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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

January 10, 2021

Prelude “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” ~ *arranged for piano by Heather Sorenson*
“I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord” ~ *arranged for organ by Austin Lovelace*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source-Psalm 29 adapted by Tim TenClay)

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare.

Those in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

See Insert

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *Book of Common Worship*)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source- *Book of Common Worship - Matthew 3:17*)

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Amen!

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Anthem “At the River” ~ *by Aaron Copeland, from “Old American Songs”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Mark 1:4-11 Common English Bible

4 John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. **5** Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. **6** John wore clothes made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He announced, “One stronger than I am is coming after me. I’m not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. **8** I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” **9** About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. **10** While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. **11** And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”

Sermon “*Heaven Split Open*” ~ *Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Declaration of Faith

*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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to God's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Joyful, Joyful"

~ *arr. Hobson*

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

~ Session Meeting following worship ~

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 1:1-5 and Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Daily Readings for January 10 – 16 use the following web link:

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

Prayer List Additions as of 01/10/2021

Mike & Cheryl Coeyman, Bob & Gera Howe, PPC Family not able to attend, yet are with us in spirit, Brenda Jones Scott (requested by the Pound's), Those in Assisted Living Facilities, Vaccine distribution.

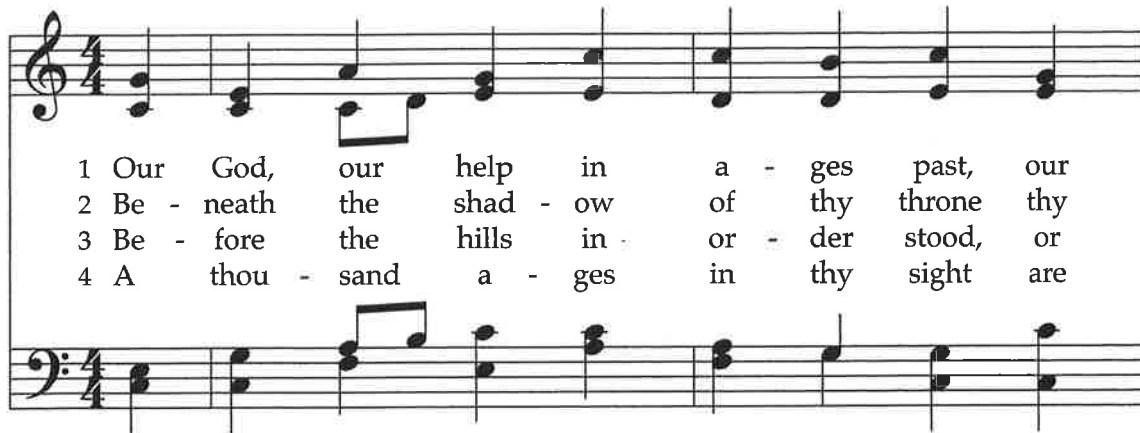
Pray for our nation and world.

Please keep in your prayers those struggling to cope due to this pandemic. Continue to pray for the schools – Remember the administration, teachers, students, and parents during this difficult time.

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

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in - or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G *Leader or All* Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.