

The Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

December 5, 2021

Prelude *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* Malcom Archer

Welcome

***Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Peace is the light that sheds understanding.

Peace is the promise of God.

Peace is found when God's order and justice are brought to the world.

We await the birth of the Prince of Peace.

(The candle is lit.)

Let us pray.

Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your everlasting peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Hymn 85 *Light Two Candles to Watch for Messiah* TIF IN VELDELE
(Stanza 2 only)

Hymn 106 *Prepare the Way O Zion* BRENDAN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Confident in God's forgiveness, we are told that the One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Hear and believe the good news that comes from God:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn 113 *Angels We have Heard on High* GLORIA

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings *Philippians 1:3-11*
Luke 3:1-6

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Let Love Overflow" Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea

RESPONSE

**Hymn 87*

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

**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.

Community Life and Offering

Let us pray...

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

You may have your bread and juice with you, 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 seated in the pews, you may remove your mask to take the elements.

Prayer After Communion

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 105

People, Look East

BESANÇON

**Benediction*

Postlude

Improvisation on BESANÇON

T. Andrew

Mike Cronin's ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery, Monday, December 6, at 3pm.
Please keep Jackie, Colleen, and Jenny in your prayers.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

12/6 - Kitts Carey

12/7 - Doug Dunlop, Sally O'Neal

12/8 - Daniel Dowd, Lillian Lawrence

12/9 - Calvin Koonce

12/10 - Brady Bedingfield

12/11 - Mark Alarie, Melissa Grigorian

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; Minam Chi, mother of Jung Lawrence; Peggy Coco, sister-in-law of Penny Boyd; 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; Gloria Leber; Bill Malone; 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.

