THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY 2nd Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. February 28, 2021

Prelude Choral Dorien Jehan Alain

Welcome

ADORATION

Call to Worship

We follow Christ

Who says, "Take up your cross."

We follow Christ

Who bids us come and die.

We follow Christ

Who summons us to new life.

We follow Christ

Open the eyes of our hearts.

Hymn 452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

OPEN THE EYES

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's promise of salvation, let us confess our sin and repent. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere in our walk with you. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain at every turn. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for repentance through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. Hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn 578 Kyrie eleison ORE PORIAJU VEREKO

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 22:23-31 Mark 8:31-38

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Cross Carrying" The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea

RESPONSE

Hymn 814 In God Alone MON AME SE REPOSE

Installation of Alex Shalaby as Ruling Elder

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

As we live out our mission, "Caring for ALL with Faith, Hope & Love," we seek to be invitational in all our church events. We are now providing hybrid worship which involves in person by reservation as well as online worship. You may sign up at www.potomacpresbyterian.org where you will see instructions for how you may return to in person worship and the safety precautions that are being taken following the county and CDC guidelines. You will find our excellent livestream and online worship services on the Potomac Presbyterian webpage as well.

Join us for the Wednesday evening Lenten prayer and communion service on March 3 at 7:30 pm either online or in person. This Wednesday we will experience and learn more about using our whole body for prayer. Communion will be served. Sign up to attend in person on the church website or call the church office at 301-299-6007 or email Jeanne.Grillo@potomacpresbyterian.org or worship with us at www.potomacpresbyterian.org.

We will livestream the memorial service for Jean Fisler at 2:00pm on Monday, March 1 at potomacpresbyterian.org. You are invited to join Jean's family for this service of witness to the resurrection and celebration of Jean's life. 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

Almighty God, accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Benediction

Postlude Fantasia in C Minor J.S. Bach

We celebrate the following birthdays: 2/28 – Nico Velez, 3/1 - Tony Lau, Nancy MacBride 3/3 - Gary Young 3/4 - Janet Brewer 3/6/ - Allan Kamara

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; 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.