

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Unison Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that “Jesus is King,” we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. Through your son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Amen.

A Moment of Silent Reflection

*Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)* ~ Pastor Yearick

Pastor: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Praise the Lord, 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.

A Time for Children “Christ the King” ~ Pastor Yearick

*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem “O Give Thanks” *by Douglas E. Wagner* ~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination ~ Pastor Yearick

Scripture Readings

The Psalm Psalm 95:1-7 (NIV)

¹Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. ³For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. ⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. ⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; ⁷for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice.

The Gospel of John 8:28-37 (NIV)

²⁸ Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" ³⁰ "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected. ³² This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die. ³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" ³⁴ "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" ³⁵ "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" ³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." ³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "When the King Knocks, Open the Door" ~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

*The Apostles' Creed *(In Unison)*

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.

*Hymn of Response

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

#155

The Presbyterian Hymnal

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..

The Offertory of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory “Now Thank We All Our God with Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
by Johann Cruger and George J. Elvey Arr. by 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 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” #423
The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction ~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude “Fanfare Laudation” *by Fenton Groden*

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



***Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.
If you are looking for a church home, please feel free to join us.
Our membership is open to all. Please see the Pastor or one of the Elders
if you wish to join our Church Family. Welcome to all!***



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
Daily Readings for November 24 – 30 use the following web link:
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>**



***November Ushers: Bob & Carol Mattocks
December Ushers: Vic Bryan & Kay Bender***



Prayer List Additions as of 11-17-2024

Teddie started his chemotherapy and stem cell therapy. Please pray for healing/cure (Ron Pound); Healing prayers for William's stepfather who has been diagnosed with stage four brain and lung cancer, Terry Knowles (Rebecca Long)

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

Announcements & Reminders

**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**

**Thursdays 6 pm Choir Practice ~ *NO Practice Thanksgiving Evening*
Sunday, November 24th Children's Hope Alliance Offering during Morning Worship
5:30 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at
Pollocksville Baptist Church**

**Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th – Thanksgiving Holidays - Church Office Closed
Sunday, December 1st Communion during Morning Worship
Begin Hanging of the Greens
5 pm Session Meeting**

**Monday, December 9th 6:30 pm Women of the Church Annual Christmas White
Elephant Dinner & Party – RSVP needed**

**Wednesday, December 11th 5 pm Annual Community Dinner sponsored & prepared
by PPC Men**

**Saturday, December 21st 9 am Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, December 22nd 11 am PPC Christmas Cantata
Joy Offering**



***Tonight, November 24th, at 5:30 pm
Community Thanksgiving Service at the Pollocksville Baptist Church.***



*Both the Adult and Children's Sunday School
are now 9:45 am each Sunday.*

There will be a nursery provided during the 11 am Worship Service.

See Jean Bender if you can be a nursery volunteer.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Nursery Volunteers are needed!



Adam Ross will be hauling a toy load up to WNC if anyone would like to donate. A box has been placed in the back of the sanctuary for donations. New or gently used are both great! Donations need to be placed in the box by December 3rd. If you have any questions, please reach out to Margaret at 252-670-8254.

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Hanging of the Greens – Beginning December 1st



Attention Women of the Church

White Elephant Dinner December 9th – Invitations are on Narthex Table. Pick up a copy of the Invitation with RSVP and Entrée Selection – Fill out the form and return to Hilda Bender by next Sunday, December 1st



A Message from Sheron Bender...

“Thanks”

to all who filled a box, or helped with shipping costs!!



Christ the King Sunday

Today, is Christ the King Sunday, sometimes referred to as the Feast of Christ the King, and Reign of Christ Sunday. It basically emphasizes the true kingship of Christ. Next week we begin the Advent Season, as we start the new Christian year, but this week we conclude the old ecclesiastical year proclaiming the kingship of our Lord. This Sunday begins the transition from the old and new, and is relatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI for the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church in 1925. The world had just emerged from the war “to end all wars” and the signs were everywhere that many were hurting from the war. There was a worldwide economic depression, and people were looking for answers. Of course, there were those who believed they had the answers – the Italian leader Mussolini and the German Hitler. Pope Pius felt it was time to call on Christians to declare their allegiance to the rule of Christ, as failed to understand you can’t follow both Christ and the Fuhrer. Thus, the Pope initiated this feast and celebration of Christ the King.

Lutherans, Anglicans, Moravians, Methodists, Nazarenes, Reformed, Presbyterians and other Protestant Churches observe this day in their liturgical season, computed as the final Sunday before Advent. In the Presbyterian Churches, such as the Presbyterian Church (USA), at the Feast of Christ the King, "the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8)."



HOPE, HEALTH, and HEALING for GENERATIONS.



There is a Youth Mental Health Crisis in NC

Every at-risk child deserves access to mental health services. We have developed a strategic plan to help address this crisis. Each of us can be part of the solution.

why we need your help

There are more than 2.3 million children in North Carolina. Over 465,000 of them have a mental health or behavioral disorder. The majority of them never receive the services they need. **They need our help.** And, we need yours.

Mental Health & Wellness Fund

Provides mental health services to overcome the effects of trauma.

Crisis Needs Fund

Provides resources to children and families in crisis

Grandparents Club Fund

Provides children and families with what they need 'beyond the basics'

Legacy Fund

Provides endowment funding in perpetuity

MEET Maya

At 12 years old, Maya was living with her aunt in Charlotte, NC. This beautiful dark-haired girl had just finished her first year of middle school when she got her first cell phone. Immediately, she joined social media and began to add her friends online and talk. One in particular was an older high school boy who began flirting with Maya daily. She loved how kind he was and all of the compliments he would give her as she sent him "selfies." But late one night, he asked for her a different kind of picture that he promised he would never show anyone else. Maya worried if she didn't send one he would never talk to her again.

The next day she woke up to messages from her friends telling them to call her immediately. This boy had taken her photos and sent them around. Later that morning, she had her first suicide attempt.

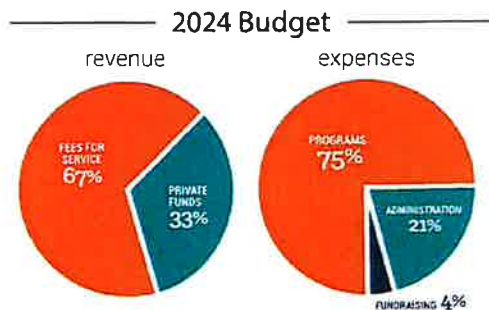
After being stabilized, Maya entered the Intensive In Home (IIH) Therapy Program with CHA. They worked to help Maya and her family heal from this trauma. She is also learning internet safety and getting help to deal with the court system that has taken punitive actions against the boy. One day, with the help of her team, she will be okay and move on to become a strong and confident teenager. Her victimization will not define her.

Child's name and photo have been change for her protection, but her story is very real.

your gifts matter and we are grateful

CHA receives fees for services from government, insurance reimbursements and other contracts —only covering 67% of the cost of our services. So, we rely heavily on our endowment investments and private contributions to provide quality care to NC children in need.

We simply could not fund our mission without you.



Administration costs at CHA are not frivolous expenditures. These expenses include critical staff training, transportation to rural family locations, extra therapy not covered by insurance, and many other needs not covered by fees for service.



volunteering for CHA

CHA has many ways you can volunteer to help children and families in need:

- Organize a supply drive or benefit
- Donate items from our Amazon lists
- Host a mission tour
- Advocate on social media

2024 Children's Hope Alliance Fact Sheet



Programs and Services

Foster Care & Adoption Services

- Family & Therapeutic Foster Care
- Intensive Alternative Family Treatment
- Adoption & Post-Adoption Services

Community-Based Services

- Child Assertive Community Treatment Team (Child ACTT)
- Catawba Valley Healthy Families
- Intensive in-Home Services
- Intensive Intervention Services
- Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids (TASK)
- Specialized Treatment of Perpetrators (STOP)
- Day Treatment Services

Outpatient Therapeutic Services

- Individual, Group and Family Therapy
- School-Based Therapy
- Psychological Evaluations
- Comprehensive Clinical Assessments
- Medication Management
- Substance Abuse Assessments & Treatment

Heartstrings Therapeutic Music & Arts

Community Partnerships

Christmas Angel Program, Hope Closet, The Advocate, and others

Children's Hope Alliance is committed to helping children and families of all shapes, sizes and definitions through a vast array of **community-based services**. Our comprehensive programs give hope to North Carolina's children and families by providing a safe family home, a pathway to healing and a healthy start toward a bright future.

In 2024, we strive to help more than 7,500 children and families through our programs, services and community partnerships.



Last year, we served children and families from 63 NC counties.

Founded in 1891, Children's Hope Alliance is the result of several nonprofit mergers over the last twenty years—the most significant included Barium Springs Home for Children and Grandfather Home for Children—each over 130 years old. Children's Hope Alliance is known for **high quality services, positive outcomes, and effective practice models**—all essential to providing hope, health, and healing for generations.



ChildrensHopeAlliance.org

