

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

February 21, 2021

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*Prelude*

*Welcome*

**ADORATION**

*Call to Worship*

Leader: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

**ALL: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love.**

Leader: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

**ALL: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God!**

*Hymn 370*

*This is My Fathers' World*

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**CONFESSION**

*Call to Confession*

**God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Without fear, then, we confess our sins before God and one another, let us pray:**

*Prayer of Confession*

**God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, forgives us and reconciles us and all things in heaven and on earth. Hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*Hymn 578*

*Kyrie eleison*

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**PROCLAMATION**

*Time with the Children*

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Scripture Readings*

Psalm 25:1-10

Mark 1:9-15

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon*

“Prayer & Fasting in Lent”

Emily Berman D'Andrea

## RESPONSE

*Hymn 218 (1,4,5)*

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

### *Affirmation of Faith*

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

*lines 7-26*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen**

### *Prayers of the People*

#### **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*

As we live out our mission, "Caring for ALL with Faith, Hope & Love," we seek to be invitational in all our church events. We have begun to open up worship in person by reservation. You may sign up at [www.potomacpresbyterian.org](http://www.potomacpresbyterian.org) on the homepage where you will see instructions for how you may return to in person worship and the safety precautions that we are taking following the county and CDC guidelines. We will also continue to offer excellent livestream worship for those at home.

The Wednesday evening Lenten service will be on February 24 at 7:30 pm. This Wednesday we will pray the scriptures as we open ourselves to how God may be speaking to us through the Word using an ancient prayer practice called Lectio Divina. Communion will be served. Sign up to attend in person on the church website or call the church office to get signed up at 301-299-6007 or email [Jeanne.Grillo@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:Jeanne.Grillo@potomacpresbyterian.org) or worship with us at [www.potomacpresbyterian.org](http://www.potomacpresbyterian.org).

Notice on your screen how to give financially by mail to the P.O Box, online through the website, or by text. We rely on your financial contributions and donations toward our ministries and we also rely on your prayers. Let us rededicate ourselves to prayer and fasting in this Lenten season.

### *Prayer of Dedication*

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. We pray in Jesus Christ. Amen

*Hymn 167*

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

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*Benediction*

*Postlude*

We celebrate the following birthdays:

2/22 - Brandon Rippeon

2/25 - Melissa Conway

2/27 - Mae Lau

2/28 - Nico Velez

If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at [admin@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto: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; Bob Beardall, father of Matt Beardall; Bob Conley; Bryan Conley, son of Bob and Miriam Conley; Josephile Digioia; Elliot Friedman, husband of Betsey Rudnic Friedman; 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; Gloria Leber; Karen Ruan; Nettie Propps; 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.*

*We pray for individuals unemployed, those who have experienced with reductions in their work due hours, pay or responsibilities and those seeking new work due to Covid.*

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

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