



# Potomac Hills

## Presbyterian Church, PCA



By Grace Alone ~ Through Faith Alone ~ In Christ Alone

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest,  
To all who mourn and long for comfort,  
To all who struggle and desire victory,  
To all who sin and need a Savior,  
To all who are strangers and want fellowship,  
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
And to whosoever would come –  
This church opens wide her doors  
And offers welcome in the name of Christ.*

**FOR THOSE COMMUNING — PLEASE PICK UP AN INDIVIDUALIZED PREFILLED COMMUNION CUP (WITH WAFER INCLUDED) AT THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE AUDITORIUM.**

### CALL TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### Revelation 4:8, 11

Minister: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come.

People: **Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.**

#### Revelation 5:12-13

Minister: Worthy is the Lamb, Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

People: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Amen!**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*(listen carefully)*

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

*(English Standard Version)*

*"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, [24] and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." [25] In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." [26] **For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.***

*[27] Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. [28] Let a person examine himself,*

*then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. [29] For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. [30] That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. [31] But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. [32] But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world."*

## **Words for Sinners from an Elder of the Church**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

#### **Prayer of Private Confession**

*(Silently confess your sins to God in repentance and turn to Christ)*

#### **Prayer of Public Confession**

by Martin Luther

*(read in unison)*

**Behold, Lord, we are empty vessels that need to be filled.**

**O Lord, fill us.**

**We are weak in the faith; strengthen us.**

**We are cold in love; warm us and make us fervent,  
that our love may go out to our neighbor.**

**We do not have a strong and firm faith;  
at times we doubt and are unable to trust You altogether.**

**O Lord, help us. Strengthen our faith and trust in You.**

**In You we have sealed the treasure of all we have.**

**We are poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.**

**We are sinners; You are upright.**

**With us, there is an abundance of sin;  
in You is the fullness of righteousness.**

**Therefore, we will remain with You, of whom we can receive,  
but to whom we may not give. Amen.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

from Matthew 6:9-13

*(read in unison)*

**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.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (hear and receive gratefully)

Hear the comforting words of Jesus for those who come to Him with nothing, **Matthew 5:3**, *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* Brothers and sisters, the pardon of Christ is a grace this is greater than all our sin. You are forgiven.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH *(Hear God's Word and Consider Christ)*

### Romans 10:9-10

*(English Standard Version)*

*If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

\*The Apostles' Creed

***(read in unison)***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

*\*Though not written by the Apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of the Apostles' teaching, dating in its earliest form to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, and was originally used as a baptismal confession.*

*\*\*the holy catholic church refers to the true universal church of all times and places.*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We will take the bread and cup together,  
followed by a pastoral prayer.*

*If you would like to use this time to speak silently  
and personally with God, there are some prayers  
in the bulletin insert you may use.*

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

*Here is an example of how we can pray from Dr. Scotty Smith, West End Community Church (PCA) in Nashville, TN. Taken from his book Everyday Prayers.*

*The congregation will pray in unison the parts in the bold print*

Sovereign God, we pray on behalf of Your Church throughout the world, for this congregation, and for our sister PCA churches in Potomac Presbytery – fill their pastors with Your Holy Spirit and bless their worship services, in person and online, of Christ Reformed PCA in Laurel, MD (and beginning their search for a new pastor), Reformed PCA in Bowie, MD (and their Pastors, Rev. Steven Fix and Rev. Mike Coleman), and Christ New Community PCA Church Plant in Waldorf, MD (and their Pastor, Rev. Abraham NuQuay). **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Lord, we come to this day remembering that Your commitment is to make all things new, **not** make all new things. Indeed, Sovereign Lord, You have placed us in a story of redemption, reconciliation, and restoration, not replacement. You are actively at work in the broken places and among the broken people, including us. **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Lord, through Your death and resurrection, we've been given great assurance and hope for a redeemed future. This is more than information, this is indeed Good News of the Gospel of God's Grace as it's found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Lord, we accept this knowing that our best intentions, efforts, and resources are simply not enough. We see this especially in our relationships. This requires a humility and faith the gospel alone can provide. Grant us both, Lord. **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer** (listen carefully)

Respond in unison —

**O God, all of these spoken requests and all of our unspoken requests we present to you in the matchless name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. Amen**

## **BLESSING**

**Romans 3:23-26**

*(English Standard Version)*

*“For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief (trusting in Christ by faith)**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may I turn aside from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Author and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **Prayer of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.