

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Resurrection of Our Lord

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

March 31, 2024

Prelude "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"
- by Susanna Keeney and James H. Filmore

Welcome and Announcements ~ Liturgist

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) ~ Liturgist

Leader: This is the day:

People: **when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended;
fears are replaced with joy.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord:

People: **rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: **death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.**

Leader: This is the day - Easter Day!

People: **Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!**

Prayer of Invocation ~ Liturgist

*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #123
The Presbyterian Hymnal

A Time With Children

The Call to Confession ~ Pastor Yearick

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Today we celebrate the empty tomb! Even the obstacle of death has been removed between us and God.

If death no longer stands in our way, we can be sure that our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel at the tomb but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors.

Bring us new life, Eternal God. When we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. This prayer we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, Amen.

A Moment of Silent Reflection

The Assurance of God's Pardon

Pastor: God, our Creator, gives us new life;

People: **Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us;**

Pastor: The Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service.

People: **This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.**

All: **On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. 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.

Anthem

“Lord of All” - *by Jack Schrader*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Yearick*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 (NIV)

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ⁹ In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

The Gospel Reading Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." ⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Who Will Roll the Stone Away?"

~ Pastor Ken Yearick

*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 Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The 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.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "The Risen Christ" - *by K. Getty and P. Madeira, Arr. by C. Tornquist*

*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*

*Communion Hymn

"The Strife Is O'er"
The Presbyterian Hymnal

#119

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection!”

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The Presbyterian Hymnal

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

“Recessionale” by Edward Broughton

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

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Welcome!

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 or one of the Elders if you wish to join our Church Family.

Welcome to all!



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Easter Day: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or

Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Easter Evening: Isaiah 25:6-9 and Psalms 114; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

Daily Readings for March 31 – April 6 use the following web link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/>



Prayer List (Additions as of 3/24/24)

Prayers for Richard Stanley who was Mayor of Beaufort – dealing with Cancer.

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.

These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless the church secretary is notified.

**Thank
you!**

Mel and Mary Cowles for providing the program last Sunday on Jesus via a DVD that was done at a live presentation at Sight and Sound Productions. And a thank you to Sandy Yearick, Janet Purvis, Kay Bender, Eileen Griswold, and Shirley Bryan for providing the delicious luncheon.



Special offering for “ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”
HUNGER – DISASTER - DEVELOPMENT

Please use the special envelope inserted in your bulletin & give freely...

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

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~ USHERS ~

April: Vic Bryan & Ron Pound

May: Joan Knight & Blair Purvis

June: Allen Bender & Barbara Smith

Your assistance is needed! Ushers are needed for

August, September, October & December 2024

If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact

Amber Swanger or Shirley Bryan.

There is also a signup sheet in the church vestibule.

Thank you to all the volunteers who fill in as needed!

You are appreciated!!!

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 – <i>Remember your Bibles!</i> Children’s Sunday School at 11 am
Wednesdays	 6 pm Choir Practice
Sunday, April 7 th	5 pm Session
Monday, April 15 th	7 pm Women’s Circle Meeting at the church Eileen Griswold, Hostess & Jean Bender, Study Leader
Sunday, April 28 th	8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 1, Cook Building Fund Sunday



Pastor Ken Yearick is available in the Pastor's Office on Tuesday's, from 10 am to 2 pm. Please call for an appointment.



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

The East Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is challenging the churches in the EAST to raise \$20,000 to reduce medical debt. The Steering Team is working with R.I.P Medical Debt, a national non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating burdensome medical debt. The company negotiates with area hospitals to "buy out" medical debt at a greatly reduced price. Using data analytics, the company pinpoints the debt of those most in need: households that earn less than 4 times federal poverty level, or whose debts are 5% or more of annual income.

The goal of \$20,000 will eliminate \$2,000,000 in medical debt in the EAST Community. The challenge period is January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024. The Session of Pollocksville Presbyterian Church has committed \$1000 and encourages the individual members of the church to come together and match this amount. Contributions should be marked "RIP Medical Debt" and given to Treasurer Ron Pound.

\$2205 has been received for "RIP Medical Debt" from PPC to date



The Gideons International

\$380 has been received to date for the Gideons. It's not too late to give! If anyone would like to donate, earmark your check or envelope for the "Gideons" Then drop in the offering plate.



The new quarter of "These Days" (Daily Devotions) is available on the table in the narthex. *All large print editions.*

Please pick one up for your devotional use.

Hallelujah!
HE IS Risen