

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

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***Music Accompanist: Jennifer Miller***

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

## Baptism of the Lord

### Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

January 14, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

*Leader:* As your rivers, O God, flow around us,

*ALL:* **we come to be washed by your grace.**

*Leader:* Your voice calls us to the water,

*ALL:* **and we immerse ourselves in your love.**

*Leader:* Your Word descends upon us,

*ALL:* **and you kindle in us the fire of your Spirit.**

*Leader:* You speak to us: You are my Beloved, my own, and I am so delighted in you.”

*ALL:* **By your grace we receive your blessing, we accept your claim upon us, and we worship you with awe and gratitude. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Invocation

~ Liturgist

\*Passing of the Peace

*Leader:* ... May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Immersed in Blessing”

(Tune: *Joyful, Joyful*)

Baptized in your grace with Jesus, loving God, we sing your praise.  
Echoing your own delight, with joy and thanks our song we raise.  
Your beloved children, birthed anew and rising from your womb,  
God, we bear your love through all our living, and beyond the tomb.

God you heal, forgive and nourish, and revive us breath by breath;  
you restore our broken trust and save us from our fear of death.  
Like a dry and withered plant revived by water at its root,  
we are saved by streams of grace, for flourishing and bearing fruit.

Bathed in grace, immersed in blessing, joined with your Beloved Son,  
how can we not love each other?— for your Spirit makes us One.  
Carried on a stream of mercy, springs beneath and rain above,  
may we flow with peace and in your Spirit flood the world with love.

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## Call to Confession

~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins, with the prayer of confession printed in our bulletin, followed by a few moments of silent reflection – Let us pray

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## *Silence is Kept*

## Assurance of God's Pardon (*Responsively*)

*Pastor:* The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity.  
Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord – our sins are forgiven, this is our promise and our assurance.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

“Ceaseless Praise” by Christensen & McKibben

~ *Choir*

## Prayer for Illumination

~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

## Scripture

Mark 1:1-13 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, <sup>2</sup>as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”—  
<sup>3</sup>“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

<sup>4</sup>And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup>and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

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

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

The Message

"Follow Jesus to the Water"

~ Pastor Ken 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.**

\*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.**

\*Hymn of Response "Anointed, Filled With God's Spirit" (Tune: *Morning Has Broken*)

Baptized, anointed, filled with your Spirit,  
we are appointed bearers of light:  
for liberation, servants of justice,  
bringing the nations joy and delight.

Gladly we praise you, God our Creator,  
joyfully raise our hearts up in prayer.  
Humbly we give you thanks, Holy Spirit,  
help us to live your Word everywhere.

Washed in your waters, baptized with Jesus,  
your sons and daughters, risen anew,  
each day we live we freely surrender,  
our lives we give, God, gladly to you.

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The 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.**

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

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

~ *Pastor Ken Yearick*

\*Closing Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

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\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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

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*Welcome!*

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



**January: Rebecca Diane McCaffity**

*If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact  
Amber Swanger or Shirley Bryan*



### For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Daily Readings for January 14 – 20 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>



### Prayer List Additions as of 01/07/2024

Arnold and Becky Hines- Becky was released from hospital—but is back in now- with Covid (Mary Ann LeRay); Friend's 10-year-old child - battling cancer (Mary Ann LeRay); Josh Collins in ICE recovering from a fall (Mary Ann LeRay).

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

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

## 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 – <i>Remember your Bibles!</i> Children's Sunday School at 11 am



Wednesdays Monday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm Choir Practice Church Office & Childcare Closed – MLK HOLIDAY 7 pm Women's Circle Meeting at the Home of Jean Bender, Hostess Study Leader for Lesson 4: Hilda Bender
Sunday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm Finance Committee Meeting 8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 2, Cook Building Fund Sunday 4 pm Commissioning Service for Pastor Ken Yearick
Sunday, February 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, February 11 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm Session Meeting Communion during Morning Worship – Transfiguration of the Lord Souper Bowl Sunday – Lunch following the Morning Worship Service
Monday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm Women's Circle Meeting at the Church – Study Leader, Cathy Campbell
Wednesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, February 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, February 25 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm Ash Wednesday – Pancake Supper & Service Blanket Sunday at PPC 8 am Men's Breakfast – Team 3, Cook Building Fund Sunday