

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

March 14, 2021

Prelude

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOUR

Welcome

ADORATION

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1

Give thanks to the Lord
for God is good.
God's steadfast love
endures forever
Let us worship God!

Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life with Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn

Kyrie eleison

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Struggle & Grace: What a Year!”

The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea

RESPONSE

Hymn 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Affirmation of Faith

from the Confession of Belhar (10.7-8)

We believe

- that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged
- that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

Therefore, we reject any ideology

- which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

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.

Anthem

Never Weather- Beaten Sail

Thomas Campion

Quartet

Community Life and Offering

As we live out our mission, "Caring for ALL with Faith, Hope & Love," we seek to be invitational in all church events. Join our new hybrid worship which involves in-person by reservation as well as online worship. Go to www.potomacpresbyterian.org where you will see instructions for how you may return to worship and the safety precautions that are being taken following the county and CDC guidelines. There you will find our excellent livestream and online services as well.

Join the evening Lenten prayer and communion service on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30 pm either online or in person. Tom Andrew will teach us about Celtic prayer in general and more specifically, the Prayer of St. Patrick. Communion will be served. To attend in person, call the church office at 301-299-6007, or email Jeanne.Grillo@potomacpresbyterian.org or sign up at www.potomacpresbyterian.org which is also where you are able to participate in the online service.

Next Sunday, March 21 we will have special flute music as a part of the morning worship which you will not want to miss. Also, next Sunday, at 5pm you are invited to attend a Zoom seminar on "Practicing Resilience in 2021" with Professor Cynthia Eriksson from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. Learn resilience strategies that resonate with Christian faith and practice. Sign up on the church website and you will then be sent the Zoom link before the event.

Immediately after worship today, join Zoom Fellowship to learn how to make pretzels with Corrine Davies and Juliette Mamalian. Contributions to Nourish Now food pantry are ongoing and may be dropped off at the church during normal business hours.

Notice on your screen how you may give financially by mail to the P.O Box; online through the website; or by text. We rely on and are grateful for your financial contributions and donations toward our ministries and we also rely on and are grateful for your prayers. Let us rededicate ourselves to prayer and fasting in this Lenten season.

Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God, we thank you for all of your wonderful works. Accept our offerings with the dedication of our lives and help us be for the world, signs of your steadfast love, in Jesus Christ, Amen

Hymn 346

For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C Minor

J. S. Bach

We celebrate the following birthdays:

- 3/14 - Nancy Miller, Alex Shalaby
- 3/16 -Heather Pettway, Catherine Yingling
- 3/17 - Arianna McFeaters
- 3/18 - Asher Burden-Sohl
- 3/19 - Audra Niskanen, Zac Wallace
- 3/20 - Colin Davies, Ed Pierson

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; Bob Beardall, father of Matt Beardall; Louise Berman, aunt of Pastor Emily; Bob Conley; Bryan Conley, son of Bob and Miriam Conley; Josephine DiGioia, friend of Louise Plumb; Marion Fleisch, grandmother of Marianne Beardall; 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; Atef Griess, brother of Magda Shalaby; Hartzog family; Velma Killion; Gloria Leber; Karen Ruan; Nettie Propps; Cam Sanders, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; Millie Rowan; Alex Shalaby; and Aleta Towle, cousin of Sally O'Neal.*

We pray for health and wholeness for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all medical professionals and researchers seeking a cure, providing care, and helping to alleviate the strain.

We pray for individuals unemployed, those who have experienced with reductions in their work due hours, pay or responsibilities and those seeking new work due to Covid.

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.