Lesson: I Timothy 3:1-13 (NIV) ~ Diane McCaffity

¹Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. ²Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect.

⁵(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. ⁸In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁹They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. ¹¹In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. ¹²A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. ¹³Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-11 (NIV)

~ Pastor Yearick

¹Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' ³"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' ⁵"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶"'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' ⁷"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' ⁸"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. ¹⁰"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

"Can I Trust You, You Rascal!"

~ Pastor Yearick

*Hymn of Response

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

#560

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

We give our hearts to God, Creator of all that is, who holds all things in her heart, whose faithful compassion is infinite.

We follow Jesus, our brother, our teacher and our friend, who embodies God's love, who taught and healed and gathered a community of compassion for the world. For his love he was crucified, and on the cross he shared the pain of all humanity. But in love God raised him from the dead, and he lives among us still, accompanying us within divine grace and redeeming even our darkest suffering.

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, God's love in us, in whose grace we weep for the world, serve the hurting, and live as signs of God's mercy. We live as One, the Body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness, the mystery of Resurrection, and the gift of eternal life. We devote our lives to bearing the heart of God, that we may make this wounded world more gentle and hopeful, in the Name of Christ. This is our affirmation and belief.

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

Offertory

"Jesus is the Song"
by David Danner; arr. by Cindy Berry

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

*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

"Trust and Obey" (v1,3,5)
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

#437

*The Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

"St. Catherine"
by David H. Hearty (tune: Faith of Our Father by Henri F. Hemy)

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

Last Sunday during the Congregational Meeting Lyle Swanger, Jean Bender, Ed Jekel & Mary Ann LeRay were elected as members to the Congregational Nominating Committee. They will serve with Amber Swanger, Sheron Bender & Shirley Bryan from the present Session. Please keep this committee in your prayers.



Congregational Meeting

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.

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 the Pastor if you wish to join our Church Family. Welcome to all!



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Daily Readings for September 21 – 27 use the following web link:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>



Prayer List (Additions as of 9-14-2025)

Ed Valentine - Prayers for Charlie Kirk's family and neighbors and please pray for our Country's Youth; Mary Ann LeRay – Prayers for Willis Yarberry Broken Back. Please pray for his mind and his body; Please pray for the young Ukrainian woman who lost her life on the train in Charlotte; Steve Long – Pray for his good friend David who suffers from terrible skin cancers; Pray for his friend John Gibson whose daughter (Taylor) has been ill all Summer, and they have found that she has a brain tumor. She will be having surgery soon; Rebecca Long – Travel prayers as she travels across the big pond; Pastor Ken – Prayers for good news on Sandy's MRI. Teresa Creagh asks for prayer - had a major heart attack & is now home recovering. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday, September 28th

6 pm Choir Practice - Note new Day!!!

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.



Next Monday and Tuesday, September 22nd & 23rd the church secretary, Frances Waters, will be out of the office. Will return on Wednesday, September 24th.

No PollyPress until Wednesday.

HOMECOMING *Sunday*

Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 12, 2025

RSVP fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org

Guest Minister: The Reverend Charles D. Elliott

Former Pastor here at PPC

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The Session & Committee Chairs for 2025

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"God Can Do It: We Can Help"