

# **POLLOCKSVILLE** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

May 21, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

*Leader:* You are our security, O Lord, we find refuge in You.

*People:* **Everything that is good comes from You Lord!**

*Leader:* You give me guidance and make my heart glad,

*People:* **You lead me on the path of life.**

*Leader:* In Your presence there is fullness of joy,

*People:* **In Your kingdom there is fulfillment 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.**

*NOTE: All hymns are from the Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

\*Opening Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

# 65

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*Silence is observed*

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsive)*

*Leader:* Sing praises to our God, faithful children. God has heard our prayers and made us whole.

*People:* **We will not be silent, but will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us and made us a new creation.**

*ALL:* **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Anthem

“Days of Elijah”

~ Robin Mark      Choir  
Patrick Edwards, percussion

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

First Reading Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*NOTE: The next 9 hymns will be first and last verse only*

Hymn

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

# 327

Hymn

“Are You Washed in the Blood?”

# 328

Hymn

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

# 360

## Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

<sup>4:12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn	"Rock of Ages"	# 445
Hymn	"Jesus Is Calling"	# 322
Hymn	"Love Lifted Me"	# 395

## Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Hymn	"The Solid Rock"	# 436
Hymn	"Trust and Obey"	# 437
Hymn	"Victory In Jesus"	# 352

## 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.**

### 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 (*Unison*)

**Father, we offer these gifts to You. Everything we have comes from You, *the giver of every good and perfect gift*. We return to You this portion as an offering from thankful hearts. Guide its use that these offerings may be used to glorify Your name; to proclaim Christ; and to meet the needs of others. In Christ's name we ask this. Amen.**

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**Bold:** Congregation Speaks

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*Welcome!*

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

**Thank you to Paul Miller for leading this morning's service.**

**Next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Communion during the Morning Worship Service**

**The Reverend Marie Cone will fill the pulpit**



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

**Acts 1:6-14 and Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 or Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 21:1-7;**

**1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11**

**Daily Readings for May 21 – 27 use the following web link:**

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



**Day of Pentecost - Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Communion during the Morning Worship Service**



**Prayer List Additions since 5-14-2023**

*The Family of Betty Schef, as she recently passed (Barbara Smith); Traveling mercies for Ed and Noreen Jekel as they travel for a wedding (Mary Ann LeRay); Prayers for Ed Edmondson for his upcoming surgery (Vic Bryan); Family of Shirley Carlton as she recently passed (Carol Mattocks); Shirley Jones, recovering from back surgery (Barbara Smith);*

*Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff*

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





## East Community Presbytery Meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews-Covenant Church

*A message from Ed Valentine & the PPC Mission Committee*

They are doing a project for the Homeless in that area of Wilmington NC. **(Walk the Talk)**

Our PPC representative is Sheron Bender and The Filling Station representative is Mary Ann LeRay. We are asked to provide a big bundle of items that would help these folks survive and give them hope.

*A suggested list of items needed is listed in the insert enclosed.*

Please start collecting this whole month so we can help the needy and send many big bags of supplies. A collection box will be in the Narthex.



### *Women of the Church Birthday Offering*

*~ Still accepting monetary gifts ~*

*The original Birthday challenge was for every woman to give a penny for each year of her life and if that was a secret to bring a dollar. For 101 years Presbyterian Women (and men) have given to support transformative missions around the world.*

*Learn more about the Birthday Offering by visiting [www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday)  
Support the Birthday Offering.*

*Special offering envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Just place in the offering plate.*



[www.Matthew25MovementPCUSA.org](http://www.Matthew25MovementPCUSA.org)

PBS video and information about the PCUSA Matthew 25 Initiative:

Go to [pcusa.org/viewpoint](http://pcusa.org/viewpoint) to check out the videos & learn more about the program.

The video can also be found with the following links:

PCUSA on ViewPoint on Vimeo, and 6:35 Full Viewpoint Video:  
[vimeo.com/810200603](http://vimeo.com/810200603)




***May Ushers are Robert & Hailey Bender***  
*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).  
June, August, September & December are still needed!*

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## **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**

<b>Wednesdays</b>	 <b>6 pm Choir Practice</b>
<b>Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday – Communion</b>
<b>Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Memorial Day – Office and Childcare Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5 pm Session Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>East Community Presbytery Meeting</b>
<b>Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7 pm Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Father's Day – Lunch – watch for details</b>
<b>Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2 – cook Building Fund Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NO Session Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Independence Day – Office and Childcare Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO Choir Practice on Wednesday's for the Summer (July &amp; August)</b>

