

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

April 9, 2023

Prelude & Procession “Low In the Grave He Lay” *Robert Lowry* ~ *Choir*

Choral Introit “Christ We Do All Adore Thee” *Baker/Dubois* ~ *Choir*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: Do not be afraid: Jesus is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the good news by which we are saved:

People: **On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.**

Leader: The crucified one is risen from the dead.

People: **We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ *Liturgist*

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...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

Call to Confession

~ *Jeff Mizell*

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. The Spirit of God helps us in our weaknesses, interceding with sighs too deep for words. The Lord says: Come. Let anyone who wishes, take the water of life as a gift. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Forgiveness (*Unison*)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon

~ Jeff Mizell

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Anthem

"The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

~ Jennifer Miller & Amber Swanger, sopranos

Prayer for Illumination

~ Jeff Mizell

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 (NIV)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. 2 Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." 14 The Lord is my strength and my defense[a]; he has become my salvation. 15 Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! 16 The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" 17 I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. 18 The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. 19 Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. 20 This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. 21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. 22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; 23 the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

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."

Sermon

"The Dawn of a New Day"

~ Jeff Mizell

*Hymn of Response

"The Day of Resurrection!"

#118

The Presbyterian Hymnal

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

Offertory

"Christ Arose" *Lowry/Shackley*

~ Gera Howe, piano

*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 (Unison)

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and LORD. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” #113
The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude “Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!” Gordon Young ~ Choir

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

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Welcome!

to everyone who is worshiping with us today.

~ Thank You & Welcome to Jeff Mizell who is with us this morning ~

~ Next Sunday, April 16th ~

Rev. Clarence Page will be filling the pulpit



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.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Easter Day: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

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

Daily Readings for April 9 – 15 use the following web link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/lectionary/>

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April Ushers – John Bender & Dana Bender



Prayer List Additions as of 4-2-2023

Prayers as they head to Chapel Hill for Phil to start radiation (Joan Knight); Prayers for Betsy Powell [David Powell's Mother] as she nears the end of her life (Noreen Jekel); Keep Mark Bender in prayer as he had shoulder surgery this week and Jerry Burkot as he had kidney stone surgery (Kay Bender); Prayers for children Gideons work with for their injuries (Gideon representative); Penny Bender; Ed & Thelma Edmondson; Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church; PPC Childcare and Staff
Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.

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 –**
 April 12th – No Choir Rehearsal
 April 19th – Regular Choir Rehearsals to resume

Monday, April 10th 7 pm Women's Circle Meeting
 Carol Mattocks – Hostess and Study Leader

Sunday, April 16th Lunch following Morning Worship Service

Thursday, April 20th 2 pm Childcare Meeting

Sunday, April 23rd 8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 1 Cook
 Building Fund Sunday

Saturday, April 29th The Neuse River Bridge Run

Thursday, May 4th National Day of Prayer – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Jones County Civic Center

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH



Taco Bar, (all the fixins') ... please join us for lunch - immediately following service on April 16!
Served up by the Congregational Care team - and our resident chef!!
Sombreros optional! Fellowship and good food required!



Thursday, April 20th - 2 pm - Childcare Committee Meeting