

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday, March 24, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Palm / Passion Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

March 24, 2024

Prelude "Ride on in Majesty!" *Edward Broughton*

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of John and Susan Thomas *Bob Mattocks*

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the love of God.

People: **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**

Leader: Amid the powers of this world, Christ comes humbly, riding on a donkey.

People: **Christ alone is our savior and our sovereign.**

Leader: Christ, we thank you. We honor you. We follow you.

People: **God of love and justice, we worship you.**

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest heaven! Praise be to God!**

Prayer of Invocation *~ Liturgist*

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #217
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

A Time for Children

Call to Confession

~ Pastor Yearick

It is a joy to welcome our Lord Jesus to our Palm Sunday parade. But it not always that way. There are times when we prefer to stand by as He passes us; there are times when we do not offer our love to His children; times when we fail to acknowledge our downfalls and shortcomings; times when we shy away from committing ourselves to His work; times when we would just as soon be left along. But Jesus is always by our side, not only when we need Him, but when He needs us. So let us take these moments and offer our confessions as one, and then reflect silently on our own sins and wrongs. Let us prayer together our prayer of confession printed in the bulletin. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession (responsively)

Pastor: O Christ of Glory, you entered Jerusalem as a sovereign.

People: **Rule our lives, and be our living law.**

Pastor: O Christ of Humility, you bear our insults and judgment.

People: **Forgive us, cleanse us of our evil, and renew us.**

Pastor: O Christ of Love, you bear our failure.

People: **Receive our brokenness, and make us whole.**

Pastor: O Christ of Peace, you bear our weakness. Bless our fragile hearts and bodies; fill them with your light.

People: **O Christ of Grace, you bear our suffering. Dwell in us always, and grant us healing.**

Pastor: O Christ of Life, you bear our death, accompany us to our graves and bear us to eternal life. O Christ of God, you bear us to the cross.

People: **May we rise with you daily, and be made new in you each moment, in Christ, we pray, Amen.**

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Pastor Yearick

Anthem

"Come with Shouting"

Douglas Nolan

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Pastor Yearick

Scripture Old Testament Reading Habakkuk 2:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ "Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain, setting his nest on high to escape the clutches of ruin!
¹⁰ You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life. ¹¹ The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.

The Gospel Lesson Luke 19:29-44 (NIV)

²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." ⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *"Ain't No Rock Gonna Cry in My Place"* ~ Pastor Ken Yearick

*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.

*Hymn of Response

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The 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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“The Palms”

Jean Baptiste Faure

*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

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

#215

Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

“Hosanna!”

Theodore Dubois

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

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Pastor Yearick is preaching a sermon series on our journey through Lent with an emphasis on stones or rocks, based on a book by Steven Molin. To bring these sermons to light, you will be given a stone or rock each week depicting the theme of the day. It is our hope that these visual symbols of faith will help you in your preparation and reflection of the 40 days of Lent leading to the Resurrection. Today, we will share in discussing “crying rocks” based on Luke 19:29-40.



We welcome John Thomas, and his wife Susan, who are joining us today. Mr. Thomas was the contractor who built the present Pollocksville Presbyterian Church in 1972. Bob Mattocks, who was treasurer when the church was under construction, will have the pleasure of introducing them.

Welcome!

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!



\$355 has been received to date for the Gideons. It's not too late to give! If anyone would like to donate, earmark your check or envelope for the "Gideons" Then drop in the offering plate.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Palms: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:2-16 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 31:9-16; Philipians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Daily Readings for March 24 – 30 use the following web link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>



Prayer List

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.

These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless the church secretary is notified.



Pastor Ken Yearick will be in the office and available on Thursday, March 28th from 10 am to 2 pm by appointment. Please note the day & date change for this week.

USHERS ~ *March: Cheryl Coeyman & Sheron Bender*
April: Vic Bryan & Ron Pound
May: Joan Knight & Blair Purvis

*If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact
Amber Swanger or Shirley Bryan.*

There is also a signup sheet in the church vestibule.




Easter Sunday ~ “ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

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Announcements & Reminders

Sunday Mornings	11:00 am – Worship in the Church Sanctuary & Streaming Live on Facebook & on PPC Website
Sundays at 9:45 am	Adult Sunday School – <i>Remember your Bibles!</i> Children’s Sunday School at 11 am
Wednesdays	 6 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, March 28 th	7 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
Friday, March 29 th	Good Friday – Church Office and Childcare CLOSED
Sunday, March 31 st	EASTER – <i>Flowering the Cross prior to 11 am service</i> Communion during Morning Worship One Great Hour of Sharing (Special Offering)
Sunday, April 7 th	5 pm Session
Monday, April 15 th	7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting at the church
Sunday, March 24 th	8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 1, Cook



Today is *Building Fund Sunday*.

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



Sunday March 24th

Following the worship service today, you are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall; after which Mel and Mary Cowles will present a DVD program from Sight and Sound Productions regarding the Easter story. You are encouraged to stay and share in this meaningful program, good food, and great fellowship as we prepare for Holy Week.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Community service will be held here in the church sanctuary March 28th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Sharon Bender from the Baptist Church, Rev. George Gouge from the Methodist Church, and Pastor Ken Yearick will lead the service with Holy Communion. Plan now to attend and invite your friends and neighbors to this meaningful service.



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

The East Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is challenging the churches in the EAST to raise \$20,000 to reduce medical debt. The Steering Team is working with R.I.P Medical Debt, a national non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating burdensome medical debt. The company negotiates with area hospitals to “buy out” medical debt at a greatly reduced price. Using data analytics, the company pinpoints the debt of those most in need: households that earn less than 4 times federal poverty level, or whose debts are 5% or more of annual income.

The goal of \$20,000 will eliminate \$2,000,000 in medical debt in the EAST Community. The challenge period is January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024. The Session of Pollocksville Presbyterian Church has committed \$1000 and encourages the individual members of the church to come together and match this amount. Contributions should be marked “RIP Medical Debt” and given to Treasurer Ron Pound.

\$2205 has been received for “RIP Medical Debt” from PPC to date