

**Christmas Eve
Potomac Presbyterian Church**

4:00 p.m.

December 24, 2021

Prelude

*Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella
The First Noel
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

arr Emma Lou Diemer
arr. Paul Karvonen
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Welcome

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

God has come into the world.

ALL: Glory to God in the highest!

This is the good news for all people. To us is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!

ALL: The world is transformed

And things cannot remain the same.

ALL: It is made new in hope, peace, joy and love.

Let us pray.

**ALL: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your transforming power.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends

IN DULCI JUBILO

Hymn 133

O Come All Ye

ADESTE FIDELES

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Living God, on this holy night we gather—to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory; to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise; to sit with Mary, cradling your love. May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy: for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. Glory and praise to you forever! Amen

Hymn 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7
Luke 2:1-20

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Christmas Story”

Chris McAuliffe, M.Div.

RESPONSE

Hymn 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

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.

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 pray...

Prayer of Dedication

We give you thanks, Holy One, for the world of wonder you have made—forest and field, sea and sky, and for the gift of grace that you have given—a little child, lying in a manger. Receive these our gifts of tenderness and love, of gratitude and praise, of justice and peace, and use them for your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ, the child of Bethlehem, we pray. Amen

Special Music

The Little Drummer Boy
Smith/McFeaters Family

SENDING IN CANDLELIGHT

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5

Hymn 122

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

♪ 1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so
tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in
heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia:
Christ, the Savior is born!
Christ, the Savior is born!"

3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord,
at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, "Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Benediction

Postlude

Variations on O Come All Ye Faithful

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 celebrate the following birthdays:

12/24 - Victoria Kuhn

12/25 - Jackie McMahon

12/27 - Stan Bissey, Christa Sohl

12/31 - Matt Beardall, Catty Polius

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; Bob Stow.*

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.