

The Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany of the Lord

11:00 a.m.

January 2, 2022

Prelude Two settings of "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Paul Manz

Welcome

Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

ALL: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

ALL: We will proclaim God's praise among the nations.

Hymn 127 Jesus, the Light of the World WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retaliation. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things through Jesus Christ, the light of the world we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the Good News: Jesus is the light of the world who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Hymn 113 Angels We have Heard on High GLORIA

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Claiming the Light" Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea

RESPONSE

Hymn 143

Angels, From the Realms of Glory (3-4)

REGENT SQUARE

Affirmation of Faith

John 1:1-5; 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. . . . The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Community Life and Offering

Let us pray...

Prayer of Dedication

Special Music

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Maximus Devinney on Piano

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened our weary hearts with peace. In bread and cup, in Christ's body and blood, you give yourself to us. May we spread your light and give ourselves to the world, that we might share your Son, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen

Hymn 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

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Benediction

Postlude

Jingle Bell Rock

Jay Cole Devinney on Piano

We give thanks to God for the life of Gloria Jean Harris Leber who entered into fullness of life in the presence of our Lord on Friday, December 17, 2021, and who now knows blessed rest. Gloria was an ordained Deacon and was active in our Congregational Care and Fellowship ministries for many years. She and her husband Charlie joined the church in 1986. A Memorial Service for Gloria will take place at Potomac Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 1:00pm with the interment in the Memorial Garden immediately following. The prayers, love and support of our community are with Gloria's husband, Charlie, and their children, Laura & Michael, and their families. Cards may be sent to the family at 9408 Copenhaver Dr, Potomac, MD 20854.

We welcome Brayden Boccio, born on November 13, 2021 to Meggie and Anthony Boccio, grandparents are Fred and Bridget Newton.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

1/3 - Christian Kubasik, John Mindnich

1/4 - Scott Koonce

1/6 - Fred Newton, Emily Woodside

1/8 - Thomas Andrew, Meili Sohl

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; David Boyd; Peggy Coco, sister-in-law of Penny Boyd; Tom Cookerly; Bill Cotton; 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; Walter (Woody) Hogle, brother in law of Bob Stow; the Leber family; Bill Malone; Sally O'Neal; Karen Ruan; Nettie Propps; Cam Sanders, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; 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.