

Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

April 14, 2024

Prelude

I Need the Every Hour

by Anne Hawks and Robert Lowry
arr. by Michael Bailey

Hymn 399

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

Welcome and Prayer

Call to Worship

The bread of life opens our eyes

All: The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

All: and by those wounds we are healed.

The strife is over.

All: The victory of life is won. Alleluia!

**Hymn 236*

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death and resurrection among us. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word that we may return to you and live in your light. Forgive us we pray. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

God's promises are sure and true. Walk in the light of love, grace, and forgiveness.

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

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Hymn 235*

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 40:1-5
Luke 24:36b-48

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Opening Our Minds to Understand"

The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea

**Hymn 314*

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Statement on Ordination

**Affirmation of Faith*

Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Constitutional Questions to the Officers and the Congregation

Do we, the members of Potomac Presbyterian Church accept Chidi Obasi as ruling elder; and Joe Curry as deacon chosen by God, through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

Do we? **We do.**

Installation Prayer

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

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Community Life and Offering

**Hymn 377*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

**Benediction*

**Hymn 243*

Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

Postlude

Intermezzo in A Major Op.118, No. 2 (excerpt)

by Johannes Brahms

The prayers of our community are with Stan Bissey surrounding the death of his brother Max on April 3.

We extend the condolences of the congregation to Judy and Tom Andrew on the death of Judy's mother, Marjorie Basil, on March 29, 2024.

We celebrate the birth of James Fanning McKnight on Sunday, April 7 born to Abigail and Johnny McKnight. Molly and Jim Singerling are the proud grandparents.

Flowers today are given in honor of Karen and Bob Karch's 58th wedding anniversary on April 2.

Flowers today are from the Dorman family in remembrance of the 32 Virginia Tech students and professors whose lives were lost on April 16, 2007.

We celebrate the following birthdays:

4/14 - Damon Dowd, Robert Whittlesey

4/15 - Susan Haynes, Maggie Koonce, Alice Smith

4/17 - Ashley Lau; 4/18 - Marjorie Christian; 4/20 - Patsy Koonce, Mike Shively

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; Bob Owers, friend of Pat McMillen; Nettie Propps; Walter Propps; Ann Rooney, mother of Julie McMahon; Gerald, friend of Ed Rudnic; Paddy Simpson; Jane Stanton; Felicity Tembunde, mother of Vera Tembunde; Nancy Tietjen; Danny, friend of Goff/Sohl family; Lynda, friend of Ann Eagleson; Bill and Janet, siblings of Jeanie and Stan Bissey.*

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 4/15 12:00pm Faith, Hope, and Lunch
7:00pm Session Meeting

TUESDAY 4/16 10:30am Men's Book Club
11:00am Staff Meeting
7:00pm Organ Committee

WEDNESDAY 4/17 10:00am Bible Study
2:00pm Handbell Choir
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY 4/18 4:00pm Faith, Hope, and Lunch

**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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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**
Chidi Obasi, *Worship*
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

Joe Curry, *Fellowship*
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 *