

The Service for the Lord's Day  
Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m.

April 2, 2023

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*Prelude*

*Improvisation on ELLACOMBE*

arr. Tom Andrew

*Welcome & Prayer*

\**Hymn 531*

*Seed, Scattered and Sown*

SEED SCATTERED

\**Call to Worship*

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

**All: Give thanks for this day!**

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

**All: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

\**Hymn 197*

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Holy God, sure of your faithfulness and comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

Our God has come to us, humble, and as a servant, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus welcomes you with joy, as the people of Jerusalem welcomed him with palms long ago. Trust that your sins are forgiven; in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Hymn 579*

*Lord, Have Mercy*

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

*Passing the Peace and Time with the Children*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Scripture Reading*

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon*

“Break Out the Palms”

The Rev. Chris McAuliffe

*\*Hymn 196*

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

*\*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 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.**

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Hosanna In the Highest*

David W. Music

*Prayers of the People and 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*

*\*Hymn 198*

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*

ST. DROSTANE

*Benediction*

*Postlude*

Epilogue on ST. THEODULPH

Healey Willan

**HOLY WEEK**

**Sunday, April 2, 2023 @11am**  
**Palm Sunday**  
“Break Out the Palms”  
The Rev. Chris McAuliffe

**Thurs, April 6, 2023 @6:30pm**  
**Maundy Thursday/Communion**  
The Rev. Chris McAuliffe  
*Meal at 6:30 pm, leading into a Worship service. All in Fellowship Hall. This service is in-person only.*

**Friday, April 7, 2023 @7pm**  
**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**  
John 18:1 – 19:42  
“The Passion”  
The Rev. Emily Berman D’Andrea

**Sunday, April 9, 2023 @ 9 & 11**  
**Easter/Communion**  
Matthew 28:1-10  
“Do Not Be Afraid”  
The Rev. Emily Berman D’Andrea  
*Egg Hunt in between services*

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We celebrate the following birthdays:  
4/6 - Charlie Nahabedian, Kyle Newton  
4/7 - Jonathan Davies

*If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at [admin@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@potomacpresbyterian.org).*

We give thanks to God for the life of Virginia Henry Savage who entered into fullness of life in the presence of our Lord on March 17, 2023, and who now knows blessed rest.

We hold her family in prayer.

We continue to keep in our prayers: *Members of the Armed Forces and their families; Jeanie Bissey; Martha Brame; John Clouse; Peggy Coco, sister-in-law of Penny Boyd; Nelda Coligan; Julie Crater; Neil Currie; Tad DeMarco, family friend of the Hougens; Naomi & Bob Gerwin, sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Boogaard; Dave Gorman, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; Doug Henderson; Walter (Woody) Hogle, brother-in-law of Bob Stow; Kitty Hoved, neighbor of Nancy Tietjen; Camille Kendall; Bill and Pat King, on their move to be near their daughter in Columbus, Ohio; Bill Malone; Nettie Propps; Millie Rowan; Paddy Simpson; Del Smith; Marnel Williams; Bonita Wolford, of Gilbert, West Virginia.*

Prayers for all who are in the path of war in Ukraine and that a peaceful solution to the war between Russia and Ukraine would be made real.

Prayers for all who've been devastated by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Emily at [emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto: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.*

### **Prayer from Teri McDowell Ott, editor and publisher of Presbyterian Outlook**

*How long, O Lord? How long must we bear the pain of yet another mass shooting? How long must we lament the killing of school children? How long must guns be exalted over the lives they take? How long must politicians debate common-sense gun laws for this uncommon American problem?*

*Righteous God, we cannot take this anymore. We stand defiant. We protest in rage. We are sick over our school children hiding beneath their desks, teachers sacrificing their lives to protect, our schools becoming fortresses to keep the evil out.*

*Give light to our eyes, Holy One, or we will continue to sleep the sleep of this death. Help us find a path to end this madness. Exorcise us of our addiction to guns. Soften the hearts of those who stand in the way of good solutions.*

*Hold those who grieve and groan, God. Steady our PCA siblings of Covenant Presbyterian in the aftermath of this shooting. Support the families, the teachers, and the administrators as they walk this road, broken and traumatized.*

*Remind them that nothing can separate them from your love.*

*How long, O Lord? Do not hide your face from us. Intercede in this madness. Change us and restore us to your path of peace.*

*Amen.*

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## This Week at Potomac Presbyterian Church

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<b>MONDAY 4/3</b>	2:00pm	Handbell Choir
<b>TUESDAY 4/4</b>	7:00pm	Sanctuary Choir
<b>THURSDAY 4/6</b>	4:00pm	Faith, Hope, and Coffee (zoom)
	6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Meal and Worship (IN PERSON ONLY)
<b>FRIDAY 4/7</b>	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship

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### The staff and officers of Potomac Presbyterian Church welcome you to worship today:

The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea	Pastor, Head of Staff	Emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org
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Angela Achee	Sunday School Teacher	
Preston Kuhn, Ryan Kunst	Youth Interns	
Fela Huayta	Custodian	
Greg Robertson	Section Leader	
Jenny Robertson	Section Leader	

**The Session** Moderator, Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea Chidi Obasi, Clerk of Session

#### Class of 2023

Steve Dorman, *Property*\*  
Leslie Kerr, *Finance*\*  
Jung Lawrence, *Christian Ed* \*  
John Sohl, *Personnel*\*

#### Class of 2024

Jon Davies, *Worship*\*  
Bob Karch, *Christian Ed*  
Louise Plumb, *Memorial Garden/Personnel*  
Tracy Talbot, *Mission*

#### Class of 2025

Chris Cyrway, *Property*  
Tom Hougen, *Mission*  
Beatrice Laryea, *Worship*  
Chris Smith, *Finance/Endowment*

#### Class of 2023

Penny Boyd, *Fellowship*  
Jackie Cronin, *Fellowship*  
Wendy Kuhn, *Congregational Care*  
Bob Stow, *Congregational Care*\*

**The Deacons**, Penny Boyd, Moderator

#### Class of 2024

Allan Kamara, *Congregational Care*  
Ainsley MacLean, *Congregational Care*  
Brad McAuliffe, *Fellowship*\*  
Sharon Shively, *Fellowship*

#### Class of 2025

Daniel Chombo, *Congregational Care*  
Melissa Grigorian, *Congregational Care*  
Suzi Henderson, *Fellowship*  
Robert Whittlesey, *Fellowship*

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The office is closed on Fridays and Saturdays.