

**A Service of Worship to Commission  
QRE Kenneth W. Yearick  
As Commissioned Ruling Elder of  
Pollocksville Presbyterian Church  
by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina**



Sunday, January 28, 2024 4:00 PM

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

Mary Ann Jones, Organist

**Welcome and Introductions**

Rev. Ben Burrows, Moderator

**Call to Worship** (Responsively) (inspired by Revelation 21: 1-6)

Rev. Ben Burrows

*Leader:* We are the church that lives into God's future today.

*People:* **A church united across space and time.**

*Leader:* A church of many races, languages, and ethnicities.

*People:* **A church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still to come.**

*Leader:* The one who is seated on the throne says to us:  
"See, I am making all things new!" A new heaven and a new earth,

*People:* **where the home of God is among God's people. God's future is epic, and it's good news.**

*All:* **Remember God's future, for this is our story! Praise the Lord!**

†**Hymn**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"  
Sing to the Lord

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†**Call to Confession**

Ruling Elder Opal Amos

In Jesus we have Good News! God is willing to cleanse us from our pride, our blindness, our stubborn insistence on having things "our way". Through God's grace we are washed and forgiven. The Lord expects us to be repentant of our Sins and wrongs. Through confession and a change of heart, this is possible. Let Us come before the Lord together as one, and confess our sins to the Lord, using The Prayer of Confession printed in our bulletin followed by a moment of silent reflection. Let us pray...

†**Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Written by Rev. Scott Cervas

Opal Amos

**Healing God, sometimes we have no sense of direction. You point us one way...we stumble the other way; You tell us to do one thing... we alter your plans; You give us a clear vision... it often doesn't suit our notions. We create our own rules... our own criteria... and our lives become complicated... the church becomes smug and exclusive... and the needs of the world are not served, because we're too busy serving ourselves. So draw us from the limitations of our minds, and help us to see the landscape of possibility through your eyes... so that we might be healed and a healing presence in the world; accept our confessions, admitting our personal wrongdoings through our silent confessions...**

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

†Assurance of Pardon (Responsively)

Opal Amos

*Leader:* Hear the good news!

*People:* **Christ died for us,**

*Leader:* Christ rose for us,

*People:* **Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

*Leader:* Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

*People:* **The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

*Leader:* Believe the good news of the gospel:

*People:* **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

†Gloria Patri

**Anthem**

“Send the Light” *by Gabriel arr. Carter*

*Performed by:* Pollocksville Presbyterian Church Choir ~ Jennifer Miller, Pianist/Choir Director

## WORD

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. Dr. Richard C. Boyd

**Gospel Lessons**

Matthew 5:1-12

Dr. Rich Boyd

John 1:14-18

**Sermon**

“On Purity of Heart”

Dr. Rich Boyd

†Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

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*Sing to the Lord*

†Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Ruling Elder Jeff Mizell

**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.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn**

“The Lord’s Prayer” *by Malotte*

Mary Ann Jones, Organist

Sung by Amber Swanger and Jennifer Miller, Sopranos

†Doxology & Prayer of Thanks

Jeff Mizell

## Commissioning

### †Litany of Gifts

Opal Amos

*Leader:* There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

*People:* **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

*Leader:* God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished. If your gift is to hear God's Word,

*People:* **speak it out in faith.**

*Leader:* If your gift is service,

*People:* **live to serve others.**

*Leader:* If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

*People:* **Teach what is true.**

*Leader:* Let preachers preach with conviction and givers give freely;

*People:* **let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**

*Leader:* Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

*ALL:* **serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all. Amen.**

### Statement of Commissioning

Rev. Ben Burrows

### Constitutional Questions/CRE

Rev. Ben Burrows

### Constitutional Questions/Congregation

Ruling Elder Jay Bender

### Prayer of Commissioning

Rev. Timothy J. Havlicek

### Declaration of Commissioning

Rev. Ben Burrows

### Charge to the Commissioned Ruling Elder

Rev. Dr. Nancy Gladden

### Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Tim Havlicek

### †Hymn

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

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*Sing to the Lord*

### †Blessing and Charge

CRE Kenneth W. Yearick

### †Postlude

Mary Ann Jones, Organist

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

A reception celebrating this union of pastor and congregation will be held in the Sanctuary Annex immediately following the service.

## Commission of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

Rev. Ben Burrows, Cape Carteret Presbyterian Church, Cape Carteret, NC  
Ruling Elder Opal Amos, First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, NC  
Rev. Dr. Richard C. Boyd, Croatan Presbyterian Church, New Bern, NC  
Ruling Elder Jeff Mizell, Wildwood Presbyterian Church, Newport, NC  
QRE James V. Bender, Jr., Pollocksville Presbyterian Church, Pollocksville, NC  
Rev. Timothy J. Havlicek, HR, Morehead City  
Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Gladden, Mission Coordinator, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

To God all praise and glory! Amen!

### Constitutional Questions

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. Will you be a faithful Commissioned Ruling Elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?