

The Service for the Lord's Day
16th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

September 12, 2021

Prelude

Two Settings of "Now Thank We All Our God"

J.S. Bach

Welcome

ADORATION

Call to Worship

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked,
Peter answered, "The Messiah."

Let us worship the One who is our savior
and follow in Christ's path of love.

Hymn 689

When the Morning Stars Together

WEISSE FLAGGEN

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Let us come before the Lord our God confessing our sins for the Lord is just, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you: to carry the truth of your justice like a banner and bear the yoke of life as your servant. But, we are hesitant to serve anyone but ourselves. We draw away from the imagery of the cross, forgetting that, in you, it has become a source of glory. Forgive us, O God and call us once more to set aside our selfishness and follow in your way.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Through the power of the Spirit that is at work within us, God forgives our sins and strengthens our inner beings. Live knowing the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God. Hear and believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn 583

Gloria, Gloria

GLORIA

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Who Are You? Let's Get Reacquainted!"

Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea

RESPONSE

Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

Response 710

We Lift Our Voices

OFFERING

Community Life and Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

Through your goodness O God, you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

Hymn 69

Here I Am

HERE I AM

Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary in D

George Dyson

We celebrate the following birthdays:

9/12 - Marianne Beardall

9/14 - Judy Andrew, Alex Kline, Nancy Tietjen

9/15 - Eun Hee Chung

9/16 - Ramona MacLean Helman, Ramsey MacLean Helman, Ryan McGill, Louise Plumb

9/17 - Donald McMahon

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.