

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**October 27, 2024**

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Reformation Sunday

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

October 27, 2024

*"May the Lord bless the people with peace."*

*In reverent silence, prepare your hearts and minds to worship God.*

Prelude "Ode To Music" by G.F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) (*Inspired by Psalm 96*) ~ Liturgist

*Leader:* O sing to God a new song!

*People:* **Sing to God, all of us throughout this earth.**

*Leader:* Sing throughout our lives. In our song, bless the name of God.

*People:* **Exclaim God's salvation from morning until night.**

*Leader:* Declare God's glory and marvelous works

*People:* **For great is God, and with excitement, we join in praise.**

Prayer of Invocation ~ Liturgist

\*Opening Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 30  
*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

Call to Confession ~ Pastor Yearick

Just as the world continues to revolve and evolve, the church is called to move in new directions. Yet we do what we can to place brakes on change and silence newness. The winds of the Holy Spirit are still blowing in our direction, nudging us to move forward, but we have chosen to close doors, shut windows, and ignore its urging. Let us approach the throne of grace, as we join as one in confessing our shortcomings – let us pray

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We confess that we are unworthy servants. We have not always acted as children of God. We confess that we have left undone things we should have done, and we have done and said things that we should not have said and done. For those times when we have sinned against you even unintentionally, we ask your forgiveness.**

**We truly deserve only condemnation. But we pray that you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your obedient and faithful Son, will forgive us and increase our faith, that we may rise to live before you in righteousness and true holiness.**

*A Moment of Silent Reflection*

Words of Assurance *(Responsively)*

~ *Pastor Yearick*

*Pastor:* Jesus Christ abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For his sake, and in his name, I proclaim to you the grace and mercy of God, by which he forgives our sin and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

*People:* **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 for Children

“Fanny Crosby”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

\*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“Walking In Sunlight” *by Mary McDonald*

Scripture Readings

~ *Mary Ann LeRay*

Old Testament Psalms 34:1-8; 15-19 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. <sup>2</sup> I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. <sup>3</sup> Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. <sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry; <sup>16</sup> but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.

<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. <sup>19</sup> The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

The Gospel Lesson Luke 18:35-43 (NIV)

<sup>35</sup> As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup> He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup> Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup> Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." <sup>43</sup> Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

Prayer for Illumination

~ Pastor Yearick

The Message

"Am I Blind or Just Can't See"

~ 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

"He Hideth My Soul"

#572

*Sing to the Lord 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 “Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus” by William J. Kirkpatrick

\*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 “The Church’s One Foundation” #668  
*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

\*Charge and Benediction ~ Pastor Yearick

\*Postlude “Simply Gifts” arranged by Mark Hayes

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

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***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!***



**Don't forget the time change next Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Daylight Saving Time Ends. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night when you head to bed. Enjoy your extra time to sleep or take your time getting ready for Sunday School & Church.... or just have another cup of coffee.**



**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**  
*Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52*  
**Daily Readings for October 27 – November 2 use the following web link:**  
**<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>**



## **Prayer List Additions as of 10-20-2024**

*Mary is still in the hospital following her seizure; tests have all come back negative and she is now in Rehab trying to get back on her feet (Ron Pound); A couple came through the line at the filling station and asked for prayers as she is having brain surgery [Ida Foye] (Hilda Bender); Prayers for family of Josh Danner – football player that passed while at practice (Debbie Fitzgerald); Prayers for The family and friends of Marie Senzig, who passed on Wednesday from colon cancer (Noreen Jekel); Prayers for their friend in England, Beverly White, as she is having skin cancer surgery (Noreen Jekel); Prayers for the Little family as their daughter, Emma, has 6 inoperable brain tumors (Debbie Fitzgerald); Healing Prayers for Abel as he fell and broke his arm and is in a cast (Cheryl Coeyman)*

*Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church*

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## **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**

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Building Fund Sunday**

**Pledge Packets due back**

**5 pm Finance Meeting**

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

**5 pm Session Meeting**

**Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting at the Church**

**Hostess: Laurie Drescher; Study Leader: Sheron Bender**

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**following the Morning Worship Service**

**Chili Luncheon following the Service**

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 3 Cook**

**Children’s Hope Alliance Offering during Morning  
Worship**

**7 pm Community Thanksgiving Service**

**Thursday & Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holidays  
Church Office Closed**

Ushers & Greeters



**October: Cheryl Coeyman & Eileen Griswold**  
**November: Bob & Carol Mattocks**  
**December: Vic Bryan & Kay Bender**



**Nursery Volunteers are needed!**

**See Jean Bender if you can be a nursery volunteer.**  
**A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.**



**Packets due back by Today, October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**See Ron Pound**



**Please stop by the table in the narthex & pick up an invitation to**  
**The Veteran's Day Program, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Pollocksville Elementary School –**  
**Please pick up a soldier... Take it home & place it somewhere that will remind you to**  
**pray for our men & women serving our country!**

**\*This project sponsored by students & staff at Pollocksville Elementary School**  
**Veteran's Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**"We don't know them all but we owe them all"**



**Robert and Hailey Bender**  
**The proud parents of a beautiful Baby Girl,**  
**Jameson Elizabeth Bender!**

**Born 11:58 am Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Weighing 8 lbs.10 ozs. and 21 inches long**

**Congratulations!**  
**to the proud Grandparents, Kay & Mark Bender!**

## REFORMATION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 27



### *To the University of Ingolstadt*

Writings of Argula von Grumbach

Argula von Grumbach (1492-c.1554) wrote forcefully in defense of the Reformation, becoming the first published author among Protestant women. Born into the noble von Stauff family in Bavaria, Argula was encouraged to read the Bible at a young age. Having lost her parents to the plague and then her uncle to a political execution, she married Friedrich von Grumbach in 1516.

Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses in 1517, and both he and fellow Reformer Philip Melanchthon published works in the early 1520s laying out their Reformed teachings. Argula von Grumbach read all these works, and she began corresponding with Luther in 1522. A scant year later, von Grumbach gained notoriety when she wrote a letter challenging the arrest of a former student at the University of Ingolstadt for teaching Lutheran views. Her published letter cited over 80 scripture passages, and she directly challenged the University theologians to a public debate on the legitimacy of their conduct.

To have a woman call out eminent theologians and challenge them to a debate was unheard of. Critics slandered von Grumbach, calling her a “shameless whore” and a neglectful wife and mother. The Ingolstadt theologians wanted the “silly bag” punished, and von Grumbach’s husband, who remained a Catholic, lost his administrative post for not properly controlling his wife. In the end, University authorities ignored her challenge, and no public debate occurred.

Von Grumbach’s voice lives on through her writings. As she concluded toward the end of the letter, “What I have written to you is no woman’s chit-chat, but the word of God.”

**Wye ein Christliche frau des abels / in**  
Beyern durch iren/in Gottlicher schrifft/wolgegrund  
tenn Sendbrieffe/die hohenschul zu Ingoldstat/  
ymb das sie eynen Euangelischen Jungling/zu  
widerspiechung des wort Gottes/betrangt  
haben/straffet.




Auch volgent hernach die artickel/so Abagister Arfactus  
schoffer von Abunchen durch die hohenschul zu Ing  
gestat beredt am abent vnser frauē geburt nechst  
verschinen widerrufen vnd verworffen hat.  
Actum Ingolstat. M. D. XLIIJ.

Title page image from *To the University of Ingolstadt* by Argula von Grumbach, 1523.

At top of page: Portrait medal of Argula von Grumbach, about 1520.

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