

Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m.

December 24, 2023

<i>Prelude</i>	<i>Toccata on Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	by Richard Elliot
<i>Welcome & Advent Candle Liturgy</i>		
<i>Hymn 108</i>	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
<i>*Call to Worship</i>		
Because Christ has been born in the world,		
All: people who walked in darkness now live in great light.		
Because Christ has been born in the world,		
All: the power to oppress and kill will not stand.		
Because Christ has been born in the world, we respond in wonder:		
All: with the angels, we sing glory to God; with the shepherds, we share the good news; with Mary, we ponder the words of this night, and the Word that has come into the world: Immanuel.		
<i>*Hymn 133</i>	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	ADESTE FIDELES
<i>*Prayer</i>		
<i>*Hymn 134</i>	<i>Joy to the World</i>	ANTIOCH
<i>Special Music</i>	<i>O Come O Come Emmanuel</i>	Handbell Choir
<i>Prayer for Illumination</i>		
<i>Scripture Readings</i>	Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20	
	The word of the Lord.	
	Thanks be to God.	
<i>Sermon</i>	"Christ Is Here!"	The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea
<i>*Hymn 119</i>	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN
<i>Community Life and Offering</i>		
<i>Choir Anthem</i>	Gaudate!	by Michael Burkhardt
<i>*Hymn 134</i>	<i>Joy to the World</i>	ANTIOCH
<i>Invitation to the Table</i>		
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving		
The Lord be with you.		
All: And also with you.		
Lift up your hearts.		
All: We lift them up 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:

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

Hymn 145

What Child Is This

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

Meditative Music by Sam Gray

Prayer After Communion

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened our weary hearts with peace. In bread and cup, in Christ's body and blood, you give yourself to us. Help us to spread your light with the world, that we might proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Candle Lighting

O Holy Night

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5

*Hymn 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

Benediction

Postlude

Improv on Joy to the World

arr Sam Gray

We celebrate the following birthdays:

12/24 - Victoria Kuhn; 12/25 - Jackie McMahon
12/26 - Sami Youseff; 12/27 - Stan Bissey, Christa Sohl

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; Chris Kent; Bill Malone; Dick McClain, friend of Jack Smith; Sally O'Neal; Mary Lou Plumb, aunt of Bob Plumb; Nettie Propps; 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.

Christmas Flower Dedications

Alison Cassidy

Pam Mazza & Chris Cyrway

Emily, Paul, Beverly & JohnPaul D'Andrea in loving memory of John, Beverly, Tim, & Louise Berman

Steve and Vicki Dorman in memory of "Bonnie" Marilyn Hofbauer, sister-in-law of Vicki & Steve Dorman, and Aunt to Melissa, Catherine, Carolyn, and Stephanie

Ann Eagleson in memory of Bill Eagleson, JP & Louise Eagleson and Dr. John & Mary Wytttenbach

Allison and Casey French in memory of Emma Cantu

Bobbe Hartzog and family in memory of William Hartzog

Gregg and Sherry Johnson in memory of their parents, Bill & Jane Johnson and Russ & Phyl Ide

The Kunst family in memory of Stephanie's father, Bob Hampton, and Mike's mother, Alicia Kunst

Paul, Cindy, Alexandra, Matthew, and Juliette Mamalian; and Charlie Nahabedian in loving memory of Barbara Nahabedian, and Berge & Rosalie Mamalian, parents and grandparents

Audra and Gary Niskanen in loving memory of Carolyn & Bill Albright

Pereles family and Dr. Zaven Ayanian in loving memory of Lori Ayanian, wife, mother, and grandmother; and Richard Pereles, husband, father, and grandfather

Keith Rust and Kitty Cowie in memory of their parents.

Del and Mary Margaret Smith in memory of Darcy Smith, Ruth & Dudley Smith, and Alma & Howard Jackson

Bob Stow in memory of his beloved wife, Patricia J. Stow

**REJOICE!
THE BIRTH
OF CHRIST
IS HERE.**



*Merry Christmas from the
staff at Potomac
Presbyterian Church*

Pastor Emily Berman D'Andrea
Pastor Chris McAuliffe
Sam Gray
James Chhetree
Jeanne Grillo
Lindsay Chapin
Angela Achee
Fela Huayta

This Week at Potomac Presbyterian Church

MONDAY 12/25 Christmas Day, Office Closed

TUESDAY 12/26 - WEDNESDAY 12/27
Office closed

THURSDAY 12/27 Regular Office Hours

**During the week of Christmas, the office will be open and staffed on Thursday, 12/27.
In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Emily Berman D'Andrea at 703-477-8297**

The office is closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

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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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 Hougén, *Mission*
Beatrice Laryea, *Worship*
Chris Smith, *Finance/Endowment*

Class of 2023

Penny Boyd, *Fellowship*
Jackie Cronin, *Fellowship*
Wendy Kuhn, *Congregational Care*
Bob Stow, *Congregational Care**

The Deacons, Penny Boyd, Moderator

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



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