

The Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m.

November 12, 2023

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*Prelude*

*Prélude Modal*

Jean Langlais

*Welcome & Prayer*

**\*Call to Worship**

Together we choose to serve God, which means:

**All: We choose love. We choose hope. We choose peace.**

We choose kindness. We choose welcome. We choose justice.

**All: We choose to serve God. Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord.**

**\*Hymn 757**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

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*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon*

“Needing Help Finding Hope”

The Rev. Emily Berman D’Andrea

**\*Hymn 350**

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

*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*

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

*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 625*

*O Lord My God*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*Benediction*

*Postlude*

*Toccata on E Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

*"Harvesting Peace"*

Potomac Area Interfaith Communities

*Thanksgiving Service*

November 15, 7:30 p.m.

At St. James' Episcopal Church  
11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, Maryland

*Join us for an evening of music, prayer, and community.*



Flowers today are given by Cathryn White and Susan York to the Glory of God for their mother, Julie Crater, whose memorial service was held Friday, November 10, at Potomac Presbyterian Church.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

11/12 - Noah Pereles

11/14 - Rob Trenkamp

11/15 - Daniel Jablonski

11/18 - Amanda Kuhn

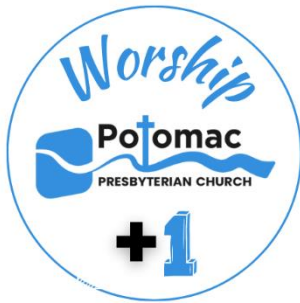
*If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at [admin@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@potomacpresbyterian.org).*

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; 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.

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 11/13</b>	12:00pm	Faith, Hope, and Lunch Evening Committee Meetings
<b>TUESDAY 11/14</b>	11:00am	Staff Meeting
	1:45pm	Handbell Choir, Choir Loft
	6:00pm	National Capital Presbytery Meeting
	7:00pm	Finance Committee
<b>WEDNESDAY 11/15</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
	7:30pm	Potomac Area Interface Communities Thanksgiving Service At St. James Episcopal Church
<b>THURSDAY 11/16</b>	4:00pm	Faith, Hope, and Coffee
	7:00pm	Generosity Committee
<b>SATURAY 11/18</b>	9:00am	Presbyterian Association of Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith (PASTCF)

**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
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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