

Prelude Music By Tom Andrew

Welcome

**Call to Worship*

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

All: The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

All: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us.

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

All: God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

**Hymn 167*

Forty Days and Forty Nights

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we resist that leading and cling tightly to sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt and mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall into temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. We busy ourselves with trivialities and numb our senses with what we think is important. Forgive us. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.

Through Jesus Christ we pray.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Hear and believe the good news that comes from God. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Hymn 698*

Take, O Take me as I Am

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Bring your word near to us, O God. May it rest in our hearts, may it take life in our actions and may it have voice on our lips. By the power of your Holy Spirit help us to respond to your Word with our whole lives through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Luke 4:1-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

**Hymn 537*

When at This Table (Verses 1-3)

***Affirmation of Faith (Apostles’ Creed)**

All: 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 Ghost, 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

Community Life and Offering

**Communion Hymn 537*

When at This Table (Verses 4 & 5)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: 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

*Those at home may have bread and juice 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 in the sanctuary the elements are on the table as you enter and as you partake also may share the Communion Greeting.*

Prayer After Communion

All: Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

**Hymn 165*

The Glory of These Forty Days

Benediction

Postlude Music by Tom Andrew

We celebrate the following birthdays:

3/6 - Allan Kamara

3/7 - Janet Dunlop; Courtney Parr

3/10 - Gwen Asbury, Jenny Chung, Lynda Tennent

3/11 - Willow Burden-Sohl, Eric Jeffers, Isabel 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; Peggy Coco, sister-in-law of Penny Boyd; Bill Cotton; Carolyn Ewels; 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; Al Knight, cousin of Karen Wise; Carol Kromminga; the Leber family; Bill Malone; Karen Ruan; Nettie Propps; Cam Sanders, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; Magda Shalaby; 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.