



Sunday, August 31, 2025

Leader in Worship: Pastor Kenneth Yearick

Pianist: Barry Templeton

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
12th Sunday After Pentecost
Labor Day Sunday
Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

August 31, 2025

Prelude “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty ” ~ Barry Templeton
 – arr. Lloyd Larson (copyright 1998 Hope Publishing Co.)

Hymn Sing

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Welcome and Announcements

~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) (*inspired by Luke 14:1, 7-14, Hebrews 13:1-6*)

Leader: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

People: **For there are angels among us.**

Leader: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

People: **To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.**

Leader: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

People: **We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

*Opening Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Reconciliation

~ Pastor Yearick

We are a community of faith that has been created by the love of God. We are the people who have been set free by the world of forgiveness in Jesus Christ, and are therefore a people called to reach out to the sojourners in our midst and in other lands, people whose lives cry out for the warm embrace of fellowship. We have come not to exalt our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God. We have come not to boast of what we have done, but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ by extending the hand of community to refugees, displaced persons and asylum seekers.

Yet, there are times we do not act Your Way; we make our own decisions that enhance our being, and we sometimes try to lift ourselves up to higher levels. It is that time, and now as well, that we need to come before the Lord and confess our haughtiness, our pride, to remember that even the “least” among us are Your valuable children. Let us, therefore, before one another, and before God, confess our sins and wrongs. Let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than they. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. Free us from those thoughts of thinking of ourselves better than others, as You open our hearts to bring love and care to those in need and those who need lifted up. In the name of Jesus, we offer this confession, Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

Pastor: God alone has the authority to judge, and by the grace of Jesus Christ, God has declared that we are forgiven of all our sin.

People: **Praise be to God! Amen and 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 With God's Children “Did You Leave Someone Out?” ~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Musical Interlude “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ~ *Barry Templeton* – *arr. John Puifoy (copyright 2023 Lorenz Publishing Co.)*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Yearick*

¹ One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ² There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. ³ Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. ⁵ Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" ⁶ And they had nothing to say. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*The Affirmation Of Faith - 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.

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.

Offering of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"I Surrender All"

~ Barry Templeton

– arr. Stan Pethel (copyright 1999 GlorySound)

*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

"Take My Life"

(v.1,2,3,6)

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Sing to the Lord Hymnal

*The Charge and Benediction

~ Pastor Yearick

*Postlude

"To God Be the Glory"

~ Barry Templeton

– arr. Cindy Berry (copyright 2003 Alfred Publishing Co.)

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

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Welcome!

to everyone who is worshipping 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 if you wish to join our Church Family. Welcome to all!



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Daily Readings for August 31 – September 6 use the following web link:

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

A Special Welcome to Barry Templeton, our guest pianist today!!!

A message from Barry: “Hello everyone. My name is Barry Templeton, and I’m honored to have the opportunity to serve as your pianist today. I recently retired in December 2024 as the Associate Pastor of Music and Worship/Senior Adults at First Baptist Church in New Bern. I served this congregation for twenty-one years. I currently enjoy working in a part-time position as Associate Pastor of Senior Adults at FBC New Bern. My wife, Yvonne, is a preschool teacher at Tabernacle Baptist Church in New Bern. We have three daughters and six grandchildren. Again, it has been a privilege to worship with you this morning.”

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Prayer List (Additions as of 8-24-2025)

Vic Bryan – Prayers for the family of Flemming Hill who passed away recently.

Ron Pound – He is going to Duke on Tuesday for a cyst on his eye. Prayers please, that all goes well.

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday, August 31st

Monday, September 1st

Sunday, September 7th

Sunday, September 14th

Sunday, September 28th

6 pm Choir Practice

5 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Labor Day – Church Offices Closed

5 pm Session Meeting

Congregational Meeting following Morning Worship

- Details on next page

Stewardship Lunch

8 am Men’s Breakfast

Hymn Sing during Morning Worship

Congregational Meeting following Morning Worship

- Details on next page

5 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Pledge Packets Go Out



*The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for
Sunday, September 14, 2025*

at the conclusion of the Morning Worship Hour for the following purposes:

- 1- To elect four (4) at-large members to the Congregational Nominating Committee*
- 2- To receive suggestions from the congregation for nominees for the office of Ruling Elder, Class of 2028*
- 3- To act on the Session's recommendation that the current PNC be dismissed – at its request – and that the Nominating Committee bring forward nominees for a new PNC so that the search for an installed pastor might continue.*

***Sunday, September 28th** – to receive the report from the Nominating Committee, and if the way be clear, to proceed to the election of three (3) Ruling Elders to the Class of 2028.*



Ushers:

August - Ron Pound & Sandy Yearick

September - Eileen Griswold & Barbara Smith

October - Joan Knight & Jerry Burkot

November - Bob & Carol Mattocks

December - Vic Bryan & Kay Bender



Thank you to everyone that made the Hot Dog / Ice Cream Social a success. There were 40 in attendance!!!

Everyone had a great time!!!!

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The church secretary, Frances Waters, will be in and out of the office in the future. Please call the office at 252-224-8181 to make sure she is in the office and available. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Please place any extra or unwanted bulletins in the white wastepaper bin at the rear of the Sanctuary for recycling. There are also wastepaper bins located in the library and the Ed Building Fellowship Hall.



Special Invitation from the Filling Station

Ribbon cutting for New Warehouse

***You are cordially invited to join us for the
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the New Warehouse
Project supporting the Food Pantry program***

Monday, September 8, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Please RSVP by email: fsdirector@fillingstation1075.com

Location: 221 Main Street Pollocksville (behind MAIN building)



***The Children of Addie Ruth Collins will have a 100th
birthday celebration for their mother on September 6th at Pollocksville
Methodist Church between the hours of 2 - 4 pm.***

Everyone is invited to help celebrate.



The Session & Committee Chairs for 2025

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Presbyterian Men's Moderator - Jerry Burkot (252-633-2348)

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES written by Knowles Shaw

- 1 Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping—
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

Refrain:

**Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

- 2 Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
by and by the harvest and the labor ended—
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. [Refrain]**

- 3 Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
when our weeping's over He will bid us welcome—
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. [Refrain]**

Hymn (*Sing to the Lord*)

We are Called to Be God's People (v.1) page 779

God of the Ages (v. 1,2,4) page 754

WORK FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING written by Mrs. Harry Coghill

1 Work, for the night is coming: Work through the morning hours;

Work while the dew is sparkling: Work mid springing flowers;

Work when the day grows brighter; Work in the glowing sun;

Work, for the night is coming, When man's work is done.

2 Work, for the night is coming: Work through the sunny noon;

Fill brightest hours with labor: Rest comes sure and soon.

Give every flying minute Something to keep in store;

Work, for the night is coming, When man works no more.

3 Work, for the night is coming, Under the sunset skies;

While their bright tints are glowing, Work, for daylight flies.

Work till the last beam fadeth, Fadeth to shine no more;

Work, while the night is darkening, When man's work is o'er.