

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

***Leader in Worship: The Reverend Cynthia Williams***

***Music Accompanist: Jennifer Miller***

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**Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Order of Worship**

11:00 a.m.

September 24, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

*Leader:* Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

*People:* **God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*Leader:* Whether we are long timers or latecomers in the life of faith,

*People:* **God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*Leader:* Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

*People:* **God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We praise God's name forever and ever!**

*Leader:* Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

\*The Peace of Christ

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

"To God Be The Glory"

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

**God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon (*Responsively*)

*Leader:* God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

*People:* **God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

"Step by Step" ~ *Mullins*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Rev. Williams*

Scriptures

Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup> They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Sermon

"God's Economy"

~ *Rev. Cynthia Williams*

\*Hymn of Response

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Morning Prayer and 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.**

## \*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.**

## \*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.**

## Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

## Offertory

## \*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

~ Rev. Williams

## \*Closing Hymn

"Christ Be Beside Me"

See top of next page

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Postlude

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

# Christ Be Beside Me

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -  
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -  
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on -

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -  
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my  
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

Am G C G Am G7 C

low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.  
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.  
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.



## Following Today's Service – Congregational Meeting

*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 2026.*

*Welcome!*

***to everyone who is worshipping with us today.***

**Thank You!**

***Rev. Cynthia Williams for filling the pulpit this morning!***

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***Next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>***

***Kenneth Yearick will fill PPC's pulpit***



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16*

Daily Readings for September 24 – 30 use the following web link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/lectionary/>



Today is ***Building Fund Sunday.***

All contributions given, unless otherwise designated, will go the Church Building Fund.

## ~ ***USHERS & GREETERS*** ~

*October – Bob & Carol Mattocks*

*November – Jean & Allen Bender*

*December – Ushers Needed*

***Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!  
You are appreciated!!!***

*If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact  
John Bender at 252-675-8431 or email: [jmbender1991@gmail.com](mailto:jmbender1991@gmail.com)*



## **Prayer List** (Additions as of 9-17-2023)

*Brother, Rob, is in ICU for fluid around his lungs in Florida (Laurie Drescher)*

*Friend of Blair Purvis, Evan, battling lung cancer (Blair Purvis)*

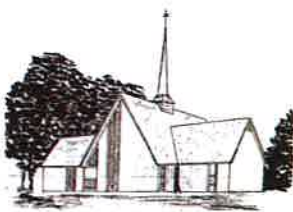
*Prayers for a friend of the Benders in Tennessee, Russell Fox (Hilda Bender)*

*Friend Marie who is dealing with colon cancer (Noreen Jekel)*

*Lyle and Amber and others from our church who are traveling, for traveling mercies (Jen Miller)*

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

**Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.**



# 2023

## **Guest Speakers for Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**

**October 1 – Kenneth Yearick (Communion)**

**October 8 – Rev. Tim Havlicek (Homecoming)**

**October 15 – Kenneth Yearick**

**October 22 – Kenneth Yearick**

**October 29 – Rev. Andy Konigsmark**

**November 5 – Mary Ann LeRay**

**November 12 – Kenneth Yearick**

**November 19 – Kenneth Yearick**

**November 26 – Kenneth Yearick**



# ***HOMECOMING 2023***

***Celebrating 155 years***

***1868 -2023***

***Pollocksville Presbyterian Church***

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

***Mark your calendars***

***Worship Service will be held in the sanctuary at 11:00. Sunday school will be offered to children during the worship hour in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest minister will be the Reverend Tim Havlicek.***

***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 contact the church office if you plan to attend.***

***252-224-8181 or [fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](mailto:fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org)***

***We need this number to enable us to plan for food.***

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***Please visit PPC website: [www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](http://www.pollocksvillepresbyterian.org)***

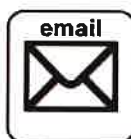
***Please keep the church secretary updated with any phone number, address or email changes.***

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

***The Church Secretary's hours are Mon-Fri , 9am -1 pm***



***Phone 252-224-8181 ~***



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***Videos of the PPC services are available on the PPC website.***

***Go to [pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](http://pollocksvillepresbyterian.org) and click on "Weekly Videos"***



## **Announcements & Reminders**

**Sunday Mornings**

**11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary &  
Streaming Live on Facebook & on PPC Website**

**Sundays at 9:45 am**

**Adult Sunday School – *Remember your Bibles!*  
Children's Sunday School at 11 am**

**Wednesdays**



**6 pm Choir Practice**

**Sunday, September 24**

**2 pm Crop Walk – Union Point Park in New Bern**

**Friday, September 29**

**Pledge Packets Go Out**

**Sunday, October 1**

**Communion during Worship Service**

**– *World Communion Sunday***

**5 pm Session Meeting**

**Saturday, October 7**

**10 am – 5 pm Filling Station – Jones County – “A Perfect 10”**

**Sunday, October 8**

**Homecoming at PPC**

**Monday, October 9**

**7 pm Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting at the Church**

**Hostess – Laurie Drescher, Study Leader – Mary Ann LeRay**

**Wednesday, October 18**

**Childcare Family Get Together**

**Sunday, October 29**

**8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 3, cook**

**Building Fund Sunday**

**Pledge Packets to be Returned**

**Tuesday, October 31**

**PPCCC Trunk or Treat – *Watch for Details***



**sharing the gifts we have been given**

***Pledge packets go out September 29<sup>th</sup>***

***Packets due back by October 29<sup>th</sup>***