

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 13, 2024 ~ Homecoming

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Homecoming Sunday

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

October 13, 2024

“May the Lord bless the people with peace.”

In reverent silence, prepare your hearts and minds to worship God.

Prelude “Highland Cathedral Bagpipe Song” ~ Victor Ansel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) ~ Pastor Ken Yearick

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

People: **To the temple the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks to the name of the Lord!**

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord!

People: **With gladness, we shall worship the Lord our God.**

Prayer of Invocation ~ Pastor Yearick

*Opening Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” #138
The Presbyterian Hymnal

Call to Confession ~ Pastor Yearick

Trusting that the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, let us join our voices in an honest expression of confession, grateful that the God we reject does not reject us. Let us pray...

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, source of our life and fount of all hope and joy, forgive us for our tendency to turn away from you, to seek to live apart from you, thinking we will thrive as we make our own way in the world. When we come to ourselves, and see that our wanderings lead to peril and despair, we pray that you will receive us with mercy, through the grace of Jesus Christ. When we settle for a lesser life than you intend for us, restore us to yourself, that we might rediscover the joy of our salvation, and the blessedness you intend. And now, in the holiness of silence, hear our particular prayers of confession, placed before your throne of grace...

A Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

~ Pastor Yearick

Pastor: Who is in a position to condemn?

People: **Only Christ, and Christ has died for us, risen for us, and prays for us!**

Pastor: What have we to fear?

People: **Nothing, for there is not a single thing which can separate us from the love of God!**

Pastor: Trust in the good news of the gospel, and be at peace!

All: **Thanks be to God, now and forever!**

*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

*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“How Firm a Foundation” *by Larry Shackley*

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

~ Rev. Dr. Ed McLeod

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 28:10-17 (NRSV)

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him^l and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!”

¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Luke 15:11-32 (NRSV)

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

*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.

*Hymn of Response "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #388
The Presbyterian Hymnal

Sharing of Joys and Concerns ~ *Jeremy LeRay*

Necrology "Remembering the Saints"
Paul Wilson Miller (October 7, 2023)
Frank Taylor Bender, Jr. (November 9, 2023)
Penelope C. (Morton) Bender (November 15, 2024)

*Hymn "For All the Saints" vs.1,2 #526
The Presbyterian Hymnal

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..

The Offertory of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "Amazing Grace" ~ *Victor Ansel*

*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*

*Closing Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #438
The Presbyterian Hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

~ Rev. Dr. Ed McLeod

*Postlude

“Scotland the Brave”

~ Victor Ansel

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks



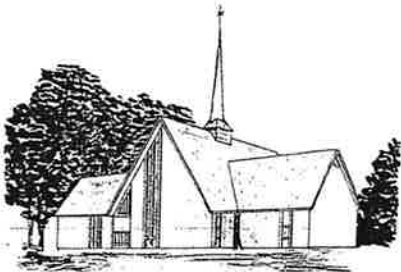
We are delighted to have The Reverend Dr. Ed McLeod as our guest speaker today.

Dr. McLeod retired as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC in 2023, after 19 years. Prior to that, he served congregations in Columbia, Greer, and Sumter, SC. He and his wife, Jenny, have two children and 5 grandchildren. He has served on the Board of Trustees for Union Presbyterian Seminary and William Peace University.

Thank you to Victor Ansel, our Bagpiper.

Victor is a U.S. Coast Guard Veteran and has been piping for 50 years.

What a joy to have Victor with us today and sharing in the worship service.



“Welcome to Pollocksville Presbyterian,
Where awesome people meet, and an Awesome God is present.
Our ancestors worshipped here, our neighbors, too
and we continue to worship the Lord our God.”

***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:

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16, 2:5-12; Mark 10:17-31

Daily Readings for October 13 – 19 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions as of 10-6-2024

Prayers for healing for Ed as he has a wound and is on antibiotics (Thelma Edmondson); Pray for the family of Evan who passed away from cancer - friend of Janet and Blair (Mark Bender); Pray for the farmers in Western NC affected by the hurricane (Margaret Ross); Boss' sister had a kidney transplant that is failing. Please pray that she can get a living donor asap (Cheryl Coeyman); Healing prayers for his Niece Amy as had emergency surgery this week (Pastor Ken); Pray for the children and families affected by the Pollocksville Presbyterian Daycare closing (Sheron Bender); Western NC is in horrible need (Bob Mattocks)

Prayers for Our Nation; Our Military; Our Church



Pray on it. Pray over it. Pray through it.



Announcements & Reminders

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**

Thursdays 6 pm Choir Practice

Monday, October 14th 7 pm Women's Circle Meeting at the Church

Cheryl Coeyman – Hostess; Cathy Campbell – Study Leader - Lesson 2

Sunday, October 27th 8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2 Cook

Building Fund Sunday

Pledge Packets due back

Finance Meeting

Sunday, November 3rd Daylight Saving Time Ends

5 pm Session Meeting



sharing the gifts we have been given

***You should have received your Pledge Packet by mail.
There are extra copies on the table in the narthex.
Packets due back by October 27th***

Ushers & Greeters



October: Cheryl Coeyman & Eileen Griswold

November: Bob & Carol Mattocks

December: Vic Bryan & Kay Bender



The Church Secretary will be out of the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (October 15th – 17th).



If you would like an announcement or article included in the weekly PollyPress, please email the information to the secretary at

fwaters@pollocksvillepresbyterian.org

Please indicate what week you wish it to be included. Also, if you have any joys or concerns that need to be announced, please contact the church office.

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A note from Bob Mattocks

– Western NC is in horrible need. If you feel the need to help, MANNA is a good place to look.

MANNA is a local organization that is doing great work. Their permanent facility was damaged by the flood and they have already set up at the local farmers market. Manna Food Bank is doing great work and helping people tremendously. They are receiving food and distributing to local churches, relief services and community organizations.

Use this address to their website to help!

MANNA FoodBank Involving, educating, and uniting people in the work of ending hunger in Western North Carolina.



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