

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

***Call to Worship**

In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they really are,

ALL: we give to God what is God's.

Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the one ahead,

ALL: we give to God what is God's.

With open hearts, hands and minds, every innate gift from our loving Creator,

ALL: we return to God what is God's and lift our voices in thanksgiving.

***Hymn 710**

We Lift Our Voices

OFFERING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy or in the ad-laden videos that stream by. No, the only place we may see your face, is in our neighbor, and in the mirror. We are created in your image. Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes God, than give up our whole selves. But, if we are what you want, heart, mind, soul, and strength, we'll do our best and make ourselves an offering.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Lord said to Moses: there is a place near me where you may stand upon a rock. When my glory passes by, I'll put you in a cleft in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. God has shielded us, covered our sin with the hand of protection. God, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

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

Children's Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 96:1-9

Matthew 22:15-22

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Church & State”

The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea

The Sacrament of Baptism for Callum Savin Scott son of Kelli and Nate Scott

Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Act Baptizing

... Through Jesus Christ we pray, joining together as he taught us...

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.

Hymn 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Stepping Up to Generosity

Paul & Cyndy Mamalian

Community Life and Offering

*Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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Benediction

Postlude



We are extremely excited to welcome Sam Gray to Potomac Presbyterian Church to serve as Director of Music and Organist. Sam brings a wealth of experience and a wide range of music ministry gifts. He is an accomplished pianist, organist, vocalist, and music educator. Sam will begin his music ministry with us on November 1, 2023.

Many thanks to *Cyndy Mamalian* who chaired the Director of Music search committee as well as thanks to committee members for their faithful work in helping to bring Sam Gray to Potomac Presbyterian Church. Committee members include: *Jon Davies, Linda Knowles, Corey McAuliffe, Arianna McFeaters, Charlie Nahabedian, Chinyere Obasi*

We celebrate the following birthdays:
10/22 - Maddie McGill, Mark Mitchell
10/22 - Basil Youseff
10/23 - Clyde Bryant
10/24 - Beth Sherfy, Tommy Trenkamp
10/25 - Teddy Andrew
10/27 - Paddy Simpson
10/28 - Jack Dager, Susan Mitchell
10/28 - Benjamin 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; 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; Gayle Goff; 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; David Sheron, son-in-law of Bob Stow; Paddy Simpson; Del Smith.*

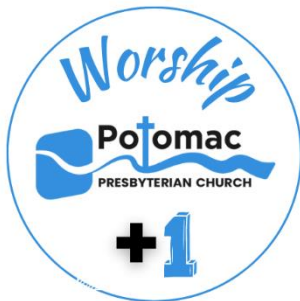
Prayers for all in the path of war in Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and Artsakh. We pray for peace.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the more than 100,000 Armenian refugees who are fleeing their homeland. If you would like to learn more about what is happening or help support humanitarian efforts for these families, here are two organizations that are providing aid:

1. Armenian Missionary Association of America: <https://amaa.org/>
2. PCUSA, through the Jinishian Memorial Program <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/the-pcusas-jinishian-memorial-program-describes-the-displaced-persons-crisis-unfolding-in-armenia/>

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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