

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**December 27, 2020**

***Leader in Worship: Mary Ann LeRay***

311 Main Street / P O Box 205 / Pollocksville, NC 28573

[www.PollocksvillePresbyterian.org](http://www.PollocksvillePresbyterian.org)

(252) 224-8181



## **The Session & Committee Chairs for 2020**

Moderator: Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV (931-334-1264) [twes.moore@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org](mailto:twes.moore@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org)

Clerk of Session: Jay Bender (252-224-6201) [jaybender@ec.rr.com](mailto:jaybender@ec.rr.com)

Treasurer: Ron Pound (252-638-8397) [ronncbs@aol.com](mailto:ronncbs@aol.com)

Rebecca Long, <i>Evangelism/Memorial</i>	(252-626-3521)	<a href="mailto:rebecca.long4702@gmail.com">rebecca.long4702@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2022]
Diane McCaffity, <i>Child Care</i>	(252-229-7164)	<a href="mailto:dfmccaffity@gmail.com">dfmccaffity@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2022]
Lyle Swanger, <i>Missions</i>	(252-617-0697)	<a href="mailto:lyle.swanger@gmail.com">lyle.swanger@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2022]
Thelma Edmondson, <i>Stewardship</i>	(252-671-0171)	<a href="mailto:thelmaedmondson1120@yahoo.com">thelmaedmondson1120@yahoo.com</a>	[Class of 2021]
Bob Howe, <i>Worship</i>	(252-675-5889)	<a href="mailto:rchow1244@gmail.com">rchow1244@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2021]
Jeremy LeRay, <i>Christian Education</i>	(252-474-7678)	<a href="mailto:jdlaray@gmail.com">jdlaray@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2021]
Frank T. Bender, <i>Personnel</i>	(252-670-0451)	<a href="mailto:frank.bender51@gmail.com">frank.bender51@gmail.com</a>	[Class of 2020]
Sheron Bender, <i>Fellowship/Cong.Care</i>	(252-670-9967)	<a href="mailto:sbww@ec.rr.com">sbww@ec.rr.com</a>	[Class of 2020]
Vic Bryan, <i>Facilities</i>	(910-388-6015)	<a href="mailto:vsb218@embarqmail.com">vsb218@embarqmail.com</a>	[Class of 2020]

Presbyterian Women Moderator - Carol Foy (252-671-7725) [carolfoy@earthlink.net](mailto:carolfoy@earthlink.net)

Presbyterian Men Moderator - Jeremy LeRay (252-474-7678) [jdlaray@gmail.com](mailto:jdlaray@gmail.com)

# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday of Christmas

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

December 27, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *Methodist Book of Worship*)

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

For a Child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

**Glory to God in the highest! Christ is born! Give him glory!**

**Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him! Christ is now on earth! Exalt him! O earth, sing to the Lord! O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified! 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

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*See Insert*

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *Book of Common Worship*)

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

*Silence is observed*

Assurance of Pardon: *(Responsive)* (Source- *Titus 3:6-7*)

God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace; we might have the hope of eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem "Burgundian Carol" arr. Larson ~ Jennifer Miller, violin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-2, 10 (New King James Version)

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD  
<sup>10</sup>"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

Sermon "Aware, Awaken, Arise" ~ Mary Ann LeRay

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**

\*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**

\*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

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

*See Insert*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40**

Daily Readings for December 27 – January 3 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

\* \* \* \* \*

***Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>***

**11 am During Morning Worship – Ordination & Installation of Officers  
and Communion**

**Immediately following Morning Worship – Session Meeting**

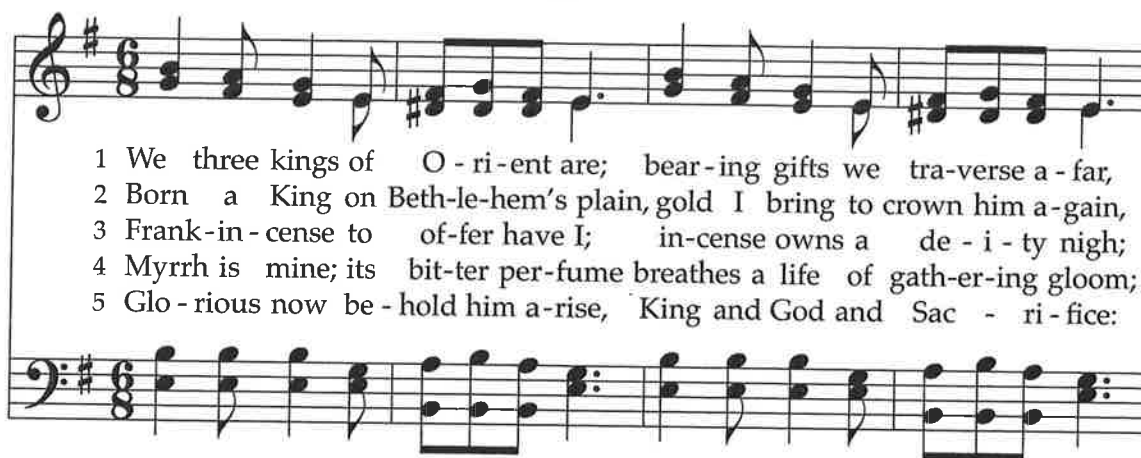
\* \* \* \* \*



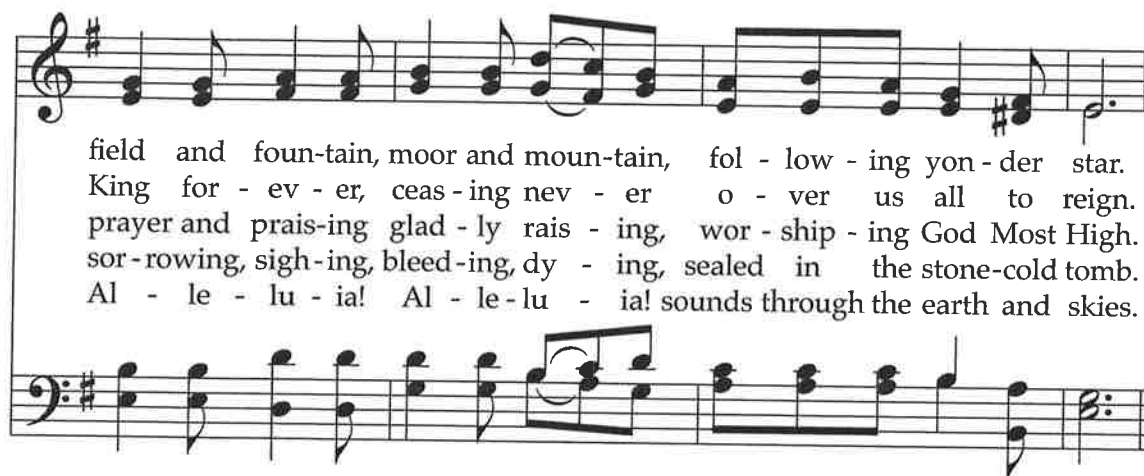
***Prayer List as of 12-27-2020***

*The Family of Amiel Bryan (requested by Mary Ann LeRay), The Family of Shirley Eubanks,  
Ronnie Huffman (heart issues), Clyde Murphy, Jr., (requested by Mary Ann LeRay),  
Blair Purvis (upcoming surgery), The Family of Anita Tweed (requested by Laura Smith  
Burton), Edward Valentine, Navigating the Holidays, Those facing the Holidays without loved  
ones, Those in Assisted Living Facilities, Vaccine distribution.*

# 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

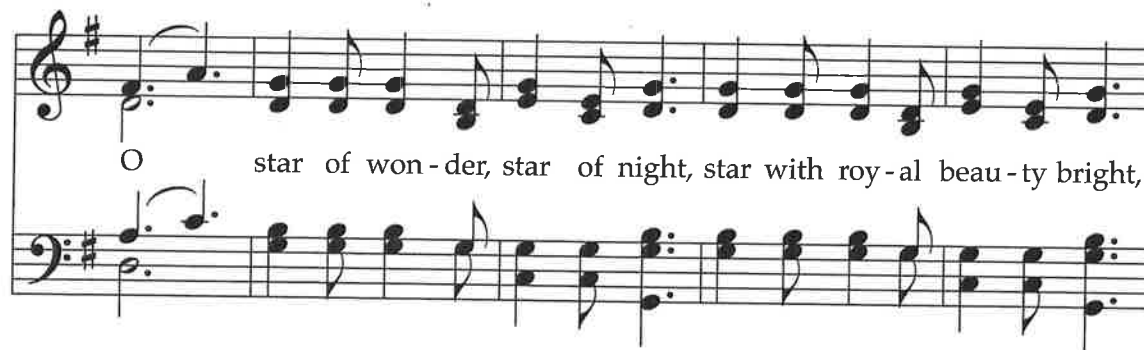


1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

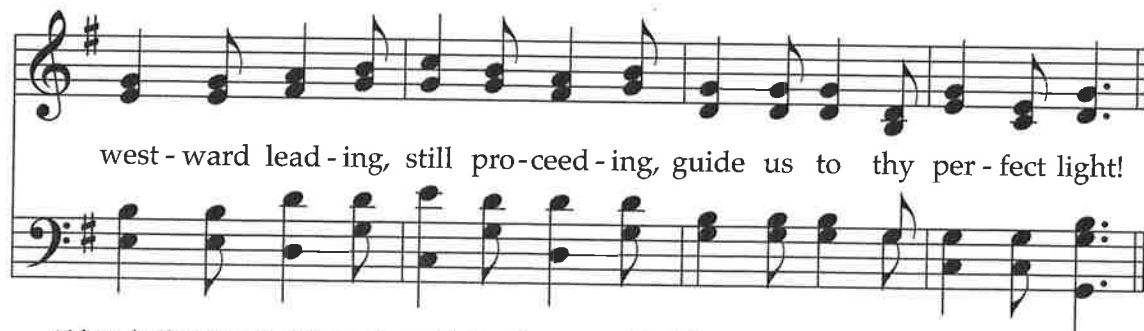


field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain*



O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

# 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He has o-pen-ed heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.