

The Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m.

September 17, 2023

Prelude *Sarabande, from French Suite in G Major, BWV 816* Bach

Welcome & Prayer

***Call to Worship**

People of God, bless the Lord,

All: Bless God's holy name.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

All: So great is God's steadfast love for us.

Hymn 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 Readings Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Worship +1: The Need for Community" The Rev. Chris McAuliffe

Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

Special Music

Ständchen

Schubert

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 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

Benediction

Postlude

Allemande and Courante, from French Suite in E-flat Major, BWV 815

Bach

September-May Program Year

Worship Potomac PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH +1

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45am Children’s Choir
Downstairs Classroom

11:15am Children’s Sunday School
Downstairs Classroom

9:45am Adult Sunday School
Library and Zoom

12pm Fellowship
Fellowship Hall

11am Worship
Sanctuary and live-streamed

5-6:30pm Youth Group
Fellowship Hall

Worship Potomac +1

YOUTH & CHILDREN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

<p>Youth Group Youth Leaders JohnPaul D’Andrea, Juliette Mamalian, Harper Smith, and Charlie Trenkamp</p>	<p>Youth Group Adult Leaders James Chhetree, Michelle Chikezie, and Tera Gabriel</p>
<p>Sunday School Teacher- Angela Achee Co-Teacher- Michelle Chikezie Curriculum- Marianne Beardall Confirmation - Mary Margaret Smith</p>	<p>Children’s Choir Music Director Arianna McFeaters</p>

Christian Education Chair - Jung Lawrence

Flowers today are given by the Rudnic family, in celebration of *Nancy Tietjen-Baumgartner's* 90th birthday.

We give thanks to God for the life of *Julie Crater* who entered into fullness of life in the presence of our Lord on Monday, September 11, 2023, and who now knows blessed rest.

We hold in prayer her children Cathryn White and Susan Crater York.

Cards may be sent to Cathryn White at 9020 Copenhaver Dr, Potomac, MD 20854.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

9/17 - Donald McMahon

9/19 - Denise Wallace

9/20 - Madden Yingling

9/21 - Jason McFeaters, Chris Minter-Dowd, Chimamaka Obasi

9/23 - Juliana Gordon

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; the family of Alan Elliott, cousin of Kathryn Berkenpas; Jill Asman and Deb Ellman, friends of Marcia Boogaard; Martha Brame; John Clouse; Chip Crater; Margaret Fahs; 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; Dick McClain, friend of Jack Smith; Sally O'Neal; Mary Lou Plumb, aunt of Bob Plumb; Nettie Propps; David Sheron, son-in-law of Bob Stow; Paddy Simpson; Del Smith.*

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 experiencing violence and unrest in Ecuador.

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

MONDAY 9/18	12:00pm Faith, Hope, and Lunch 7:00pm Session
TUESDAY 9/19	10:30am Men's Book Club 1:00pm Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY 9/20	10:00am Bible Study
THURSDAY 9/21	4:00pm Faith, Hope, and Coffee

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

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	
Fela Huayta	Custodian	

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 Hougén, *Mission*
Beatrice Laryea, *Worship*
Chris Smith, *Finance/Endowment*

The Deacons, Penny Boyd, Moderator

Class of 2023

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

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*

* Committee Chair ** Committee Co-Chairs



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