

## The Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m.

November 26, 2023

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### *Prelude*

*Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist*  
(We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit)

Dietrich Buxtehude

### *Welcome & Prayer*

#### *\*Call to Worship*

The Lord God is our shepherd.

**All: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

**All: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.**

#### *\*Hymn 320*

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

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### *Call to Confession*

#### *Prayer of Confession*

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

#### *Declaration of Forgiveness*

However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever.

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*

Matthew 25:31-46

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### *Sermon*

"How Do We Show Our Thanks?"

Elder Beatrice Laryea

#### *\*Hymn 357*

*The Days Are Surely Coming*

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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.**

*Special Music*

*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 320*

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*Benediction*

*Postlude*

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Mark Thallendar



We give thanks to God for the life of Martha Brame who entered into fullness of life in the presence of our Lord on Thursday, November 16, 2023, and who now knows blessed rest.

We hold in prayer her daughter, Brandon Fortune.

A service of Witness to the Resurrection in celebration of Martha's life will be held on Monday, November 27 at 11:00am at Potomac Presbyterian Church. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Cards may be sent to Martha's daughter at  
*Brandon Brame Fortune, 4982 Sentinel Drive # 103, Bethesda MD 20816*

We celebrate the following birthdays:

11/26 - Dan Pereles

11/27 - Susan Hougen, Keith Rust

11/28 - Marcia Boogaard, Talia Gabriel

12/1 - Jean Granum

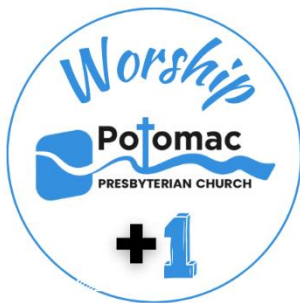
*If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at [admin@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@potomacpresbyterian.org).*

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; 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 McMahon; 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 11/27</b>	11:00am	Martha Brame Service of Witness to the Resurrection
	12:00pm	Faith, Hope, and Lunch
<b>TUESDAY 11/28</b>	11:00am	Staff Meeting
	1:45pm	Handbell Choir, Choir Loft
<b>WEDNESDAY 11/29</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY 11/30</b>	10:00am	Church Advent Decorating
	4:00pm	Faith, Hope, and Coffee

**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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**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*\*

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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*

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