

The Service for the Lord's Day
7th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

July 16, 2023

Prelude

Allemande, from French Suite No. 4 in E-flat Major
The Ash Grove, cello

J.S. Bach
Welsh Folk Song

Welcome & Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Let us offer our praise to God.

All: We come to learn God's ways.

O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet.

All: Your Word is a light to our path.

We lift our hearts to you.

All: We seek to worship, adore, and follow you, our God and King.

***Hymn 15**

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable space as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill over with your passion to serve in your broken and beautiful world.

Declaration of Forgiveness

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you and in me.

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

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Hymn 582**

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 12:1-3

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Tour at the Hall of Fame: Veterans Cheering Us On”

The Rev. Kerry Stoltzfus, Pastor Emeritus

**Affirmation of Faith*

From The Iona Community

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the One God, Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea, and sky. Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth. Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting. He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north and south. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters and to his mission in and for the world in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Special Music

All Creatures of Our God and King

Isabel Srour, cello

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 15

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Benediction

Postlude

Nocturne in E-flat Major, Op. 9 No. 2

Frederic Chopin

We welcome guest pianist Sean Cavanaugh.

Pianist Sean Cavanaugh is a recent graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, where he completed his masters and doctorate in Piano Performance with the late Karen Shaw. While at Indiana University, Sean specialized in several large-scale works, including Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and Bach's *Goldberg Variations*. As part of his doctorate, Sean also completed minors in music theory and chamber music.

Sean enjoys an active performing career, playing for a wide range of contexts and venues. Some recent performances include a recital at the German Embassy in Washington, D.C., accompanying both German and American singers for a concert celebrating German and American classical art song, and most recently in Geneva, Switzerland, where he was invited to play a recital as part of the annual Fête de la Musique festival alongside his duo partner, violinist Nathaniel Shapiro.

Sean has played at several different churches throughout his life, including Catholic, Methodist, and Presbyterian denominations. Just prior to moving to the DC metro area in January, Sean was the pianist and Music Director at Brown County Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Indiana, a post he held for several years.

Sean currently teaches piano lessons from his home in Annandale, Virginia, where he lives with his wife Kait and their two cats, Luka and Minerva.

We extend the condolences of the congregation to Tracy Talbot and the Talbot/Spencer/Pantezzi family, upon the death of their grandmother and mother, Allison Talbot, on Saturday, June 24. A memorial service for Allison will be held at Potomac Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 16, at 2:00pm.

We extend the congratulations of the congregation to Abigail Singerling and John McKnight on their wedding on Saturday, July 8 in Maine. Abigail is the daughter of Molly and Jim Singerling.

Our longtime members, John and Kay Norvell, have relocated to Maine to be closer to one of their children. John and Kay joined in 1979 and have served many roles between them – deacon, photographer, mission committee member, leader of the gift giving tree mission, founder of the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith (PASTCF), and various other ministries. Their new address in Maine is Apt 209, 61 Henry Dr, Scarborough, ME 04074.

We hold the family of Bill and Marye Cotton in our prayers. A graveside service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, August 7 at 11am for Bill (11/29/1931-3/6/2022) and Marye (8/17/1936-11/19/2021).

We celebrate the following birthdays:

7/16 - Doug Baarman, Raffie Alfaro

7/17 - Anita Machlin

7/18 - Kathy Jeffers

7/19 - Betsy Dempsey, Meghan Pierson

7/21 - Jan Cookerly, Carly Rogers

7/23 - Thomas Niskanen

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; Jill Asman and Deb Ellman, friends of Marcia Boogaard; Martha Brame; John Clouse; family of Penny and David Boyd; Julie Crater; Carolyn Ewels as she cares for her mother, Barbara who experienced a major stroke; Naomi & Bob Gerwin and Ronnie sister and brother-in-laws of Marcia Boogaard; Dave Gorman, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; Doug Henderson; Camille Kendall; Bill Malone; Sally O'Neal; Nettie Propps; Paddy Simpson; Del Smith; Marnel Williams; Karen Wise; Bonita Wolford, of Gilbert, West Virginia; Helen Yang, mother of Janet Deviney.*

Please hold the Music Search Committee members in prayer as they help us discern who God is preparing to serve our community using the gifts of music. Search Committee members are *Jon Davies, Linda Knowles, Cyndy Mamalian, Corey McAuliffe, Arianna McFeaters, Charlie Nahabedian, Chinyere Obasi.*

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.

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.

This Week at Potomac Presbyterian Church

The church office is open from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Thursday.
The office is closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

Pastor Emily will be on vacation from Monday, July 17 through Tuesday, July 25.

The office will be closed the week of July 31 - August 4 while the staff participates in the Mission Trip to Florida (Pastors Emily and Chris, James and Jeanne). Pastor MaryAnn McKibben Dana will be available for pastoral issues. Her email is mamd@yall.org, cell 703-795-1839,

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	
Colin Davies	Summer Intern	

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*

The Deacons, Penny Boyd, Moderator

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Wendy Kuhn, *Congregational Care*
Bob Stow, *Congregational Care**

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Ainsley MacLean, *Congregational Care*
Brad McAuliffe, *Fellowship**
Sharon Shively, *Fellowship*

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Melissa Grigorian, *Congregational Care*
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Robert Whittlesey, *Fellowship*

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