

The Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m.

December 17, 2023

Prelude

The Shepherd's Carol

Daniel Carter arr. Lauren Hunt Pedersen

Welcome & Advent Candle Liturgy

Hymn 90

Wait For the Lord

WAIT FOR THE LORD

**Call to Worship*

The story begins with hope for a child –

All: A child, born of woman, like us;

A child who will lead us,

All: A child who will inspire us.

A child who will be our living hope.

All: On this third Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for the coming child, Jesus.

**Hymn 107*

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we aspire to love and trust you, but so often we get in the way of ourselves. We see only the deep sadness of the world, and do not notice your people at work amid the sorrow. We assume that things will never get better, and do not see all that is good right now. We close our eyes and complain about the darkness, rather than see the light and joy that shines all around us. Help us to grow in love and faith, in compassion and hope, so that as the Christ Child comes to us once again, we will see him, and know him, and rejoice. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, the Lord has done great things for us! Even if we have gone out in tears, God brings us home shouting for joy.

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.



Scene 1

**Hymn 133*

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Scene 2

**Hymn 115*

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Scene 3

**Hymn 119*

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Scene 4

**Hymn 151*

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Scene 5

**Hymn 134*

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

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 110*

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

Benediction

**Hymn 95*

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

arr. Mark Thallendar

Children's Pageant 2023

Angels

Madison
Zikora

Narrators

August
Sebastian

Mary

Emma

Joseph

Elijah

Shepherds

Scarlett
Benji

Wise People

Hunter
Joshua
Dash

Chorus

Ella
Josh
Jesse

We celebrate the following birthdays:

12/17 - Dixon Drumheller; 12/18 - Graham French

12/19 - Ann Eagleson, Gabi Wallace; 12/20 - Corey Eng, Andres Mitchell

12/21 - Del Smith; 12/22 - Maggie Hay, Matthew Kunst

12/22 - Chris McAuliffe; 12/23 - Ruthanne Stoltzfus

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 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 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 12/18	7:00pm Session Meeting, in-person
TUESDAY 12/19	10:30am Men's Book Club, Library 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:45pm Handbell Choir, Choir Loft
WEDNESDAY 12/20	12:00pm Staff Lunch 7:30pm Choir Practice
THURSDAY 12/21	7:00pm Longest Night Worship

**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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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*

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Tom Hougen, *Mission*
Beatrice Laryea, *Worship*
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Wendy Kuhn, *Congregational Care*
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