

The Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m.

September 19, 2021

Prelude

Offertoire
from Mass for the Parishes

Francois Couperin

Welcome

ADORATION

Call to Worship

Happy are those who delight in the Lord,

All: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

Happy are those who delight in the Lord,

All: Their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

Let us worship the Lord, our God.

Hymn 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Let us give up boasting and dishonesty, turning to the Lord with our confession, because the one who knows us through and through has promised to renew us.

Please join me as we offer our Prayer of Confession

O God, who makes known to us all truth, we confess that we are weighed down by our failings: envy distances us from other people; greed alerts us only to our own desires. Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts. Where you call us to give, we take. Where your presence beckons, we resist. Deal with us not as we deserve, O God, but forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your way. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The God who loves and sustains you hears your plea. The Lord desires for you a welcome into the blessed community of freedom and light. 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

We pray for your great wisdom, O God, to come to your people and set us free. Help us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church this day. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The First Shall Be Last”

Chris McAuliffe, M.Div.

RESPONSE

Hymn 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

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 and 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

We thank you, O God, for the gifts you have given us. We ask that you make us witnesses to the marvelous goodness that comes from you. Transform us into people who bless others each and every day, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM, LORD

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

Eugene Gigout

We celebrate the following birthdays:

9/19 - Denise Wallace

9/20 - Madden Yingling

9/21 - Jason McFeaters, Chris Dowd, Chimamaka Obasi

9/23 - Juliana Gordon, Velma Killion

9/25 - Emily D'Andrea, Meredith Srour

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.