

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

**Call to Worship*

The heavens declare the glory of God!

All: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound.

All: The night expounds God's knowledge without a word.

Yet God's voice echoes throughout all the earth.

All: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

Hymn 410

God is Calling Through the Whisper

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith and is a gift freely given.

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

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What is Most Important in Life?”

The Rev. Chris McAuliffe

Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

Choral Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision”

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 450

Be Thou My Vision

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Benediction

Postlude



We celebrate the following birthdays:

10/9 - Carson Beardall, Chris Cyrway, Debra Dager, McCartney Van Brunt, Carter Yingling

10/12 - Bob Conley

10/13 - George Lawrence

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; 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 McMahan (9/24); David Sheron, son-in-law of Bob Stow; Paddy Simpson; Del Smith.*

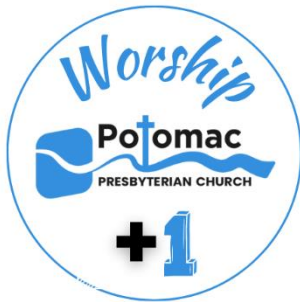
Please hold the Music Search Committee members in prayer as they help us discern who God is preparing to serve our community using the gifts of music. Search Committee members are *Jon Davies, Linda Knowles, Cyndy Mamalian, Corey McAuliffe, Arianna McFeaters, Charlie Nahabedian, Chinyere Obasi.*

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.



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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

MONDAY 10/9	12:00pm Faith, Hope, and Lunch Evening Committee Meetings
TUESDAY 10/10	1:00pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm Handbell Choir, Choir Loft 7:00pm Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY 10/11	10:00am Bible Study
THURSDAY 10/12	3:00pm Memorial Garden Committee 4:00pm Faith, Hope, and Coffee 7:00pm Endowment Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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