

## The Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m.

September 24, 2023

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*Prelude* *Molto Lento, from Album for the Young, Op. 68* Schumann

### *Welcome & Prayer*

#### *\*Call to Worship*

Psalm 105:1-6

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord**

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord.**

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!**

#### *Hymn 408*

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

### *Call to Confession*

#### *Prayer of Confession*

**Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we may live our lives worthy of you. Amen.**

#### *Declaration of Forgiveness*

We are reconciled to God. Let us therefore love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

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*

Philippians 1:21-30

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Sermon*

“Living Life Worthily”

The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea

*Affirmation of Faith*

Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

**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.**

*Choral Anthem*

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter

*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 749

*Come! Live in the Light! We Are Called*

WE ARE CALLED

*Benediction*

*Postlude*

*Piano Sonata in C Major, Hob. XVI: 1, Allegro*

Haydn

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:

9/25 - Emily D'Andrea, Meredith Srour

9/27 - Philip Shively

9/28 - Roland Achiri, Melissa Caswell

9/30 - Ann Hazard

*If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at [admin@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto: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; Diane Gregg; Doug Henderson; Camille Kendall; Bill Malone; Dick McClain, friend of Jack Smith; Sally O'Neal; Mary Lou Plumb, aunt of Bob Plumb; Nettie Propps; Ann Rooney, mother of Julie McMahon; David Sheron, son-in-law of Bob Stow; Paddy Simpson; Del Smith.*

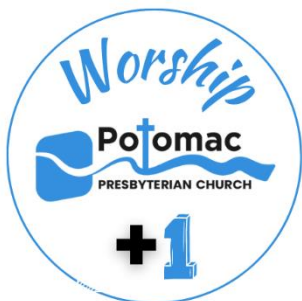
Please hold the Music Search Committee members in prayer as they help us discern who God is preparing to serve our community using the gifts of music. Search Committee members are *Jon Davies, Linda Knowles, Cyndy Mamalian, Corey McAuliffe, Arianna McFeaters, Charlie Nahabedian, Chinyere Obasi.*

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](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.*



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**We are an active Christian community devoted to worship that stirs the soul, education that engages the mind, and service that sends us into the world.**

## **This Week at Potomac Presbyterian Church**

<b>MONDAY 9/25</b>	12:00pm	Faith, Hope, and Lunch
<b>TUESDAY 9/26</b>	1:00pm	Staff Meeting
	5:00pm	National Capital Presbytery Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY 9/27</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Theology by the Vine, Windridge Vineyard, Darnestown, Md
<b>THURSDAY 9/28</b>	4:00pm	Faith, Hope, and Coffee
<b>SATURDAY 9/30</b>		All Day Confirmation Retreat

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

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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
The Rev. Chris McAuliffe	Associate Pastor	Chris.mcauliffe@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 Hougen, *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