

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**December 12, 2021**

***Leader in Worship: The Reverend Dr. David S. Vanderbilt***

311 Main Street / P O Box 205 / Pollocksville, NC 28573

[www.PollocksvillePresbyterian.org](http://www.PollocksvillePresbyterian.org)

(252) 224-8181



## **The Session & Committee Chairs for 2021**

Clerk of Session: Jay Bender	(252-224-6201)	<a href="mailto:jaybender@ec.rr.com">jaybender@ec.rr.com</a>	
Treasurer: Ron Pound	(252-638-8397)	<a href="mailto:ronnclbs@aol.com">ronnclbs@aol.com</a>	
Ed Jekel, <i>Facilities</i>	(315-723-4422)	<a href="mailto:edjekel@quadlink.net">edjekel@quadlink.net</a>	[Class of 2023]
Margaret Ross, <i>Fellowship/Cong. Care</i>	(252-670-8254)	<a href="mailto:adamandmargaretross@gmail.com">adamandmargaretross@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2023]
Ed Valentine, <i>Missions</i>	(252-617-8278)	<a href="mailto:W2YPM@earthlink.net">W2YPM@earthlink.net</a>	[Class of 2023]
Rebecca Long, <i>Evangelism/Memorial</i>	(252-626-3521)	<a href="mailto:rebecca.long4702@gmail.com">rebecca.long4702@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2022]
Diane McCaffity, <i>Child Care</i>	(252-229-7164)	<a href="mailto:dfmccaffity@gmail.com">dfmccaffity@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2022]
Lyle Swanger, <i>Personnel</i>	(252-617-0697)	<a href="mailto:lyle.swanger@gmail.com">lyle.swanger@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2022]
Thelma Edmondson, <i>Stewardship</i>	(252-671-0171)	<a href="mailto:thelmaedmondson1120@yahoo.com">thelmaedmondson1120@yahoo.com</a>	[Class of 2021]
Jeremy LeRay, <i>Christian Ed/Worship</i>	(252-474-7678)	<a href="mailto:jdleray@gmail.com">jdleray@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2021]

Presbyterian Men Moderator      Jeremy LeRay (252-474-7678)      [jdleray@gmail.com](mailto:jdleray@gmail.com)

# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

December 12, 2021

Prelude “Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen” (Lo, How a Rose) ~ *Johannes Brahms*

Welcome and Announcements

*Lighting of the Advent Candle*

~ *Robert & Hailey Bender*

The Candle of LOVE “Light a Candle in the Night” ~ *Lloyd Larson* Choir

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: The Lord God made us and all things so that we could serve Him with joy.

People: **We are ready, O Lord, for You to send Jesus to rule over Your world. Come quickly to save us, so that violence and crying shall end, and Your children shall live in peace.**

Leader: We praise God that He leads us in His paths to honor Him as we show Justice and love to one another.

All: **We enter to worship with joy as we come through Jesus Christ, who lives in power with You, and with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

#8

*Presbyterian Hymnal*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

**Almighty God, Your ways are beyond our abilities and Your knowledge is past our capacity; yet You choose to dwell with us. We confess that we have not expected Your kingdom. We have lived casual lives as though we deserve Your grace. We have been slow to serve You. In Your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome Your ways, and to serve You as humble servants who appreciate Your goodness. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Through Jesus Christ, we pray.**

*Silence is observed*

Assurance of Pardon

~ *Rev. David Vanderbilt*

Anthem

“A Rustic Star Carol”

~ *Joseph Martin*

*Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 12:2-6 (ESV)

Luke 3:7-18 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD IS my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” <sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.” <sup>15</sup> As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup> So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

Sermon

“Finding Joy in the Midst of Happiness!”

~ *Rev. David Vanderbilt*

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 poinsettias in the sanctuary this morning were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John D. and Virginia Jenkins by Carol and Bob Mattocks."*

\* \* \* \* \*

**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

**Daily Readings for December 12 – 18 use the following web link:**

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>



**Today at 6 pm the PPC Choir will perform their annual Christmas Cantata**

\* \* \* \* \*

**The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be received Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> during the Morning Worship Service.**

**God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.**

\* \* \* \* \*

**Prayer List Additions as of 12/05/2021**

*John having back surgery - Vic and Shirley Bryan's son; Jay Bender had accident at Christmas on Main and has a broken foot – (Rev. Nancy and Jeremy LeRay);*

*Betty - bronchitis - Cheryl Coeyman's mom;*

*The Family of Tom Moore (Rev. T. Wes' father who passed away December 6<sup>th</sup>).*

**Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.**

***For Joys and Concerns Please contact the church secretary by email***

***[fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](mailto:fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org) or call 252-224-8181 with any joys, prayer requests or updates.***

***Please include the name, the person requesting and the reason prayer is needed (if you wish this to be included). Please do the same for any joy. It cannot be stressed enough that without your help in this, someone may get overlooked. Do not assume that we know if someone is in need of prayer.***

**Announcements**

**Sunday Mornings: 11:00 a.m. – Worship in the Church Sanctuary & NOW Streaming Live on Facebook**

**No Bible study December – to resume January 2022**

**Wednesdays 7 pm Choir Rehearsal**

**TONIGHT, Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 6 pm PPC Christmas Cantata**

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Joy Offering**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> PPC Childcare closed - to reopen Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***Please call the church office for availability of the Secretary during the holidays.***