

POTOMAC HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP SERVICE
September 20, 2020

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The lyrics for all of today's worship songs are at the end of this worship guide.

Join us for the livestream of our Worship Service at 10:30am on Sunday on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYgRYaRNvD3ueqIQgZ0v6mA>

The Worship Service will also be recorded and posted on the YouTube channel on Sunday afternoon.

WELCOME TO POTOMAC HILLS!

Our worship service presents Biblical truth and shows how it applies to our everyday lives.

GATHERING HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 9/20/20

9/20-9/26 Bible Studies & Meetings

9/27-10/3 Community Groups

10/4-10/10 Bible Studies & Meetings

10/11-10/17 Community Groups

Community Groups have started meeting! You can still register for a group. There are multiple groups throughout Loudoun meeting in a variety of ways (in-person, virtual, hybrid). Click [HERE](#) or see Realm to download the group listing and to find out how to register for a group. If you don't have a Realm account and want to sign up for a group contact Andrea Pogany, akpogany@potomachills.org.

This year there will be two **Women's Bible Studies**, beginning the week of September 20th. One will be on Tuesday evening at Kathryn Pugh's home, and the other will be Saturday morning (with Zoom option) at Trinity House Café. Both will be using Courtney Doctor's book "Steadfast" on the book of James. See Realm or contact Claire Gardner for more details, clairegardner@verizon.net.

Youth Large Group will meet in person at Foxridge Park on Wednesday, September 23rd. Rev. Wang will email parents the details. Upcoming meetings are 9/30, 10/7, 10/14.

We are seeking volunteers to help **count the offering**, and run the **sound table** – no experience required! Contact John Palme about counting, jpalmep@potomachills.org, and contact Dr. Silvernail about sound, dsilvernail@potomachills.org.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 78:1-8

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

People: **We will not hide them from their children but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.**

Leader: He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children,

People: **that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,**

Leader: so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

People: and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

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

Feel free to stand or sit, open or close your eyes, raise your hands or keep them down. Please do that which, for you, is most honoring to God.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Here is an example of how we can pray from the book Prayers of the People written by the congregants of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York City.

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

“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. ¹³ You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.”

(Jeremiah 29:12-13)

Sovereign God, we pray on behalf of Your Church throughout the world, for this congregation, and for our sister PCA churches in Potomac Presbytery. Today we pray specifically for our campus pastors – fill them with Your Holy Spirit and bless their ministry, in person and online, of Reformed University Fellowship – International at George Mason University (pastored by Rev. Matt DeLong), Reformed University Fellowship at Howard University (pastored by Rev. Cyril Chavis), and Reformed University Fellowship at University of Maryland (pastored by Rev. Chris Garriott). **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your amazing, boundless, unmerited grace. We often feel like a failure. We often feel like we have failed our families in the decisions we’ve made, in things that we’ve done, and in things we’ve left undone. The weight of our shame rests heavily on our shoulders. We ask to be forgiven. **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

We pray for all mothers and fathers – that they would be wise, patient, and kind in the words they share with their children. We pray for orphans who have only the empty moments that the words of parents could fill. Help us to rest in the knowledge that You loved us before we even knew You. **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Father, we don’t deserve this kind of unmerited kindness. Teach us how to submit to Your will and help us draw near to You, especially in moments of temptation. Thank You for Your astonishing grace and mercy and overwhelming love. **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 gracious name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. Amen

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to His children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. (Psalm 103:11-13)

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/PotomacHills/-/give/now>, or through PayPal to give@potomachills.org

READING OF THE WORD: Judges 6:36-40

Dr. Silvernail will read today's passage during the sermon; please have your Bible open so you may follow along.

³⁶ Then Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said, ³⁷ behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said." ³⁸ And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. ³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, "Let not your anger burn against me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once more with the fleece. Please let it be dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground let there be dew." ⁴⁰ And God did so that night; and it was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

PREACHING OF THE WORD: Dr. Silvernail

"Gideon and His Fleece"

This is the 3rd sermon in the topical series entitled "**Misused Stories of the Bible**"
All sermons are recorded and available for download at www.PotomacHills.org.

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!

RECEIVING THE BLESSING & ONE ANOTHER TIME

End your time worshiping together with this blessing from **Joshua 1:9**

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

We're glad you joined the church for worship today!

Remember to keep in touch with each other by whatever technological means you have.
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!

September 20, 2020 Worship Song Lyrics

Rejoice the Lord King (Written by Charles Wesley and John Darwall Public Domain, Trinity Hymnal #310)

Rejoice the Lord is King, Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns-the God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord the judge shall come.
And take His servants up to their eternal home!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say rejoice!

His Forever (Written by Pat Sczebel @2004 Sovereign Grace Worship ACAP CCLI# 4383811)

Jesus, friend of sinners, loved me ere I knew Him. Drew me with His cords of love, tightly bound me to Him.
'Round my heart still closely twined, the ties that none can sever. For I am His and He is mine, forever and forever.

Jesus, friend of sinners, a crown of thorns You wore for me. Bruised for my transgressions, pierced for my iniquities.
The wrath of God that I deserved was poured out on the Innocent. He took my place, my soul to save,
now I am His forever.

Jesus, friend of sinners, I love to tell the story. Redeeming love has been my theme and will be when in glory.
Not death nor life nor anything can ever separate me. Oh love that will not let me go, yes, I am His forever.

Not death nor life nor anything can ever separate me. Oh love that will not let me go, yes, I am His forever,
Yes, I am His forever.

Let Everything That Has Breath (Written by Matt Redman ©1997 Thankyou Music (EMI), CCLI #2430979, Psalm 150)

Let everything that, everything that, everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Let everything that, everything that, everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise You in the morning. Praise You in the evening. Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old.
Praise You when I'm laughing. Praise You when I'm grieving. Praise You every season of my soul.
If we could see how much You're worth, Your power, Your might, Your endless love,
Then surely we would never cease to praise!

Let everything that, everything that, everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Let everything that, everything that, everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise You in the heavens, joining with the angels, praise You forever and a day.
Praise You on the earth now, joining with creation, calling all the nations to Your praise.
If we could see how much You're worth, Your power, Your might, Your endless love,
Then surely we would never cease to praise!

Let everything that, everything that, everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Let everything that, everything that, everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Song of Moses (Written by Aaron Keyes, Ben Smith, Chris Moerman, Graham Kendrick and Pat Barrett, @2010 Worshiptogether.com Songs/ Itisrealmusic.com/ FlockStreet/Barrett Daddy/Thankyou/Make Way Music, CCLI #5880942)

Oh the Lord, our strength and song, highest praise to Him belongs.
Christ the Lord, our conquering King, Your name we raise, Your triumphs sing.

Praise the Lord, our mighty warrior. Praise the Lord, the Glorious One.
By His hand we stand in victory, and by His name we overcome.

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest night we worship You.
You divide the raging sea, from death to life You safely lead.

*Praise the Lord, our mighty warrior. Praise the Lord, the Glorious One.
By His hand we stand in victory, and by His name we overcome.*

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven are crying out.
Glory, glory to the King, You reign for all eternity.

*Praise the Lord, our mighty warrior. Praise the Lord, the Glorious One.
By His hand we stand in victory, and by His name we overcome*

The Wonderful Cross (Written by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, JD Walt and Isaac Watts ©2000 worshiptogether.com/Six Steps Music (EMI), CCLI #3148435)

When I survey the wondrous 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're such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown.

*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.

*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.*

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

If You Say Go (Written by Daniel Thiel, CCLI #3548640 © 2002 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing (ASCAP))

If You say go, we will go. If You say wait, we will wait.
If You say step out on the water, and they say it can't be done,
We'll fix our eyes on You and we will come.

Your ways are higher than our ways and the plans that You have laid are good and true.
If You call us to the fire You will not withdraw Your hand,
We'll gaze into the flames and look for You.

If You say go, we will go. If You say wait, we will wait.
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