THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY 4th Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 a.m. January 31, 2021

Prelude C. S. Lang

Welcome

ADORATION

Call to Worship (Beatrice Laryea)

from Psalm 111

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Hymn 450 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

CONFESSION

Call to Confession (Dan Jablonski)

The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent, calls upon us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable and at times unwilling to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

The God who made us and knows our every thought, hears us now and forgives us of our sin. We have been redeemed through Jesus Christ. Give glory to God!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn 583 Glory to God GLORIA (Taizé)

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination (Cyndy Mamalian)

Scripture Reading Mark 1:21-28

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Hymn 519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak Brad & Chris McAuliffe, Vocalists **JERNIGAN**

Prayers of the People (Chris)

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

Souper Bowl of Caring

Stephen Ministry (Bob, Karen & Sherry)

Community Life and Offering (Cyndy Mamalian)

Sunday morning Christian Education classes for adults and children are ongoing on Zoom and you are invited to sign in at 9:45am for adults, and 10:00am for K-5 students. Next Sunday, the missionaries from Malawi, Jeremy and Luta Garbat-Walsh will lead the adult class. Parents of children in grades K – 5, there is a Sunday School bin prepared for your child which has everything your child needs to join the class each week. Pick up your own personal bin in the church library this week or email Chris McAuliffe at Chris.McAuliffe@potomacpresbyterian.org if you would like one delivered to your house.

Youth will meet tonight at 5pm on Zoom. There will be a Valentines—God is Love Education & Fellowship event on February 14 so save the date. Children and youth Sunday School will be in person, outside weather permitting on Valentine's Day at 9:45am. Also, women of the church we will have our women's retreat on the topic of Joy by Zoom on Saturday, February 20 from 10am – noon. Sign up on the church website or speak with me, Cyndy Mamalian and I will get you signed up. Join Zoom Fellowship after worship today to connect with one another.

As you can hear there are many ways to be involved with faith filled ministry at the Church. Notice on your screen how to give financially by mail to the P.O Box, online through the website, or by text. Your financial contributions and donations toward our ministries and your prayers are so very much appreciated in this time as we are worshipping apart from one another. As we seek ways to Care for ALL with Faith, Hope and Love, let us be joined in prayer.

Prayer of Dedication

For Earth, creatures, animals, plants, water, air, and fire; for Jesus who died and rose; for the breath of life; we give you our thanks and praise, O God. Let the gifts of our hands, heads and hearts be used for good wherever there is need, in the name of all that you have first given to us, especially Jesus, your Son, our Savior, Amen.

Hymn 746 Send Me, Jesus THUMA MINA

Benediction

Postlude Sortie Tom Andrew

We give thanks to God for the life of Jean Bauer Fisler, who entered into fullness of life in the presence of our Lord today, Saturday, January 23, 2021 and who now knows blessed rest. She died peacefully with her daughter Wendy by her side.

The prayers, love and support of our community are with her daughters Lori, Wendy, and Carol and their families. A memorial service will be held at a future date when it is safe to gather for such a service.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

1/31 -Max Pettway

2/1 - Bernie Curry, Heather Davies

2/2 - Jackie Cronin

2/3 - David Boyd, Barry Henderson, Denis von Kaeppler

2/4 - Steve Gordon, Jodi McGill

2/6 - Julie McMahon, Greta Van Brunt

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; *Paul Arbogast*, brother-in-law of Carol Anne Kamara; *Bill Bayer*, brother of Susan Hougen; *Bob Beardall*, father of Matt Beardall; *Bob Conley*; *Bryan Conley*, son of Bob and Miriam Conley; *Kitty Cowie*; *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*; *Beatrice Laryea*; *Gloria Leber*; *Karen Ruan*; *Nettie Propps*; *Jerry Reck*, uncle of Denise Pierson; *Cam Sanders*, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; *Millie Rowan*; 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.