

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 a.m.

January 24, 2021

Prelude

Morning Star Carol

arr. Paul Manz

Welcome

ADORATION

Call to Worship

The Lord is our light and salvation.

In God we find meaning and comfort and we need not be afraid.

Let God's people shout for joy, let us rejoice together.

For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

Come and worship in unity and love.

For God has called us to sing of his Amazing love!

Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, so that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn 583

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination (Beatrice)

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Jonah 3:1-5

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Whale of a Tale"

Chris McAuliffe, M.Div.

* The congregation may stand.

RESPONSE

Hymn 22

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

ROEDER

Prayers of the People (Emily)

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

Community Life and Offering (Preston Kuhn)

Sunday morning Christian Education classes for adults and children have resumed. All are invited to join these classes which continue on Zoom at 9:45am for adults and 10:00am for K-5 students. Parents, there are Sunday School Bins available at the church which has everything your child needs to join the K-5 class each week. Come pick one up or reach out to Chris if you would like one delivered to your house!

Join Zoom Fellowship after worship today to connect with one another. Youth will meet tonight at 5 on Zoom and I hope to see you there! It is crucial for our spiritual well-being to stay connected with one another and Christ. To that end we strongly encourage you to join a small group, Bible Study, or Book Study in order to deepen your Christian walk and stay connected. The Zoom IDs for the Wednesday Bible Study and other Bible and Book studies may be found in the Thursday Spirit, on the church website, or contact Pastor Emily to learn of ways God may be calling you to serve in 2021. She would love to hear from you at Emily.Dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org

There are many ways to be involved with Christ's ministry at Potomac Presbyterian Church. Notice on your screen how you may give financially by mail, online, or text. All of your financial donations are greatly appreciated. In this most unusual time, we are grateful for any and all of your financial support in order to sustain ministry, as well as carry out our vision, Caring for ALL with Faith, Hope & Love.

Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God, you have saved us and love us. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people.

Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on KELVINGROVE (Will You Come and Follow Me)

arr. Andrew

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We celebrate the following birthdays:

1/24 - Haley White

1/27 - Alex Alfaro

1/28 - Chandler Kuhn

1/29 - Christian Yingling

If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at admin@potomacpresbyterian.org.

We continue to keep in our prayers: *Members of the Armed Forces and their families; Ruth Andrew*, mother of Tom Andrew; *Paul Arbogast*, brother-in-law of Carol Anne Kamara; *Bill Bayer*, brother of Susan Hougen; *Bob Beardall*, father of Matt Beardall; *Kitty Cowie*; *Jean Fisler*; *Naomi & Bob Gerwin*, sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Boogaard; *Dave Gorman*, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; *Atef Griess*, brother of Magda Shalaby; *Hartzog family*; *Velma Killion*; *Beatrice Laryea*; *Gloria Leber*; *Melissa Leygan*, granddaughter of Bob and Miriam Conley; *Karen Ruan*; *Nettie Propps*; *Jerry Reck*, uncle of Denise Pierson; *Cam Sanders*, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; *Millie Rowan*; and *Aleta Towle*, cousin of Sally O'Neal.

We pray for health and wholeness for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all medical professionals and researchers seeking a cure, providing care, and helping to alleviate the strain.

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Emily at emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org or call the church office at 301-299-6007.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2021 before worship, at 9:45 am by Zoom for the purpose of voting on Pastor Emily's Terms of Call, voting on the Nominating Committee Members, and receiving the 2021 budget. We will also hear about the new Strategic Vision. The Annual Report will be available electronically before the meeting, and a link to the report will be sent via the Thursday Spirit. Hard copies will be available upon request.

Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.