

Service for the Lord's Day/Earth Care Sunday

11:00 a.m.

April 21, 2024

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*Prelude*

*Take My Life and Let it Be*

by Francis Havergal arr. Greg Howlett

*Hymn 399*

*God Welcomes All*

THEMBA AMENT

*Welcome and Prayer*

*Call to Worship*

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**All: He lays down his life for his sheep.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**All: He knows us, and we belong to him.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

*\*Hymn 11*

*Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

ABERYSTWYTH

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.

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

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Time with the Children*

*Hymn 473*

*Shepherd Me, O God*

SHEPHERD ME

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Shepherd Me (repeated)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**All: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters.**

*Shepherd Me (repeated)*

He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

*Shepherd Me (repeated)*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

*Shepherd Me (repeated)*

*Scripture*

John 10:11-18

*Shepherd Me (repeated)*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon*

“The Good Shepherd”

The Rev. Chris McAuliffe

*\*Hymn 802*

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST. COLUMBA

*\*Affirmation of Faith*

Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation... Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

*Sanctuary and Children's Choir*

*O Colored Earth*

by Steve Heitzeg

*Reception of New Members*

*Jack Smith and John Hein*

**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 802*

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST. COLUMBA

*\*Benediction*

*\*Hymn 243*

*Be Not Afraid*

BE NOT AFRAID

*Postlude*

*All Creatures of our God and King! (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)*

arr. Richard Unfried

We celebrate the following birthdays:  
4/21 - Tom Hougen, Patricia McMillen, Harrison Smith  
4/22 - John Clouse, Gregg Johnson; 4/23 - Isabella Alarie  
4/24 - Sherry Johnson, Preston Kuhn, Jung Lawrence  
4/25 - Pam Mazza; 4/26 - Gabi Henderson  
4/27 - Nelia Andberg, Camille Kendall, Braden Woodside

*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; Bill Malone; Sally O'Neal; Bob Owers, friend of Pat McMillen; Nettie Propps; Walter Propps; Ann Rooney, mother of Julie McMahan; Gerald, friend of Ed Rudnic; Paddy Simpson; Jane Stanton; 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](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**

**MONDAY 4/22** 12:00pm Faith, Hope, and Lunch

**TUESDAY 4/23** 11:00am Staff Meeting

**WEDNESDAY 4/24** 10:00am Bible Study  
2:00pm Handbell Choir  
4:00pm Worship Planning  
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAY 4/25** 4:00pm Faith, Hope, and Lunch

**SATURDAY 4/27** 12:00pm Confirmation Retreat

**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:**

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 \*