

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 22, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

18th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

September 22, 2024

Prelude "Where're You Walk" *by Handel*

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: Creator God, we praise you.

People: **Risen Christ, we greet you!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

People: **Blessed are those whose delight is in the Word of God. They are like trees planted by streams of water, who bear fruit in season, and whose leaves do not wither.**

Leader: Grant us the gift of gentleness born of wisdom.

People: **God, we draw near to you, who draw hear to us. We root ourselves in you. We submit ourselves to you. We worship you. Praise be to God!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them in the presence of God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy. We ought always humbly to admit our sins before God, but chiefly when we meet together to give thanks for the benefits we have received at his hands, to offer the praise that is due to him, to hear his holy word, and to ask what is necessary for the body as well as the soul. Therefore, let us join together now as we offer our prayer of confession – let us pray together.

Confession of Sin *(In Unison)*

God of mercy, trusting in your grace, we confess our sin to you and to one another. You come among us in the small and vulnerable, but we have turned away from them for more important things. Your Spirit speaks within us, as a tender child but we ignore you for louder voices. You ask us to be like a child, small, receiving, and vulnerable; but we have sought dominance and strength. Forgive our sin, heal our fear, and make us once again the trusting children of God, in the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

A Time for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Believe the good news!

People: **Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Pastor: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he or she is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

ALL: **Glory to God in the Highest! 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 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

“O God, You Are My God/Step by Step”

~ *Choir*

lory to God Hymnal (pg. 743)

3:¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

4:¹ What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Gospel Lesson Mark 9:30-37 (NIV) ~ Pastor Yearick

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” ³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination ~ Pastor Yearick

Message “Stumbling Block or Stepping Stone” ~ Pastor Ken Yearick

*The Apostles' Creed *(In Unison)*

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.

*Hymn of Response "O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink" #447
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

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 "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You" *by Boertje*

*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 "Where He Leads Me" #489
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

A Brief Congregational Meeting ~ *see note top of next page ~*

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude "Cloisters" *by Barney*

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



Congregational Meeting Following Morning Worship Service

- 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.

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



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Daily Readings for September 22 – 28 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List *(Additions from 9-8-2024)*

Family & friends of Corey Ferrucci (Lyle Swanger); Thelma and Ed wanted to be at church today, but Thelma was a little wobbly this morning and is home resting. Prayers for both Ed and Thelma (Jean Bender); Continue to pray for his brother-in-law Thomas Waller as he is back at Duke with issues (Mark Bender); Pray for the family of Susan Zurek as she passed away from brain cancer (Noreen Jekel); Robert fell while helping John and Dana move on Saturday. Prayers for Robert (Kay Bender); Prayers for Ron and Mary Pound as they are home under the weather (Pastor Ken); Prayers for the daughter of Ashley and Tyler Jones (Amelia) for her upcoming hand surgery (Margaret Ross)

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



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

Please call for an appointment.

Ushers & Greeters



September: Blair Purvis & Jerry Burkot
October: Cheryl Coeyman & Eileen Griswold



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.

Volunteers are needed!

See Jean Bender if you can be a nursery volunteer. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

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
Sunday, September 29th	Pledge Packets go out
Sunday, October 6th	Communion during Morning Worship
	5 pm Session Meeting
Sunday, October 13th	HOMECOMING
Monday, October 14th	7 pm Women's Circle Meeting
	Cheryl Coeyman – Hostess; Cathy Campbell – Study Leader - Lesson 2
Sunday, October 27th	8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2 Cook
	Building Fund Sunday
	Pledge Packets due back
	Finance Meeting
Sunday, November 3rd	5 pm Session Meeting



Communion - Sunday, October 6, 2024
During the morning worship service
World-wide Communion Sunday



Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 13th

Guest Minister: The Reverend Dr. Ed McLeod, recently retired Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh.

Our Worship Service will be held in the sanctuary at 11am.

A catered lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service. We will have tents set up on the lawn in front of the Education Building for a true “Dinner on the Grounds” (weather permitting).

Please plan to come join us for worship and stay for lunch.

Stewardship is...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say “I believe”