



## Celebrating the Gifts of Women



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

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**Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Order of Worship**

11:00 a.m.

March 16, 2025

**Organist/Choir Director: Debbie L. Fitzgerald**

*Hymns from the Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

Prelude “He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands” by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.  
(based on “Whole World”), a traditional Spiritual

Welcome and Announcements

~ Noreen Jekel

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 27) (Responsively)

*Leader:* The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

*People:* **When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**

*Leader:* Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

*People:* **One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

*Leader:* For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

*People:* **Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Noreen Jekel

\*Opening Hymn

“Faith of Our Fathers”

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Call to Confession

~ Eileen Griswold

Women and Men – you are called to come before God to bring your concerns, your mistakes, your sins before the Lord, confessing that we have fallen short of Your Glory; we have turned away from ministering the needy, the poor, the lost, the fallen, and those who are in need of comfort. We often chose our way instead of Your way. Let us together join as one and lay these sins and omissions before God, so that being a just God, He will forgive us. Let us pray our prayer of confession together...

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness: we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. In Christ, we pray, Amen.**

## *Silence is Kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(In Unison)*

~ Eileen Griswold

**Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*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 With Children

"It's What Inside That Counts"

~ Joan Knight

## \*Passing the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

"Part Of The Plan" *by Natalie Sleeth*

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Sandy Yearick

## The Scripture Reading

The Old Testament Reading - Genesis 15:1-8 (NIV)

~ Sandy Yearick

<sup>1</sup> After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"

<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.” <sup>8</sup> But Abram said, Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

The New Testament Reading - Philippians 3:17- 4:1 (NIV) ~ *Dianne Bell*

**3:** <sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**4:** <sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

“Taking it Slow”

~ *Mary Ann LeRay*

\* 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.**

\*Hymn of Response

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

~ *Diane McCaffity*

## Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

~ Jean Bender

**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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Living for Jesus" by John Turner

\*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

~ Margaret Ross

\*Closing Hymn

"I Am Resolved"

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\*Charge and Benediction

~ Cheryl Coeyman

Jesus has told us who needs us to care. As you go out into God's world, keep your eyes open for those who are hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, or imprisoned. See Christ in them and help them. And remember you are God's beloved. The Holy Spirit lives in you. Christ's compassion shines forth in what you do. Live as those who know and have experienced God's goodness. Go now in peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

\*Postlude

"God of Our Fathers, We Come unto Thee"

by Ebenezer Beasley, arr. by Keith D. Crowley

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**Bold:** Congregation Speaks

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*Welcome!*

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



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**Thank you to all of the Women of the Church who took part in this special service this morning, Celebrating the Gifts of Women!**



The  
**Gideons**  
International

***The Gideons will be a part  
of the PPC Worship Service NEXT Sunday morning, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
A Special Offering will be received.***



### ***Prayer List Additions as of 03/09/2025***

*Please continue to keep Bentley Felkel (9 months old), nephew of Debbie who is in the hospital (Debbie Fitzgerald); Continued prayers for the Gaskins Family (Mary Ann LeRay); Prayers for the Women of the church who will lead the service. Prayers for all the children of the world (Pastor Ken)  
Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church.*



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 and Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 - 4:1:*

*Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)*

**Daily Readings for March 16 – 22 use the following web link:**

**<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>**

Ushers & Greeters



## **USHERS**

***Today's Ushers - Barbara Smith & Margaret Ross***

***March - 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - Jimmy Bender & Sheron Bender***

***April - Blair Purvis & Vic Bryan***

***June - Noreen & Ed Jekel***

***July - Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity***

***October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot***

***November - Bob & Carol Mattocks***

***December - Vic Bryan***



***Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> we will have a hymn sing prior to worship to offer an opportunity to sing some of the hymns we sing infrequently, or to sing a favorite hymn.***

***Be ready to pick your hymn!***

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Wednesdays

6 pm Choir Practice – *Note Day Change*

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2 Cook

Building Fund Sunday

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering to be held at PPC

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

5 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday – Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Easter Sunday

Flowering of the Cross Prior to Worship

Communion during Morning Worship



## ***A Message from Sheron Bender:***

***It's 2 months until the Neuse River Bridge Run! There are opportunities to help if you like! If you'd be able to sponsor a Jones County youth runner – a youth sponsorship is \$45.***

***We partner with Jones County Rec Department — and create opportunities for running teams at the elementary school to participate in this experience.***

***We also need volunteers to help on the day of the race, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If either of these sound interesting, You can go online: Neuse River Bridge Run — and volunteer or donate. Or, Drop a check in my church mailbox in the next 2 weeks. Thanks for considering!***



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## ***OUR PURPOSE***

**Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves**

- **to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,**
- **to support the mission of the church worldwide,**
- **to work for justice and peace, and**
- **to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.**

## ***OUR SYMBOL REFLECTS OUR PURPOSE***

**The three figures have no distinctive features for they represent all women – young or old, of any nationality or ethnic background ... a community of women ... in Christ.**

**“Forgiven” is suggested by figures rising from the Bible. One is studying, one is caring for others or nurturing as women often do. The middle figure is in a position symbolic of praise.**

**The three figures suggest the Trinity; the whole design suggests a triangle within a circle – Trinity and Unity. The shapes surrounding the three women express energy, strength, and openness.**