

# **POLLOCKSVILLE** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

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**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world.**

**We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry, ignore and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement in the new life Christ offers to each of us. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*Silence is Kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

*Leader:* Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty.

Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to renew life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. Know this -you are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.

*People:* **This is good news! God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ. This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. What joy to hear this assurance on Easter Day, Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

\*The Affirmation of Faith (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.**

\*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.**

\*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“My Redeemer's Love” *by Lloyd Larson*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Sandy Yearick*

Scripture

The Gospel Lesson Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup> ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words. <sup>9</sup> When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. <sup>12</sup> Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

*Pastor:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

“EASTER – A Reset Button for the Soul”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

Prayer for Guidance

~ *Pastor Yearick*

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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                    “I Sing the Mighty Power of God by Isaac” ~ Debbie Fitzgerald  
by Isaac Watts (words) and Gesangbuch der Herzogl (music)

\*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

\*Hymn of Preparation    “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” (v.1,3)       #370

The Service of Holy Communion

The Invitation ~ Pastor Yearick

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 Prayer of Preparation ~ Pastor Yearick

The Institution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Dedication ~ Pastor Yearick

The Sharing of the Sacrament (*pew communion*)  
(*please wait until all are served, and we shall commune together*)

Prayer of Commitment ~ Pastor Yearick

\*Hymn                                    “The Day of Resurrection!”                                    #118  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

\*Charge and Benediction (*Responsively*)

*Pastor:* May the celebration of resurrected life bring you new life;

*People:* **May the victory of life over death turn our eyes to the promise of heaven.**

*Pastor:* May the empty tomb help you leave your sorrows at the foot of the cross.

*People:* **So that God’s hope, promise, and forgiveness shall reign in our life forever.**

\*Choral Postlude                    “Christus Resurrexit” by Gordon Young                                    ~ Choir

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**Bold:** Congregation Speaks

*Welcome!*

**Welcome to everyone who is worshiping with us today.**

~ **Thank you to the members of the congregation that brought Easter Lilies and helped fill our sanctuary with flowers.** ~

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## **Easter Sunday ~ “ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”**

**A special offering will be received. Please use the envelope enclosed in your bulletin.**

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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**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43;  
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12 Evening: Isaiah 25:6-9 and Psalm 114: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49*

**Daily Readings for April 20 – 26 use the following web link:**

**<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily-readings/>**

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***Ushers: April - Blair Purvis & Vic Bryan***  
***Ushers are needed for May.***

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## **Reminders & Announcements**

**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**

**Wednesdays**

**6 pm Choir Practice**

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

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

**Baptism**

**Building Fund Sunday**

**Lunch Following Morning Worship**

**Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**National Day of Prayer**

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Session Meeting**





***On April 27- we will be celebrating the baptism of THREE little ones- !!  
Yes THREE! Hayes and Banks Shaw, and Nora Monahand.... All three grands of Steve and  
Rebecca Long! In light of all of this joy- there will be a lunch following the service! The  
Congregational Care team will be bringing all the protein, asking for the congregation to  
supply a side or dessert! This is a great opportunity to get some baby cuddles as well!***



### ***Prayer List Additions as of 04/14/2025***

*Pastor Ken – Please keep Frances in prayer as well as her son who has shingles, Warren who is still not doing well and her grandson who is still in the NICU at ECU Health.*

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

**Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.**



### ***OUR PRAYER Reaching Out ... Lifting up***

***Each week we lift up those in our congregation to specifically pray for as part of our community of faith. We suggest you highlight them each day in your prayers for the guidance and direction God wishes for them. Pastor Ken will announce from the pulpit each week.***

#### ***This Past Week:***

***Phil & Joan Knight; Jane Sobotor; Jeremy & Mary Ann LeRay; Laurie Drescher.***



### ***The Session & Committee Chairs for 2025***

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# Easter Blessings



Take with you the joy of Easter to the home, and make that home bright with more unselfish love, more hearty service; take it into your work, and do all in the name of the Lord Jesus; take it to your heart, and let that heart rise anew on Easter wings to a higher, a gladder, a fuller life; take it to the dear grave-side and say there the two words "Jesus lives!" and find in them the secret of calm expectation, the hope of eternal reunion.

John Ellerton, 1826-1893