

The Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m.

December 10, 2023

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*Prelude*

*Trio*

Josef Rheinberger

*Welcome & Advent Candle Liturgy*

*Hymn 90*

*Wait For the Lord*

WAIT FOR THE LORD

*\*Call to Worship*

A voice cries in the wilderness,

**All: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make God's way clear.**

Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.

**All: For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."**

*\*Hymn 106*

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

Beloved, by the mercy of Christ, your sins are forgiven, for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God.

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*

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*

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon*

"Adventually We'll Get There"

The Rev. Chris McAuliffe

*\*Hymn 96*

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

WINCHESTER NEW

*Affirmation of Faith*

Brief Statement of Faith

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.

*Choir*

*Child of the Stable's Secret Birth*

*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 100*

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*Benediction*

*\*Hymn 95*

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

PREPARE THE WAY

*Postlude*

*What Child Is This?*

arr. Richard Unfried



Contribute to our Advent/Christmas Decoration fund in honor or memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event. Dedications will be listed in our Christmas Eve Bulletin and our Live Stream Worship. Donation suggestion is \$40.

DEADLINE IS MONDAY 12/18/23

# ADVENT DECORATING FUND

Place contribution in the pew envelope and write "Christmas Flowers" on your check. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church, or dropped off in the church office. Memorial and "in honor of" dedications.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

12/10 - Brady Bedingfield

12/11 - Mark Alarie, Melissa Grigorian

12/12 - Shannon Baarman, Abigail Spencer, Bob Stow

12/13 - Alexandra Broseker, Miriam Conley, Christopher Kent, Stephen Kent

12/14 - Patricia Eng, Cheryl King, Ed Rudnic

12/15 - Matthew Petti

12/16 - Xander Alarie

*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; 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.*

## This Week at Potomac Presbyterian Church

<b>MONDAY 12/11</b>		Evening Committee Meetings
<b>TUESDAY 12/12</b>	11:00am	Staff Meeting
	1:45pm	Handbell Choir, Choir Loft
<b>WEDNESDAY 12/13</b>	10:00am	Bible Study
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY 12/14</b>	3:00pm	Faith, Hope, and Coffee/Lunch Holiday Party
<b>SATURDAY 12/15</b>	4:00pm	Christmas Quiet Day

**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
The Rev. Chris McAuliffe	Associate Pastor	Chris.mcauliffe@potomacpresbyterian.org
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Angela Achee	Sunday School Teacher	
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 2024

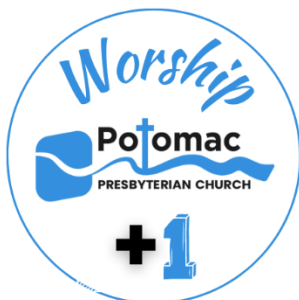
Class of 2023  
Penny Boyd, *Fellowship*  
Jackie Cronin, *Fellowship*  
Wendy Kuhn, *Congregational Care*  
Bob Stow, *Congregational Care*\*

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



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the soul, education that engages the mind, and service that sends us  
into the world.**