

The Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m.

November 19, 2023

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*Prelude*

*We will Feast in the house of Zion*

Sandra McCracken

*Welcome & Prayer*

*Gathering Music*

*We Gather Together*  
Handbell Choir

*\*Call to Worship*

Clothe yourselves with faith, hope, and love.

**All: We are confident in our salvation in Christ Jesus**

The Lord is with us.

**All: Today, tomorrow, and always. Let us worship God!**

*\*Hymn 401*

*Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us O God, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Forgive us that we might turn to you again and walk in the light and live in peace through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

Because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear—for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us.

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*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon*

“You’ve Got Talent”

The Rev. Emily Berman D’Andrea

*\*Hymn 377*

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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*Affirmation of Faith*

Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life... 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*

*When Peace Like a River*

*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 384*

*Soon and Very Soon*

SOON AND VERY SOON

*Benediction*

*Postlude*

*Faith of our Martyr's*

David Hegarty



Flowers today are given by Zaven Ayanian and the Pereles family in memory of wife, mother, grandmother, Lori Ayanian, on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

11/19 - Allison French, Max May, Jackie Tillson

11/20 - Roman Conway, Corinne Davies, Bryan Eng, Lauren Eng

11/21 - Jenni Cronin, David Simpson

11/23 - Katherine Ling, Ellie Pantezzi, Walter Propps

11/25 - Gia Grigorian

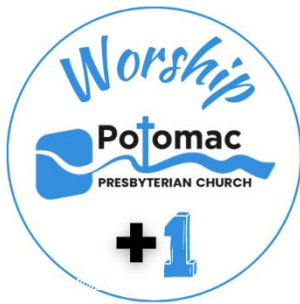
*If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at [admin@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@potomacpresbyterian.org).*

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; Addie Rolnick, daughter-in-law of Karen Wise; 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

**MONDAY 11/20** 7:00pm Session Meeting

**TUESDAY 11/21** 10:30am Men's Book Club  
1:45pm Handbell Choir, Choir Loft

**THURSDAY 11/16** Thanksgiving – Office Closed

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

**Pastor Emily is on vacation from Tuesday, 11/21, through Saturday, 11/25.  
Pastor Chris is on vacation from Friday, 11/17, through Saturday, 11/25.  
In case of a pastoral emergency, contact Pastor Emily on her cell (703-477-8297).**

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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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**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