

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**October 8, 2023
Homecoming**

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

October 8, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: In every one of us there is a longing for home.

People: **It's a longing for a place where we are known, accepted, and loved for who we are.**

Leader: It's a longing for a place where we are nurtured, guided, and challenged to become more than we are.

People: **It's a longing to belong, and to create a home where more and more of God's children know they belong.**

Leader: God calls to us, "You can come home now. There is a home for you in my forgiving love. There is a home for you in my living Word. There is a home for you in my church, the fellowship of my servant people."

All: And our hearts respond, "We are coming. Open the door wide. We are coming home."

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

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

#262

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Silence is kept

Assurance of Grace *(Responsive)*

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and forgives our sins, and cleanses us of all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

Anthem "When I Return" by Marta Keen ~ Choir
Amber & Lyle Swanger, soloists

Prayer for Illumination ~ Rev. Timothy Havlicek

Scripture 2 Timothy 1:5-8 (NRSV)

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Deuteronomy 4:32-40 (NRSV)

For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord is God; there is no other besides him. Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time."

Sermon "Glory Days" ~ Rev. Timothy Havlicek

*Hymn of Response "To God be the Glory" #485
The Presbyterian Hymnal

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Necrology

“Remembering the Saints”
James “Jim” Charlie Bell (November 3, 2022)
Julia Killingsworth Bender (January 9, 2023)

*Hymn

“For All the Saints”
The Presbyterian Hymnal

vs. 1,2

#526

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.

Offertory

*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

~ Rev. Timothy Havlicek

*Closing Hymn

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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The Reverend Timothy J. Havlicek

For 40 years Tim pastored Presbyterian churches in Pensacola, FL, Annapolis, MD, and most recently Morehead City, NC, where he served for 24 years before retiring in January, 2022. He continues to serve the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina as Moderator of Mission Cabinet, as a member of the East Community Steering Team, and through moderating the session and preaching monthly at Wildwood Presbyterian Church in Newport, NC.

Tim remains involved in serving the community as Vice-President of the Carteret Long Term Recovery Alliance, which sustains the ongoing work of hurricane relief, rebuilding, and preparedness. He enjoys golfing, traveling, beekeeping, time with his wife Sue, and visiting with their two daughters, Kimberlyn and Sarah.

***Today is Homecoming at PPC. Please stay for lunch.
Enjoy the food and fellowship.***

~ Next Sunday, October 15th ~

***Kenneth Yearick will be filling the pulpit during the
morning worship service***



Prayer List Additions as of 10-1-2023

Felton Eubanks still in hospital (Hilda Bender); The Family of Zachary Simons II, Son of Zac & Cheryl Simons - who passed away September 18 (Mary Ann LeRay); Amy Eubank Aneuber recent liver transplant - keep her in prayers for recovery (Hilda Bender)

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

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



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46


Daily Readings for October 8 – 14 use the following web link:

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



*You should have received your packet by mail.
There are extra copies on the table in the narthex.
Packets due back by October 29th.*

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
- Monday, October 9** 7 pm Presbyterian Women’s Circle Meeting at the Church
Hostess – Laurie Drescher, Study Leader – Sheron Bender
- Wednesday, October 18** Childcare Family Get Together
- Sunday, October 29** 8 am Men’s Breakfast – Team 3, cook
Building Fund Sunday
Pledge Packets to be Returned
- Tuesday, October 31** PPCCC Trunk or Treat – *Details below!!!*



Pollocksville Presbyterian Childcare

We need your help!! On Tuesday October 31—HALLOWEEN—we hope that you can help us make Trunk ‘r Treat fun for our daycare children!

This is a FUN activity! We need folks to bring their car and candy (enough for 20 or so kids)—to the church parking lot and be all ready by 3:15.

The more volunteers we have, the more fun it is! It’s fun if you put a little decor on/in the “trunk” of your car.....and please feel free to wear a costume if you will! (Not required). (Jay will be coming as the Mayor)! The children will be lead out—to “trunk r treat” at each car!

If you can help, please let Frances know we can count on you!