

Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God from the heavens.

Beloved friends and children of God,

All: let us praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven.

Alleluia!

**Hymn 132*

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved, Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ and live as God's beloved.

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

Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What 2024 Has in Store”

The Rev. Chris McAuliffe

**Hymn 145*

What Child is This?

GREENSLEEVES

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

"Solstice Song" by Jan Garrett

Sam Gray

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 136*

Go Tell it On the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Benediction

**Hymn 543*

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

Postlude

show up
20
24

happy
new
year



We celebrate the following birthdays:
12/31 - Matt Beardall
1/4 - Scott Koonce
1/6 - Fred Newton, Emily Woodside

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.



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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 1/1

New Year's Day, Office Closed

TUESDAY 1/2

11:00am Staff Meeting

**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:

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 Hougen, *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

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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*

* Committee Chair ** Committee Co-Chairs