

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, April 27, 2025

Leader in Worship: Pastor Kenneth Yearick

Organist/Choir Director: Debbie L. Fitzgerald

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

First Sunday After Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

April 27, 2025

Prelude

~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" - Susanna Keeney & James H. Gilmore

Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Leader: Thomas said:

People: **"Unless I see the mark of the nails and put my hand in his side, I will not believe."**

Leader: We are often skeptical people, driven by our senses, relying on that which we can hear, see or prove.

People: **Our Lord asks us to see the invisible, to trust in the spirit, to have faith. Lord, give us faith!**

Leader: Sometimes we get carried away by our emotions, by wishful thinking and by popular trends that pull us in.

People: **Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs, but also careful as Thomas was. Move us beyond mere trust in ordinary things and open our eyes for spiritual realities.**

All: **Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

"Christ Arose"

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we think we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, to remind us that we are sinners in the need of grace. And the Lord is always around us to hear our confessions so that we might be renewed and refreshed by His Spirit. In so doing, we are replaced with forgiveness, hope, and peace for our very souls. Let us come before God and confess our sins. Let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy, through the Risen Christ, we pray, Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.

People: **Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope.**

All: **Christ has come to us. ALLELUIA!**

*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.

*Hymn

"Baptized in Water"

#739

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Statement of Purpose

Presentation of:

Malcolm Hayes Long Shaw

Banks Norris Long Shaw

Nora Aspen Monahan

Profession of Faith and Promises

Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

The Baptism

The Welcome

The Baptismal Prayer

The Lighting of the Candles

Presentation of the Certificates

Anthem

~ Choir

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise/I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

- from the *Glory to God Hymnal*, pg. 486, 488

Prayer for Illumination

~ Rebecca Long

The Scripture Reading The Gospel Lesson John 20: 19-31 (NIV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” ²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

“It’s Over! Or Is It?”

~ Pastor Yearick

* 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.

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

~ Debbie Fitzgerald

"Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee" - *Foundery Collection*, Arr. Cindy Berry

*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

"He Lives"

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" ~ Debbie Fitzgerald
- Todd Kendall (Tune to Traditional: Sicilian melody)

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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Prayer List Additions as of 04/20/2025

Ron Pound – Prayers for his niece and her family—at the loss of their young grandson;
Cheryl Coeyman – Prayers for Mike as he gets his hip replacement this week; Sheron Bender –
Prayers continue to the Jekel's and Noreen's sister Marilyn at the loss of her daughter Melanie;
– Continued prayers for Frances, as she supports all her family—her new grandson who is
working hard to get strong, her son and husband who has been struggling with health issues;
Steve Long – Prayers for Bill Blackman who is struggling with his Knee surgery and recovery.
Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

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

Welcome!

Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

*In light of all of the joy on this wonderful Sunday of Baptism,
there will be lunch following the service!*

*Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy this time of Celebration, Joy and
Fellowship!*



OUR PRAYER Reaching Out ... Lifting up

Each week we lift up those in our congregation to specifically pray for as part of our community of faith. We suggest you highlight them each day in your prayers for the guidance and direction God wishes for them. Pastor Ken will announce from the pulpit each week.

This Past Week:

(The Children) Noran Monahan, Hayes Shaw, Banks Shaw, Penelope Bender, Lena Mercado, Jensen Mercado, Jamison Bender, Abel Ross, Lucas Monahan.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

*Acts 5:27-32 and Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 or 2 Kings 7:1-16 and Psalm 2;
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31*

Daily Readings for April 27 – May 3 use the following web link:

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

Ushers & Greeters



Today - Blair Purvis & Vic Bryan

May - Barbara Smith & Sheron Bender

June - Noreen & Ed Jekel

July - Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity

August - Ron Pound

October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot

November - Bob & Carol Mattocks

December - Vic Bryan & Kay Bender

One (1) August, & Two (2) September ushers needed.



National Day of Prayer – Jones County Civic Center Thursday, May 1, 2025

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

This year's theme: "Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled" (Romans 15:13)

"Let's come together in unity and faith as we pray alongside pastors from our local churches.

All are welcome!"

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Wednesdays 6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 1st National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 4th Session Meeting

Sunday, May 11th 9:30 am Mother's Day – MOC to cook Breakfast

Sunday, May 12th 7 pm Presbyterian Women Birthday

Celebration at the Church

Sunday, May 18th 2 - 4 pm Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, May 25th Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Monday, May 26th Memorial Day – Church Office Closed



Please place any extra or unwanted bulletins in the white wastepaper bin at the rear of the Sanctuary for recycling.



“ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”

\$262 was received during the Easter service.

Last year \$595 was received. Let's surpass this amount.

It is not too late to give. Just use one on the envelopes provided in the narthex or write on your check or pew envelope OGHOS and place in the offering plate.

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



Please visit PPC website: www.pollockvillepresbyterian.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.

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