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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

October 25, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

God knows us by name and calls us to follow.

The presence of the Lord is with us as we venture out.

Just as Moses was led by God's goodness, so are we guided.

God's ways are sure and lead the faithful to righteousness.

Together let us seek God's leading in Word and in prayer.

Let us worship God together!

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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

See Insert

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Holy God, the mystery of your presence stretches far beyond us, yet we know you draw near to us in Christ, walking beside us, guiding us with wisdom, loving us with boundless grace. Your Spirit encourages us as we follow Christ and gives us the energy and insight we need to serve you.

Holy God, we are glad to gather in your presence, to be embraced by your mystery and your mercy. For we confess we do need your mercy. We claim to be your people, but we forget to love as you do. We claim to seek your guidance, but we often turn from your ways. We ask for your forgiveness, but we fail to forgive as you forgive. We claim to listen for your Word, but we ignore your wisdom.

Forgive us, God of mystery and mercy, amend who we are and direct who you would have us be for the sake of Christ, our Savior and Friend.

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsive)* (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Friends, the good news never gets old: God knows us and loves us. It is as much and as simple as that. We are forgiven, loved, and set free to start again.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

"In Christ Alone"

~*Getty/Townsend*~

~ *Sung by Jennifer Miller & Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Exodus 33:12–23

(*Common English Bible*)

33:12 Moses said to the Lord, "Look, you've been telling me, 'Lead these people forward.' But you haven't told me whom you will send with me. Yet you've assured me, 'I know you by name and think highly of you.' **13** Now if you do think highly of me, show me your ways so that I may know you and so that you may really approve of me. Remember too that this nation is your people." **14** The Lord replied, "I'll go myself, and I'll help you." **15** Moses replied, "If you won't go yourself, don't make us leave here. **16** Because how will anyone know that we have your special approval, both I and your people, unless you go with us? Only that distinguishes us, me and your people, from every other people on the earth." **17** The Lord said to Moses, "I'll do exactly what you've asked because you have my special approval, and I know you by name." **18** Moses said, "Please show me your glorious presence." **19** The Lord said, "I'll make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I'll proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord.' I will be kind to whomever I wish to be kind, and I will have compassion to whomever I wish to be compassionate. **20** But," the Lord said, "you can't see my face because no one can see me and live." **21** The Lord said, "Here is a place near me where you will stand beside the rock. **22** As my glorious presence passes by, I'll set you in a gap in the rock, and I'll cover you with my hand until I've passed by. **23** Then I'll take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face won't be visible."

Sermon

"I'll Help You"

~

Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

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.

*Closing Hymn

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks



Today is *Building Fund Sunday*.

All contributions given, unless otherwise designated, will go the Church Building Fund.



Pledge Packets due in TODAY!

Please see Ron Pound if you did not receive your packet.

Stewardship/Finance Committee meeting at 5 pm this afternoon

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Daily Readings for October 25 – 31 use the following web link:

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

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Prayer List Additions as of 10/25/2020

Mike Coeyman (upcoming back surgery), Carol Jackson Nelson (car accident), Bob Howe (biopsy results),

Rev. Brian Miles (COVID-19, requested by Jen Miller) & wife Rev. Kristie Miles,

The Family of Audrey Patterson (Cheryl Coeyman's aunt & Betty Johnson's sister)-Prayers for the family,

Rev. Lauren Voyles (medication change), Gwenda Wagoner (Adam Ross's aunt – breast cancer),

2020 Election, Fires Out West.

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. Continue praying for all our brothers and sisters all over the world!

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

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361

1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).