



**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

***Leader in Worship: Pastor Kenneth Yearick***

***Organist/Choir Director: Debbie L. Fitzgerald***

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

## Passion Sunday/ Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m.

### Order of Worship

April 13, 2025

Prelude "I Come with Joy" by Roberta Rowland-Reynold ~ Debbie L. Fitzgerald

Welcome and Announcements ~ Liturgist

Prayer of Invocation ~ Liturgist

\*Processional Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" # 217  
Sing to the Lord Hymnal

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) (*adapted from Carol Penner*)

*Leader:* Jesus is coming! From the mountainside, from the seaside, from the homes of the rich,

*People:* **from the company of the poor, from the bedside of those who are sick, Jesus is coming!**

*Leader:* Along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travelers, Jesus comes to Jerusalem,

*People:* **Jesus comes to worship with us today, Let us greet him with songs and Hosannas!**

Call to Confession ~ Pastor Yearick

We sing, we wave our branches, we shout 'Hosanna.' Then, we turn away, to go back to our old ways, our old lives, our old sins. But God is in the business of granting forgiveness and filling us with new life. Let us confess to the One who comes to fill us with grace. Let us pray together...

Unison Prayer of Confession

**With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary. Hosanna, Steadfast God, forgive us, save us, restore us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, and in your grace to cleanse us once again.**

*Silence is Kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon *(Responsively)*

*Pastor:* Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness:  
Christ has come to save us!

*People:* **Hosanna! We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us  
grace, hope, life. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed be the Lord  
Most High! Amen! And 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.**

A Time With Children

“Let's Have a Parade”

~ *Pastor Yearick*

\*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

“Hosanna to the King Who Comes” *by Lloyd Larson*

~ *Choir*

Prayer for Illumination

~ *Lyle Swanger*

The Scripture Reading

Epistle Lesson Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel Lesson John 12:12-26 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!” <sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: <sup>15</sup> “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.” <sup>16</sup> At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

<sup>17</sup> Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. <sup>18</sup> Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!" <sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

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

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

The Message

"The Foolishness of Jesus"

~ Pastor 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.**

\*Hymn of Response

"O Jesus, Wounded Sovereign"

Tune: *(All Glory Laud and Honor)*

*Dear Jesus, you who suffer and walk among the poor  
whose hearts and lives are broken, whose faith is still unsure:  
despised, accused and battered, you do not say a word.  
So powerless, yet loving!— you are my Sovereign Lord.*

*You bear no arms but loving, no threats nor flags unfurled.  
You wear no kingly robes, but the sorrows of the world.  
Yet your forgiveness conquers each worldly rule and reign,  
and rises, whole, undaunted, from evil, death and pain.*

*While emperors abuse you, and people shrug or stare,  
and dark injustice troubles the ones for whom you care,  
your mighty grace arises, and hidden from our sight,  
enfolds all living beings in your triumphant light.*

*O Jesus, wounded Sovereign, I pray, give me the nerve  
without this world's armor to love and bless and serve.  
My master and companion, rule all eternity  
with grace and deep compassion, and, Love, begin with me.*

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 Gifts

Offertory

"He Is Exalted" *by Twila Paris*

~ *Debbie Fitzgerald*

\*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

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#231

*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

Palm Sunday Response

The Triumphal Entry

#216

*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

\*Charge and Benediction

~ *Pastor Yearick*

\*Postlude

"Sing Praise to Him" from Bohemian Brethren's Songbook

*arr. by Keith D. Crowley*

~ *Debbie Fitzgerald*

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**Bold:** Congregation Speaks

*Welcome!*

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

**We are asking that members of the congregation bring Easter Lillies to put in the church for Easter Sunday. Please drop them off on Saturday before Easter or Easter morning, and they will be placed around the sanctuary. Help fill our sanctuary with flowers.**

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*"I want to thank the session and church for the gracious donation toward the annual Worship and MUSIC week in Montreat! I look forward to this event every year as it re-energizes me, both musically & spiritually, and the hope is for our choir members to come with me next summer to experience it as well!"*

*This special week is one of the most wonderful highlights of my year! Thank you so very much, PPC, for your support and encouragement for the music program at our church! We are ALL an integral part of this continuing mission for Christ!*

*Many blessings to each one of you!"*

*Debbie Fitzgerald*

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*To all the ladies (and men) of the church who helped in any way (cleaned, baked, moved furniture, decorated, welcomed guests, attended, or prayed for the Spring Gathering) I thank you. It has been a crazy time and at times I was very nervous about us pulling this off but with words of comfort and encouragement I realized that this group could do anything. I send thanks from Presbytery and a special thank you for accepting me into the PPC family.*

*Cathy Campbell*

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## **Easter Sunday ~ "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING"**

**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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### **Congratulations to Jay Bender**

**Jay was honored on Tuesday evening with THE ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE, the highest honor awarded by the state of North Carolina. It is bestowed on individuals who have made significant contributions to the state and their communities through their exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments. This is the state's highest honorary society.**



### **For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

*Palms: Luke 19:28-40 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 / Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 31:9-16: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49*

**Daily Readings for April 13 - 19 use the following web link:**

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

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***Ushers: April - Blair Purvis & Vic Bryan***

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*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!*

## **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**

**Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**7 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday – Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Sunday**

**Flowering of the Cross Prior to Worship**

**Communion during Morning Worship**

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

**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**



## **Prayer List Additions as of 04/06/2025**

*Hilda Bender – Prayers for her friend Donna Davis who is in the hospital / Mary Ann LeRay – Prayers for her friend Anna Jane – Her cancer is back after 18 years, but it is treatable  
Mary Ann LeRay – Prayers for the Grandson of Frances and Warren. He was born premature and is at ECU Health with breathing issues / Janet Purvis – Prayers for her friend (Tammy)'s son Stone who is 24 years old has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer / Sheron Bender – Prayers for Noreen and Ed in the passing of her niece Melanie. Please keep Noreen's sister Marilyn and her husband Michael in prayer.*

*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:**

***Allen & Jean Bender, Robert & Hailey Bender, Gera Howe, and Jennifer Miller***

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

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