

8th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

July 23, 2023

Prelude

Consolation No. 3 in D-flat Major

Franz Liszt

Welcome & Prayer

***Call to Worship**

People of God,

All: Let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

We give thanks to you, O God, with our whole hearts.

All: We will glorify your name forever!

For great is your steadfast love for us.

All: You have delivered our souls from the depths.

God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

***Hymn 5**

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans— but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved children of God- do not fear, for our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Sower"

The Rev. Chris McAuliffe

*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

"Modere" from Scaramouche
Jason McFeaters

Darius Milhaud

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 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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Benediction

Postlude

Waltz in A-flat Major, Op.

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 Carolyn Ewels on the death of her mother, Barbara Hartwell Flink, on July 15, 2023, in New Hampshire. Barbara had celebrated her 99th birthday in May. We hold the Ewels/Kent family in our prayers.

We hold the family of Bill and Marye Cotton in our prayers. All are invited to join the family of Bill and Marye Cotton for a joint graveside service on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 11:00 am at Arlington National Cemetery where Bill and Marye Cotton will be buried.

Immediately following the burial service all are invited to join Bill and Marye's family for a reception at: Lyon Park Community Center; 414 N. Fillmore Street; Arlington VA 22201

We celebrate the following birthdays:

7/23 - Thomas Niskanen

7/25 - Haley Phillips

7/26 - Reagan Beardall

7/27 - Norman Augustine, Stefanie Baarman

7/28 - Charles Leber, Justin Lau

7/29 - Joseph Haynes, Zikora Whittlesey

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; Julie Crater; Margaret Fahs, who is in rehabilitation and the care of her son Robert Fahs following a traumatic injury and surgery; 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; Bonita Wolford, of Gilbert, West Virginia; Helen Yang, mother of Janet Devinney.*

Our longtime members, John and Kay Norvell, have relocated to Maine. Their new address in Maine is Apt 209, 61 Henry Dr, Scarborough, ME 04074.

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

WEDNESDAY 7/26 3:00pm Staff Meeting
7:00pm Windridge Connection

**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 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 (Pastor Emily, Pastor Chris, James, Jeanne and Colin). 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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Jackie Cronin, *Fellowship*
Wendy Kuhn, *Congregational Care*
Bob Stow, *Congregational Care**

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

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

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