

The Service for the Lord's Day
18th Sunday After Pentecost/Stephen Ministry Sunday

11:00 a.m.

September 26, 2021

Prelude

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne

D Buxtehude

Welcome

ADORATION

Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

All: Praise be to God, the giver of many gifts!

Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.

All: We come with songs of praise, with prayers too deep for words.

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

All: Blessed be the Lord!

Hymn 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADORE DE HOMBRES

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

We are people longing for comfort and love, for direction and purpose. We long for anxiety to be cleared from our minds and hearts. We often don't know when or how as we wait for God's promise and comfort.

Let us pray

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, even in the midst of great joy and celebration, we know that our lives don't always reflect your intentions. We confess that we have often strayed away from you. We are misled by pride, we have failed in loving others as we should, we have ignored following your ways. We often have not taken time to listen to you and to seek your purpose in our lives, following instead our own thoughts and beliefs, our own control and comfort. In your mercy, forgive us for our wayward thoughts and actions, fill us with your Holy Spirit, and help us to return to paths of righteousness and love as reflected through the ways and teachings of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of God triumphs over judgment through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, who has pleaded our cause, forgiven our sin healed our sickness, and delivered us from evil. Hear and believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn 583

Gloria, Gloria

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

As we prepare to hear God's word for us today, let us first be joined in prayer. Let us pray... Healing God, you do all things well. Illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your words and demonstrate your grace. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-4, Mark 9:2-4, Romans 8:24-28

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Faith Above Circumstances”

Bob Stow, Wendy Kuhn

RESPONSE

A Call to Commitment

Sherry Johnson, Karen Karch

Hymn 761

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

BEECHER

Affirmation of Faith

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 Spirit, 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.

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

Let us offer our gifts and service to God. Let us pray...

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance. Bless gifts and givers to show your love to all those in need through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted, and provider for the poor. Amen.

Hymn 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
(Verse 2)

HERE I AM, LORD

Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on BEECHER

T. Andrew

We extend the condolences of the congregation to Marianne Beardall and her family on the death of her grandmother, Marion Fleisch, on September 21. Marion lived a wonderful life of 99 years!

We celebrate the following birthdays:

9/27 - Philip Shively

9/28 - Melissa Caswell

9/30 - Ann Hazard, Dylan Parr, Greg Robertson

10/1 - Suzete Henderson, Magda Shalaby, Diane Chapin

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; *Cody Coco*, nephew of Penny Boyd; *Marye Cotton; Teresa Cox*, sister of David Boyd; *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; *the Hartzog family; Velma Killion; Gloria Leber; Bill Malone; Sally O'Neal; Karen Ruan; Nettie Propps; Kent & Kaden Renolds*, son and grandson of Nelda Coligan; *Cam Sanders*, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; and *Millie Rowan*.

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.

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