

POTOMAC HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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COMMUNITY GROUP WORSHIP SERVICE
March 15, 2020

As you know, Loudoun County Public Schools has closed all school facilities for Sunday due to the Coronavirus epidemic. Therefore, we have put together the following worship service for use in your Community Groups or at home.

Any change in church status or schedule will be communicated via e-mail, Realm, Facebook, and potomachills.org. Due to the seriousness of this epidemic, and how rapidly it's changing, we will probably over-communicate in order to keep everyone up-to-date. Please be patient with us.

WELCOME TO POTOMAC HILLS!

Today we are a church distributed, each meeting in our Community Groups (or at home), but still gathered with the saints to worship the Triune God, not just here in Northern Virginia, but around the world.

GATHERING HYMN

Sing the 1st song! All of our songs today can be found on YouTube (video with lyrics) or Spotify (audio). At the end of this bulletin we have given you songsheets containing the lyrics for all of today's worship songs.

You will find all the songs for today's service on Spotify at <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0kJWHkfV4vGcHrCPWoxZr7>

You can also find our songs posted to our Facebook group (Thanks to Claire Gardner)! You can listen or sing along. If you have the Spotify app, you can go to it and do a search for Potomac Hills. It should come right up! Spotify lets you click on each individual song as you go through the service. And don't worry, it sounds exactly like our church!

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The YouTube link for our Gathering Hymn — [O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 1/13/19

3/15 – 3/21: Community Groups
3/22 – 3/28: Bible Studies & Meetings
3/29 – 4/4: Community Groups
4/5 – 4/11: Off for Holy Week
4/12 – 4/18: Bible Studies & Meetings
4/19 – 4/25: Community Groups

- **Youth Group will meet for a game night** on Wednesday, March 18th from 6:30-8pm. Upcoming dates at Exeter Clubhouse are 3/25, 4/1, 4/8. Contact Rev. Wang, fwang@potomachills.org
- **Women are invited to the rescheduled "Reflect and Serve" event on Saturday, April 4th** from 11am - 1pm at the Gardner home. We will have a devotional and will be packing blessing bags for the homeless. See Realm for the items you can bring or send to the event.
- **High School Modgnik registration is ongoing!** Modgnik will be April 17-19. The deadline to register is March 22. Contact Frank Wang for more details.
- Save the Date! **The next KidStuff Swap will be on Saturday, April 25th** at the Douglass Community Center.
- **We are seeking volunteers to run the sound table** – no experience required! Contact Dr. Silvernail, dsilvernail@potomachills.org

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (If meeting at home, have an adult be the leader):

Philippians 3:7-14

Leader: But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

People: **For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,**

Leader: but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection,

People: **and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.**

Leader: Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.

People: **Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

OPENING PRAYER (What are some things we pray for at the beginning of worship? You can pray for those things too!)

WORSHIP WITH SONGS & HYMNS OF PRAISE

Again, go to Spotify and sing the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th songs. Songsheets are at the end of this bulletin.

The YouTube links for our Songs and Hymns of Praise — [The Highest and the Greatest](#)

[Marvelous Light](#)

[The Wonderful Cross](#)

[When Trials Come](#)

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Prayer – where we humbly ask God to be active in our lives, in our church, and in our world – is a vital part of the worship of God. We pray expectantly, showing God to be great, and demonstrating our faith in a God who is near enough to know and care about our every need, yet powerful enough to help us.

Here are some suggestions for prayer from Josh Reiger, a reformed pastor in the UK:

First, pray for the church. This has affected our brothers and sister in Christ around the world in a multitude of ways. In places like China and Italy the governments have already significantly restricted public gatherings to stop the spread of the disease. Fellow Christians might be struggling with the disease themselves or have those in their family who are ill. So, pray for our fellow Christians and their struggles.

Second, pray for the spread of the gospel. Throughout history outbreaks of disease have provided opportunities for the spread of the gospel. When people are fearful and facing suffering God often uses that to soften their hearts to the good news. Pray that though many are dying physically, many more would find life in Christ in the midst of the spread of this disease. We may never, on this side of heaven, hear of the ways God has worked in the midst of this in places like Iran that are so resistant to the gospel.

Third, pray for the disease and those suffering from it specifically. Pray for the doctors treating the ill. Pray for their wisdom and their own protection. Pray that the casualty count would be limited. Pray that those working to find a vaccine, or a good treatment plan would have wisdom. Pray that the Great Physician would heal the sick and guard the healthy.

As we consider this virus and our role, don't just pray for yourselves and your family, but think about the many ways we can pray for the work of God in the midst of this.

CONFESSION OF SIN (pray together in unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (leader)

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. (Psalm 130:3-4)

WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERING AND A SONG

We believe that the offering is an act of worship. Giving to the work of the church in building God's Kingdom is a strong reminder of our dependence on Him.

You can still give today through the Realm app on your phone, at <https://onrealm.org/PotomacHills/-/give/now> , or through PayPal to give@potomachills.org

Then go to Spotify and sing the 5th song. **The YouTube link for our Offering Song — [Grace Unmeasured](#)**

READING OF THE WORD: Mark 8:31-9:1

You'll be asked to read today's passage at the beginning of the sermon video, decide who's going to read it now so you'll have your Bible open and ready.

Note to parents, there are some hard sections and blunt phrases you might have to explain, so you may want to read it over first. For example, verse 33 includes Jesus' rebuke of Peter.

³¹ And He [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴ And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." ^{9:1} And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

PREACHING OF THE WORD: Dr. Silvernail

“Denial and the Soul”

This is the 22nd sermon in the Gospel of Mark entitled **“The King and His Cross”**
All sermons are recorded and available for download at www.PotomacHills.org.

Today’s sermon was pre-recorded and you can find it on Youtube! Go to the below link, and it should automatically come up! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oUfGrJGIOE>

If you would rather read today’s sermon, you can find the manuscript at
<https://www.potomachills.org/sermons/sermon/2020-03-13/denial-and-the-soul-mark-8:31-9:1>

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND SONG

Acceptable responses to hearing and applying God’s Word to our lives include Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Take time to thank God that we can worship Him no matter where we are, or what crisis we’re facing!

Then go to Spotify and sing the 6th and last song. **The YouTube link for our Closing Hymn — [Grace Will Be My Song](#)**

RECEIVING THE BLESSING & ONE ANOTHER TIME

End your time worshiping together with this blessing from **1 Peter 2:21, 24-25**

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. ... He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

If you’re worshiping with others, thank everyone for coming and commit to pray for them this week.
If you’re by yourself today, take time this afternoon to call someone else and catch up on how they’re doing.

We’re glad you joined the church distributed for worship today!

Go to our Facebook Group and let us know how it went!

Now go wash your hands.

March 15, 2020 Worship Song Lyrics

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemers praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your name.

Jesus the name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoners free.
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood atoned for me.

Glory to God and praise and love, be ever, ever given.
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

The Highest and the Greatest

1) Wake every heart and every tongue to sing the new eternal song.
And crown Him King of Glory now, confess Him Lord of all.

Ch. You are the highest, You are the greatest, You are the Lord of all
Angels will worship, nations will bow down to the Lord of all.

2) A day will come when all will sing and glorify our matchless King.
Your name unrivaled stands alone, You are the Lord of all.

Chorus

Marvelous Light

Ch. Into marvelous light I'm running, out of darkness, out of shame.
By the cross You are the truth, You are the life, You are the way.

1) I once was fatherless, a stranger with no hope.
Your kindness wakened me, wakened me from my sleep.
Your love, it beckons deeply, a call to come and die.
By grace now I will come and take this life, take Your life.

Bridge: Sin has lost its power, death has lost its sting.
From the grave You've risen victoriously.

2) My dead heart now is beating, my deepest stain's now clean.
Your breath fills up my lungs; now I'm free, now I'm free

Bridge, Chorus 2X

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wonderful cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Ch. O the wonderful cross, o the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, o the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Chorus, 1st Verse

When Trials Come

1) When trials come no longer fear for in the pain our God draws near.

To fire a faith worth more than gold,

And there His faithfulness is told, and there His faithfulness is told.

2) Within the night I know Your peace, the breath of God brings strength to me

And new each morning mercies flow, as treasures of the darkness grow, and treasures of the darkness grow.

3) I turn to Wisdom not my own, for every battle You have known. My confidence will rest in You,

Your love endures, Your ways are good, Your love endures, Your ways are good.

4) When I am weary with the cost I see the triumph of the cross, so in its shadow I shall run,

Till He completes the work begun, till He completes the work begun.

5) One day all things will be made new, I'll see the hope You called me to, and in Your Kingdom pave with gold

I'll praise Your faithfulness of old, I'll praise Your faithfulness of old.

Grace Unmeasured

Grace unmeasured, vast and free, that knew me from eternity.

That called me out before my birth, to bring You glory on this earth.

Grace amazing, pure and deep, that saw me in my misery.

That took my curse and owned my blame so I could bear Your righteous name.

Ch. Grace, grace, grace-paid for my sins and brought me to life.

Grace, grace, grace-clothes me with power to do what is right.

Grace, grace, grace-will lead me to heaven where I'll see Your face,

And never cease to thank You for Your grace.

Grace abounding, strong and true, that makes me long to be like You.

That turns me from my selfish pride, to love the cross on which You died.

Grace unending, all my days, You'll give me strength to run this race.

And when my years on earth are through, the praise will all belong to You.

Grace Will Be My Song

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus- You ransomed one like me. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus-Your blood, my liberty.
And now my shame is gone, and grace will be my song.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus—lover of the weak. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus—with strength You carry me.
And now my shame is gone, and grace will be song.

Glory, glory, glory to the One who save my soul. Glory, glory, glory to the everlasting Lord.
Glory, glory, glory to the King who sits enthroned, our God.