

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 8, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

16th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

September 8, 2024

Prelude "I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies" - *by Felix Mendelssohn*

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Liturgist*

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Leader: What good is it if we say we love all people, but give special treatment to a few?

People: **God calls us to love others as deeply as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.**

Leader: What good is it if we say we want God to show mercy towards us, but are quick to judge others?

People: **God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers, to let mercy triumph over judgment.**

Leader: What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment, but live guided by our fears?

People: **We will speak and act as those who trust God to come and live in our hearts. Let us worship the Lord in truth and faith.**

Prayer of Invocation ~ *Liturgist*

*Opening Hymn "We're Marching to Zion" #389
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession ~ *Pastor Yearick*

So many choices, and too often we make the wrong ones; so many paths to take, and often we go down the wrong ones; so much good we could do, and all we do is offer empty words. Let us bring our lives and hearts to our God, who is our help and hope, in this moment as we join in our confessional prayer. Let us pray ...

Prayer for Confession *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, we say that we are good listeners, but we tend to close our ears to the vulnerable around us. We say that we live as your people, but too often, put ourselves ahead of the people we love. We say that we are people of faith, but then try to overwhelm people with words, rather than acts of service.

We say so much, God of compassion, that we cannot hear you calling us to faithful living. Have mercy on us; send us out to offer kindness to the lonely. Have mercy on us and move us to be generous with the love you offer. Forgive our lack of action; Shower your grace on us, so we might be open to all the chances we will have to follow, and to serve alongside our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A Time for Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Whisper it. Say it. Shout it. Sing it! Our God comes with justice, not judgment; with hope, not a heavy hand; with grace, not grudges. This is the good news for us.

People: **We will not be scared to tell anyone, and everyone, of our God who overflows with mercy, who sets us free, who watches over us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen and 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 "Devotion" (*American Folk Hymn*) - by Fanny Crosby ~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Pastor Yearick

Faith in Action

¹⁴⁻¹⁷ Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense? ¹⁸ I can already hear one of you agreeing by saying, "Sounds good. You take care of the faith department, I'll handle the works department." Not so fast. You can no more show me your works apart from your faith than I can show you my faith apart from my works. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove. ¹⁹⁻²⁰ Do I hear you professing to believe in the one and only God, but then observe you complacently sitting back as if you had done something wonderful? That's just great. Demons do that, but what good does it do them? Use your heads! Do you suppose for a minute that you can cut faith and works in two and not end up with a corpse on your hands? ²¹⁻²⁴ Wasn't our ancestor Abraham "made right with God by works" when he placed his son Isaac on the sacrificial altar? Isn't it obvious that faith and works are yoked partners, that faith expresses itself in works? That the works are "works of faith"? The full meaning of "believe" in the Scripture sentence, "Abraham believed God and was set right with God," includes his action. It's that weave of believing and acting that got Abraham named "God's friend." Is it not evident that a person is made right with God not by a barren faith but by faith fruitful in works? ²⁵⁻²⁶ The same with Rahab, the Jericho harlot. Wasn't her action in hiding God's spies and helping them escape—that seamless unity of *believing* and *doing*—what counted with God? The very moment you separate body and spirit, you end up with a corpse. Separate faith and works and you get the same thing: a corpse.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Screen Door On A Submarine?" ~ *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.

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



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Daily Readings for September 8 – 14 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List (*Additions from 9-2-2024*)

Prayers for Becky Hines as she lost her husband Arnold (Mary Ann LeRay); Prayers for Ann and Thomas Waller – Thomas has been suffering from pneumonia and was at Duke where they have run lots of tests and did a biopsy of his lungs to try and find out what is wrong (Mark Bender); Prayers for their friend Buzzy Stubbs who is in the hospital and is not doing well (Carol Mattocks); Prayers for their friend Susan Oliver who was recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer (Rebecca Long); Prayers for those fighting COVID (Pastor Ken Yearick); Prayers for Anita Scott who is having cancer surgery this week (Jim Bender); Prayers for those traveling for the holidays (Pastor Ken Yearick); Prayers for the Family of Ms. Betty DuVal.

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

Ushers & Greeters



September: Blair Purvis & Jerry Burkot

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. *Volunteers are needed!*

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



Attention Women of the Church

***You are invited to a floating baby shower
for Hailey and Robert Bender
TODAY, Sunday, September 8th from 2:00 to 4:00
in the church fellowship hall.
Please come and help celebrate with us.
They are registered on babylist.com.***

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 8th 5 pm Session Meeting
Monday, September 9th 7 pm Women's Circle at the church**

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

**Sunday, September 15th Stewardship Lunch * SEE BELOW
Sunday, September 22nd Congregational Meeting * SEE BELOW
Sunday, September 29th 8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 1 Cook
Building Fund Sunday
Pledge Packets go out
Sunday, October 6th Communion during Morning Worship
5 pm Session Meeting**



Sunday, September 15th – Stewardship Lunch and Program

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



Sunday, September 22nd – 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.



Ladies of PPC – Your new study begins tomorrow at the September meeting.

7 pm in the Church annex



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

Please call for an appointment.



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