

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**May 16, 2021**

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

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

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

May 16, 2021

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in G minor" ~ J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission *The Gideons*

Call to Worship *(Responsive)* (Source- Nancy C. Townley)

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**God's ways are just and merciful.**

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

**In all that they do, they prosper.**

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

**Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. 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 "How Happy Are the Saints of God" *See Insert*

**Call to Confession**

Prayer of Confession *(Unison)* (Source- Rev. Kaji R. Spellman)

**God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness:**

**We are sorry for so much—**

**for words we cannot bear to say,**

**for memories we cannot bear to relive,**

**for thoughts we cannot bear to admit.**

**But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens and bind our hearts to you so that we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace.**

*Silence is observed*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsive)* (Source- *Rev. Kaji R. Spellman*)

Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God.  
Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.

**Happy are we, God's own,  
because we are made whole, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Anthem "Because He Lives" ~ *Bill and Gloria Gaither*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture 1 John 5:13-21 (Common English Bible)

**13** I write these things to you who believe in the name of God's Son so that you can know that you have eternal life. **14** This is the confidence that we have in our relationship with God: If we ask for anything in agreement with his will, he listens to us. **15** If we know that he listens to whatever we ask, we know that we have received what we asked from him. **16** If anyone sees a brother or sister committing a sin that does not result in death, they should pray, and God will give life to them—that is, to those who commit sins that don't result in death. There is a sin that results in death—I'm not saying that you should pray about that. **17** Every unrighteous action is sin, but there is a sin that does not result in death. **18** We know that everyone born from God does not sin, but the ones born from God guard themselves, and the evil one cannot touch them. **19** We know we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. **20** We know that God's Son has come and has given us understanding to know the one who is true. We are in the one who is true by being in his Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. **21** Little children, guard yourselves from idols!

Sermon "Guard Yourself" ~ *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 Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*See Insert*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

“Prelude in G minor”

~ *Buxtehude*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold:** Congregation Speaks*

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Monday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom Presbytery Meeting
Sunday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9 am Men's Breakfast
Sunday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Building Fund Sunday
Sunday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Communion during morning worship
Wednesday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm Light Meal and Bible Study
Monday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Memorial Day – Church Offices & Childcare Closed

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**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 and Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**Daily Readings for May 16 – 22 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 5/16/2021***

*Ed Edmondson, The Zimmermann Family, The Family of Gerald Jones (Vic and Shirley Bryan),  
Josh LeRay moving to Kansas City for the summer, Richard Goins (Jerry Burkot),  
Sharon Watts (Jerry Burkot), Pollocksville Presbyterian Church Childcare,  
Rev. C.B. Chadwick (Danielle Murrell)*

*Pray for those that have lost loved ones and are grieving.*

*Pray for those affected by the Natural Disasters & Human Tragedies throughout our country and around the world. Please pray for our world and the violence that is in it.*

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

# 457 How Happy Are the Saints of God

(Psalm 1)

1 How hap - py are the saints of God who do not  
 2 Like deep - ly root - ed trees, they stand be - side an  
 3 While wick - ed ones are whisked a - way like straw be -

heed the wick - ed way; de - light - ing in the  
 ev - er - flow - ing stream. Their fruit is plen - ti -  
 fore the driv - ing wind, the saints are firm - ly

ho - ly Word they seek God's wis - dom night and day.  
 ful and good; their leaves are al - ways grow - ing green.  
 plant - ed still, and God will keep them to the end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 1 celebrates the permanence of God's way in contrast with the transience of wickedness. While the wicked are dried up and scattered, the holy people of God are rooted and nourished. They bear much good fruit and are blessed with an enduring legacy.

## 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;  
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the  
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and  
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in  
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 guide them in the home - ward way.  
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.