

**The Service for the Lord's Day  
5th Sunday in Lent**

**11:00 a.m.**

**March 17, 2024**

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*Prelude*

*Near the Cross*

by Greg Howlett

*Welcome & Prayer*

**\*Call to Worship**

Worship in the season of Lent is a time to examine our hearts and lives.

**All: We journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.**

Let us seek God with our whole hearts.

**All: Let us treasure God's word in our spirits as we worship God.**

**\*Hymn 442**

*Just As I Am, without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Through the season of Lent, O God, we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits. Forgive us when we pray with our words but fail to pray with our actions. Forgive us of what we have done that has contributed to the suffering of another, and forgive us of what we have failed to do that could have lightened a neighbor's burden. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

The time is now. The day of salvation is at hand.

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*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon*

“The Writing on Our Heart”

The Rev. Emily Berman D’Andrea

**\*Hymn 216**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

**\*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

**Handbell Choir**

*Lord Jesus Think on Me*

**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 220**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

REDHEAD 76

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response 215**

*What Wondrous Love*

WONDROUS LOVE

**Postlude**

*To God Be the Glory*

J. Christopher Pardini



**Easter  
Flower  
Fund**

Contribute in honor or memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special event.

Dedications will be listed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin and on the Live Stream Worship.

\$50 Donation Suggestion

Donation Deadline: Tuesday, 3/26/24

**3 Ways to Donate:**

- **US POST:** Mail a check made out to Potomac Presbyterian Church to PO Box 59869, Potomac, MD 20854. Indicate Easter Flower Fund & include desired dedication phrase.
- **OFFERING PLATE:** Cash or Check on Sunday
- **ONLINE:** [PotomacPresbyterian.org](https://PotomacPresbyterian.org) find "Ways to Give/Donate" on top menu & follow drop down instructions

We celebrate the following birthdays:

3/17 - Arianna McFeaters

3/19 - Audra Niskanen, Zac Wallace

3/20 - Colin Davies

3/21 - David Hay, Grant Lawrence

*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; 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](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.*



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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**

<b>MONDAY 3/18</b>	12:00pm Faith, Hope, and Lunch 7:00pm Session Meeting
<b>TUESDAY 3/19</b>	10:30am Men's Book Club 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Out of the Blue
<b>WEDNESDAY 3/20</b>	10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Wednesday in Lent Service 8:00pm Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY 3/21</b>	4:00pm Faith, Hope, and Coffee

**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:**

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Fela Huayta	Custodian	

### **The Session**

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

#### **Class of 2024**

Jon Davies, *Worship\**

#### **Class of 2025**

Jackie Cronin, *Christian Ed*

#### **Class of 2026**

David Boyd, *Property*

### **The Deacons**

Moderator, Janet Dunlop Congregation Care Chair, Beth Sherfy

#### **Class of 2024**

Ann Eagleson, *Fellowship*

#### **Class of 2025**

Melissa Grigorian, *Congregational Care*

#### **Class of 2026**

Marcia Boogaard, *Congregational Care*

Committee Chair \*