

The Service for the Lord's Day
15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

September 5, 2021

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in F Minor

Courtland Palmer

Welcome

Call to Worship

Our merciful God, maker of us all

All: pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted

Open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace

All: Through Jesus Christ Our Lord

Let us worship God.

Hymn 719

Come Labor On

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CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the Lord who surrounds us with favor forevermore.

Prayer of Confession

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed those in need with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of God triumphs over judgement 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 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

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

James 2:1-17

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Rich & Poor/Poor & Rich”

Chris McAuliffe, M.Div.

RESPONSE

Special Music

All Good Gifts

Tali Smith

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.

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 520

Taste and See

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Emily and Chris)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Liturgy Continues

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.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

You may have your bread and juice with you, pre-prepared, and may serve others nearby and serve yourself saying, "the bread of life" for the bread and "the cup of salvation" for the cup. For those seated in the pews you may remove your mask to take the elements.

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Flowers today are in celebration of Tom Andrew's 10 year music ministry to Potomac Presbyterian Church.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

9/5 - Jim Jeffers

9/6 - Linda Bedingfield, Dianne Gregg

9/8 - Chan Chung, Elsa Fairbank, Gloria Leber

9/9 - Tali Smith

9/10 - Carolyn Dorman

9/10 - Karen Wise

9/11 - Carol Anne Kamara, James Lawrence

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.