

The Service for the Lord's Day/1st Advent/Communion

11:00 a.m.

December 3, 2023

Prelude *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland* (BWV 599) J.S. BACH

Welcome & Advent Candle Liturgy

Hymn 90 *Wait For the Lord* WAIT FOR THE LORD

**Hymn 104* *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, as we watch and wait for signs of your expansive love, forgive our narrow thinking. As we repent in the wilderness with John, we confess that we often lack the imagination to testify to the coming light. As we visit the home of Elizabeth, we lament our loss of wonder and our failure to recognize miracles among us. Even as we hear the witness of the angels and the shepherds, we confess that we do not make hast to go and see Christ. Forgive our apathy and our small-mindedness. When the wait is over and all is finished, open our minds to recognize the strength and wisdom of Christ. O Come Emmanuel.

Declaration of Forgiveness

However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. We are forgiven and transformed to go and proclaim the wonder of the one who is coming.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Hymn 88* *O Come O Come Emmanuel (Verse 1 & Refrain)* VENI EMMANUEL

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 Mark 13:24-37

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Arriving Adventually" The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea

**Hymn 103* *Come Now O Prince of Peace (Verses 1&2)* O-SO-SO

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sanctuary Choir

Lost in the Night

Kyle Haugen

Community Life and Offering

Hymn 103

Come Now O Prince of Peace (Verses 3&4)

O-SO-SO

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer is offered.

. . . and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 113

Angels We Have Heard on High (Refrain Only)

GLORIA

Prayer continues . . . great is the mystery of faith.

Hymn 145

What Child Is This (Verse 1)

GREENSLEEVES

Prayer Continues

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

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen

***Hymn 82**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Prepare the Way of the Lord

prepare the way

Postlude

O Come O Come Emmanuel Improvisation

WILBUR HELD - SAM GRAY

Gayle Goff, John Sohl, & family are tremendously thankful to the congregation for their prayers, cards, meals, and loving support following her recent successful surgery.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

12/3 - Mike Kunst

12/6 - Kitts Carey

12/7 - Doug Dunlop, Sally O'Neal

12/8 - Dan Dowd, Lillian Lawrence

12/9 - Calvin Koonce

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; 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; 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 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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This Week at Potomac Presbyterian Church

MONDAY 12/4	10:00am Christian Education Committee 12:00pm Faith, Hope, and Lunch
TUESDAY 12/5	11:00am Staff Meeting 1:45pm Handbell Choir, Choir Loft 7:00pm Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY 12/6	10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Practice
THURSDAY 12/7	4:00pm Faith, Hope, and Coffee
SATURDAY 12/8	9:00am New Officer Training 9:00am Presbyterian Association of Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith, Zoom 11:00am Prep Rehearsal for Worship, Community Christmas Concert, and Christmas Eve

**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:

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