

POTOMAC HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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HOME WORSHIP SERVICE

April 26, 2020

As you know, Loudoun County Public Schools has closed all school facilities until at least June 7 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, we have put together the following worship service for use at home.

Any change in church status or schedule will be communicated via email, Realm, Facebook, and on our website at www.potomachills.org.

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All music and the sermon for today can be found in the April 26, 2020 playlist on our PHPC YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odeiGjaYYyY&list=PLK_t54i97wu08ZvO-VbSGullm9S8vzTfP

If you use the playlist you will not have to individually click on each video link below – just let the videos automatically advance (pressing pause so that you can continue through the Worship Guide).

WELCOME TO POTOMAC HILLS!

Today we are a church distributed, each meeting 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 can be found on YouTube. All the lyrics are in the YouTube videos, so you don't have to print the lyrics. The lyrics for all of today's worship songs are also at the end of this worship guide.

The YouTube link for our Gathering Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odeiGjaYYyY>

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 4/26/20

All Bible studies, Community Groups, Youth Group, and any other church events will not meet in person until at least June 10th, unless changed by the Governor of Virginia. These groups may meet virtually on Zoom, by phone, etc. Keep an eye out for notifications from your group leader on how these events will proceed.

4/26 – 5/2: Bible Studies and Community Group Prayer Meetings

5/3 – 5/9: Community Groups

5/10 – 5/16: Bible Studies and Community Group Prayer Meetings

5/17 – 5/23: Community Groups

5/24 – 5/30: Bible Studies and All-Church Prayer Meeting (5/28)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Read in unison):

Philippians 1:15-27a

Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

OPENING PRAYER

Pray that the Lord would bless our time of worship, focus us upon worshipping Him, and speak to us through His Word.

WORSHIP WITH SONGS & HYMNS OF PRAISE

Again, go to YouTube and sing the worship set.

The YouTube link for our Songs and Hymns of Praise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4UGGN486bk>

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER:

Here are some suggestions of how we can pray from Third Millinium Ministries:

1. Thank God for the Blessings He gives.

- Blessings of God in your personal life
- Blessings of God to your family members
- Blessings of God in the lives of your friends and neighbors
- Blessings of God in your church
- Blessings of God in your nation

2. Pray for the needs that God can meet.

- The forgiveness of your sins (include things brought on by this pandemic like anxiety, frustration, impatience, sadness).
- The needs of family – pray for at least one family member by name
- The needs of friends and neighbors, especially the elderly and sick – pray for at least one friend or neighbor by name
- The renewal of your church and church leaders in Gospel ministry – pray for one of our elders or deacons by name
- Wisdom for specific government officials – pray for at least one official by name

CONFESSION OF SIN (pray together in unison)

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of Your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through Him we would now come near to You, listening to Your voice, trusting in Your love, delighting in Your Word, and leaning on Your arm. We joyfully beg to see Your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of Your Spirit and Your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (read in unison)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

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 give through your bank's billpay system, or mail checks to the church office: 2 Cardinal Park Drive, Suite 101A, Leesburg, VA 20175. You can give today through the Realm app on your phone, at <https://onrealm.org/PotomachHills/-/give/now> , or through PayPal to give@potomachills.org

The YouTube link for our Offering Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwRKCXWpPHE>

READING OF THE WORD: Mark 9:30-50

Rev. Wang will read today's passage during the sermon; please have your Bible open and ready so you may follow along.

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

PREACHING OF THE WORD: Rev. Wang

“First and Last

This is the 28th 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! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OA12gJa7CCs>

If you would rather read today’s sermon, you can find the manuscript at:
<https://www.potomachills.org/sermons/sermon/2020-04-25/first-and-last-mark-9:30-50>

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 YouTube and sing our Closing Hymn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTs8zShggX4>

RECEIVING THE BLESSING & ONE ANOTHER TIME

End your time worshiping together with this blessing from **Jude 1:24-25**

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”

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

Remember to keep in touch with each other by whatever technological means you have –
call, text, email, use your favorite messaging service, Facetime, Google Hangouts, Zoom

Send prayer requests or theological questions or comments to dsilvernail@potomachills.org

Have a good week! Keep Your Distance, Wash Your Hands, and Pray for Each Other!

April 26, 2020 Worship Song Lyrics

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty (Written by Joachim Neander and Catherine Winkworkth, Public Domain, Trinity Hymnal #53)

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.
Shelters Thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord o let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him.
Let the amen sound from His people again, gladly for e'er we adore Him.

Your Name is Holy (Written by Brian Doerksen, ©1999 Vineyard Songs CCLI# 2650371)

You are the sovereign I Am, Your name is holy.
You are the pure, spotless Lamb, Your name is holy.
You are the Almighty One, Your name is holy.
You are the Christ, God's own Son, Your name is holy.

Chorus: *In Your name there is mercy for sin
There is safety within, in Your holy name.
In Your name there is strength to remain
To stand in spite of pain, in Your holy name.*

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Your name is holy. Your name is holy.

Nothing (Written by Chris Joyner ©2004 Grace Music, CCLI# 4530808)

Eternal God, the great I Am, none can compare to Your matchless worth.
Through every age Your name has spread,
Sovereign Lord, Whose glory fills the earth.

Chorus: *Neither height nor depth, nor this life or our death,
No danger, no sword can come between.
Neither angels nor powers, not today, not tomorrow,
Nothing can separate, separate us from Your love.*

Crucified, the great High Priest, You laid down Your life so we might live.
You are the One, the matchless King, Gloriously raised;
O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Chorus: *Neither height nor depth, nor this life or our death,
No danger, no sword can come between.
Neither angels nor powers, not today, not tomorrow,
Nothing can separate, separate us from Your love.*

Bridge: *O how wide and O how deep is the Father's love displayed in Thee.
O how wide as the sky and how deep as the sea is the Savior's blood so rescuing.*

Chorus: *Neither height nor depth, nor this life or our death,
No danger, no sword can come between.
Neither angels nor powers, not today, not tomorrow,
Nothing can separate, nothing can separate nothing can separate, separate us from Your love.*

The Church's One Foundation (Written by Samuel Stone and Samuel Wesley, Public Domain, Trinity Hymnal #347)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is His new creation by water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed.
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder (Words by John Newton, Music by Laura Taylor @2001 Laura Taylor Music, CCLI# 5834479)

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder. He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood. He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood. He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us. Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us. Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood. He has washed us with His blood.
He has washed us with His blood. He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptations threaten hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us. Now their praises fill the sky.
He has washed us with His blood. He has washed us with His blood.
He has washed us with His blood. He is worthy Lamb of God.

Jesus is Better (Written by Aaron Ivey and Brett Land @2013 Austin Stone Music, ASCAP, CCLI # 7006188)

There is no other, so sure and steady, my hope is held in Your hand.
When castles crumble, and breath is fleeting,
Upon this rock I will stand, upon this rock I will stand.

Chorus: *Glory, glory, we have no other King but Jesus Lord of all.
We raise the anthem, our loudest praises ring,
We crown Him Lord of all.*

Your kindly rule has shattered and broken the curse of sin's tyranny.
My life is hidden 'neath Heaven's shadow, Your crimson flood covers me.
Your crimson flood covers me.

Chorus: *Glory, glory, we have no other King but Jesus Lord of all.
We raise the anthem, our loudest praises ring,
We crown Him Lord of all.*

Bridge: In all my sorrows, Jesus is better, make my heart believe.
In every victory, Jesus is better, make my heart believe.
Than any comfort, Jesus is better, make my heart believe.
More than all riches, Jesus is better, make my heart believe.

Chorus: *Glory, glory, we have no other King but Jesus Lord of all.
We raise the anthem, our loudest praises ring,
We crown Him Lord of all. We crown Him Lord of all.*

Now Why This Fear (Words by Augustus Toplady, Music and Additional Lyrics by Doug Plank @2011 Sovereign Grace Music, ASCAP, CCLI # 6167736)

Now why this fear and unbelief? Has not the Father put to grief His spotless Son for us?
And will the righteous Judge of men condemn me for the debt of sin now cancelled at the cross?

Chorus: *Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood.*
. *Jesus, You've rescued us through Your great love.*

Complete atonement You have made and by Your death have fully paid the debt Your people owed.
No wrath remains for us to face we're sheltered by Your saving grace and sprinkled with Your blood.

Chorus: *Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood.*
. *Jesus, You've rescued us through Your great love*

Bridge: *How sweet the sound of saving grace! How sweet the sound of saving grace! Christ died for me! (2x)*

Be still, my soul, and know this peace, the merits of Your great high priest have bought your liberty.
Rely then on His precious blood, don't fear your banishment from God since Jesus sets you free.

Chorus: *Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood.*
. *Jesus, You've rescued us through Your great love*