The Service for the Lord's Day 23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday

11:00 a.m. October 31, 2021

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

J. S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship

All gifts come from God.

All: We all have gifts. We all have something to share.

The world needs what we have to give.

All: We share what we have, and we share who we are.

Let us worship God with our abundant gifts!

Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, from whom our help comes from.

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved, the Lord is loving, merciful and just. Therefore, we are reconciled to God and to one another, that we might walk in peace and love. Hear and believe the Good News that comes from God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn 583 Gloria, Gloria GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

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... O Lord, you are our God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, teach us through your Word to follow after you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Mark 12:28-34

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

"Love God, Love People"

Chris McAuliffe M.Div.

Sermon

I Greet The, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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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.

Community Life and Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

God, we offer you these gifts and our pledges so that they might build up the work of your kingdom. Make us living witnesses to the way of your righteous reign. For the glory of your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn 708 We Give Thee but Thine Own SCHUMANN

Benediction

Postlude Toccata and Fugue in D Minor J. S. Bach

We extend the condolences to the Dager family on the death of Mike's mother, Esther Dager, who died on 10/17/21. Please hold Mike and his family in prayer as they prepare to celebrate his mother's life and grieve her death.

We extend the condolences of the congregation to Bob Mecklenburg on the death of his partner, Susan McLean, on Thursday, October 20, 2021.

We celebrate the following birthdays: 11/3 - Beverly D'Andrea, Ed Tennent 11/5 - Dick Kline, Gary Niskanen, Natalie Rudnic

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; *Minam Chi*, mother of Jung Lawrence; *Peggy Coco*, sister-in-law of Penny Boyd; *Bill and Marye 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; *the Hartzog family*; *Velma Killion*; *Gloria Leber*; *Bill Malone*; *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.