

The Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

March 10, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

**Call to Worship*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some wandered in desert wastes, hungry and thirsty,

All: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

**Hymn 14*

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Hymn 434*

Restore in Us, O God

BAYLOR

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 107:1-3, 17-22

John 3:14-21

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God So Loved the World"

The Rev. Chris McAuliffe

**Hymn 824*

There is a Place of Quiet Rest

MC AFREE

**Affirmation of Faith*

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen

Choir Anthem

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Shadow of the Cross

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 835*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

Benediction

Benediction Response 215

What Wondrous Love

WONDROUS LOVE

Postlude



We celebrate the following birthdays:

3/10 - Gwen Asbury, Jenny Chung, Lynda Tennent

3/11 - Isabel Srour

3/13 - Jesse Chiawah, Robert Fahs, Kara Trenkamp

3/14 - Nancy Miller, Alex Shalaby

3/16 - Heather Pettway, Catherine Yingling

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; Jill Asman, friend 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; Doug Henderson; Camille Kendall; Chris Kent; Frank Kerr, brother of Stewart Kerr; Bill Malone; Sally O'Neal; Nettie Propps; Walter Propps; Ann Rooney, mother of Julie McMahon; Gerald, friend of Ed Rudnic; David Sheron, son-in-law of Bob Stow; Paddy Simpson; Felicity Tembunde, mother of Vera Tembunde; Nancy Tietjen; Danny, friend of Goff/Sohl family; Lynda, friend of Ann Eagleson.*

Prayers for all in the path of war across the globe. 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 3/11	12:00pm	Faith, Hope, and Lunch Evening Committee Meetings
TUESDAY 3/12	11:00am 7:00pm	Staff Meeting Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY 3/13	10:00am 2:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Bible Study Handbell Choir Wednesday in Lent Service Choir Practice
THURSDAY 3/14	4:00pm	Faith, Hope, and Coffee
SATURDAY 3/16	9:00am	Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith

**The church office is open from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Thursday.
The office is closed on Fridays and Saturdays.**

Jeanne Grillo will only be in the office on Wednesday 11/13 this week.

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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The Session

Moderator, Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea Chidi Obasi, Clerk of Session

Class of 2024

Jon Davies, *Worship**
Bob Karch, *Endowment*
Louise Plumb, *Personnel/Memorial Garden*
Tracy Talbot, *Mission**

Class of 2025

Jackie Cronin, *Christian Ed*
Chris Cyrway, *Property**
Tom Hougen, *Mission*
Beatrice Laryea, *Worship*

Class of 2026

David Boyd, *Property*
Kitty Cowie, *Personnel**
Lloyd Smith, *Finance **

The Deacons

Moderator, Janet Dunlop Congregation Care Chair, Beth Sherfy

Class of 2024

Ann Eagleson, *Fellowship*
Allan Kamara, *Congregational Care*
Brad McAuliffe, *Fellowship*
Sharon Shively, *Fellowship**

Class of 2025

Melissa Grigorian, *Congregational Care*
Suzi Henderson, *Fellowship*
Robert Whittlesey, *Fellowship*

Class of 2026

Marcia Boogaard, *Congregational Care*
Alison Cassidy, *Congregational Care*
Janet Dunlop, *Fellowship*
Alex Shalaby, *Congregational Care*

Committee Chair *