

POLLOCKSVILLE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 25, 2022

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Nativity of Jesus Christ/Christmas Day

10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

December 25, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: In snow-capped churches and on sand-strewn beaches

People: **God's people gather in joy to celebrate a birth.**

Leader: With hopes littering our hearts like wrapping paper under a tree

People: **We offer our thanks and praise for the gift of grace swaddled in love.**

Leader: With eyes wide open like little children, with hearts full of wonder and laughter

People: **We join our lives with Mary and Joseph, with the shepherds who ran to tell the good news.**

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

"Joy to the World!"

#40

All hymns from The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

Manger-dwelling God, we heard the songs of the angels, yet we easily tune out the cries of the needy; we feel the breath of our children on our faces, yet remain untouched by your Spirit of peace; we are surrounded by gifts as precious as those brought by the Wise Ones, yet have trouble sharing with those who are from other counties, other faiths. Forgive us, Grace-filled God.

We believe in Christmas – help us to believe in you even more. We hunger for happiness – feed us on your peace. We long for community and acceptance – surround us with our brothers and sisters we find in all those, of every age and every place, who follow and serve alongside our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate this day.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Born that day was grace – for the broken and bereft;
born that day was hope – for the vulnerable and forgotten;
born that day was love – for all of us!!

People: **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! We will go to tell others of all we have seen, heard, experienced, and know. AMEN**

Anthem

“Mary Did You Know”

~ Lyle & Amber Swanger

Lessons and Carols
A Story So Beautiful It Has to Be True!

Mary

Luke 1:26-37

Followed by reflection

Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25

Followed by reflection

The Manger

Luke 2:1-7

Followed by reflection

Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

1st verse # 25

Angels

Luke 2:8-14

Followed by reflection

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

1st verse # 31

The Shepherds

Luke 2:15-20

Followed by reflection

Hymn

“The First Noel”

1st verse # 56

The Magi

Matthew 2:1-11

Followed by reflection

Hymn

"We Three Kings"

1st verse # 66

Jesus

John 1:1-5, 14

Followed by reflection

*Hymn

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

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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.

*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.

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

*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

~ Jay Bender

*Closing Hymn

"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

(see next page)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Let us go

People: **to join the angels in singing of God's glory and grace.**

Leader: Let us go to share the good news,

People: **that Jesus, the brother of the vulnerable and forgotten is in our midst still.**

Leader: Let us go to offer peace and goodwill to everyone

People: **joining the Spirit in telling of all we have seen and heard.**

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today

~ Next Sunday, January 1, 2023 ~

No Sunday School

Mary Ann LeRay will be filling the pulpit during the morning worship service at 11 am



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 52:7-10 and Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

Daily Readings for December 25 – January 7 use the following web link:

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



"The poinsettias in the sanctuary this morning were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John D. and Virginia Jenkins by Carol and Bob Mattocks."

JOY Offering

\$185 has been received for the *Christmas Joy Offering*.

It is not too late to give. Please use the envelopes on the table in the narthex or designate on your check or pew envelope for "*Christmas Joy Offering*" and place in today's offering plate.

Ushers: December – Bob & Carol Mattock

January – Rebecca Long & Diane McCaffity

Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem

Adger M. Pace

R. Fisher Boyce

G D A G B C G

1. O beau-ti-ful Star of Beth-le-hem, shin-ing a-far thro' shad-ows dim,
 2. O beau-ti-ful Star, the hope of light, guid-ing the pil-grim thro' the night,
 3. O beau-ti-ful Star, the hope of rest, for the re-deemed, the good and blest,

Giv-ing a light for those who long have gone (have gone).
 O-ver the moun-tain 'til the break of dawn (the dawn),
 Yon-der in glo-ry when the crown is won (is won),

G D A G B C G

And guid-ing the wise men on their way un-to the place where Je-sus lay,
 And in-to the light of per-fect day it will give out a love-ly ray,
 For Je-sus is now that Star di-vine, bright-er and bright-er He will shine.

A7 E D7 G C G G

Beau-ti-ful Star of Beth-le-hem shine on (shine on).

G D G C G

O beau-ti-ful Star of Beth-le-hem,
 Beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Star, Star of Beth-le-hem,

Shine up - on us un - til the glo - ry dawn;
glo - ry dawn;

O give us Thy light to light the way in - to the land of per - fect day.

Beau - ti - ful Star of Beth - le - hem — shine on (shine on).

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G $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C G

$\frac{A7}{E}$ D7 G $\frac{C}{G}$ G





Prayer List Additions as of 12/18/2022

Safe travel blessings (Paul Miller); The Family of Kim Guyton – Kim only lived 10 days after cancer diagnosis (Sheron Bender); Nursing Homes (Jennifer Miller); Penny Bender; Julia Bender; Ed Edmondson – and Thelma Edmondson as Caregiver; Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff



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 – *Remember your Bibles!*
Children's Sunday School at 11 am**

Wednesdays  6 pm Choir Practice
**Sunday, December 25th *Christmas Sunday*
Building Fund Sunday**

Monday, December 26th – Church Office Closed - HOLIDAY

Monday, January 2nd 2023 – Church Office Closed - HOLIDAY

**Monday, December 26th through January 2nd – Childcare Closed – Reopen Tuesday, January 3rd
*Please call the church office for availability of the Church Secretary.***

**Sunday, January 1st 2023 New Year's Day – No Sunday School
11 am Worship Service**

Monday, January 2nd Church Office Closed – HOLIDAY

Sunday, January 8th 5 pm Session Meeting

**Sunday, January 15th Ordination & Installation of 2025 Elders
Communion during Morning Worship**

**Monday, January 16th MLK Holiday – Church Office & Childcare closed
7 pm Women's Circle Meeting – Hostess, Mary Pound
Study Leader, Thelma Edmondson**

**Merry
Christmas**