

## POTOMAC HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### WORSHIP SERVICE

September 27, 2020

We have cancelled in-person worship this Sunday 9/27 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, we have put together the following worship service for use at home.

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

**All music and the sermon for today can be found in the September 27, 2020 playlist on our PHPC YouTube channel.** [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK\\_t54i97wu2fW\\_eQiHzMj2piyEU0h2WH](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK_t54i97wu2fW_eQiHzMj2piyEU0h2WH)

If you use the playlist 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 in the YouTube playlist. 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS for 9/27/20

9/27-10/3 Community Groups – no in-person groups this week, all virtual

10/4-10/10 Bible Studies & Meetings

10/11-10/17 Community Groups

10/18-10/24 Bible Studies & Meetings

Next week we will start a baby-bottle campaign benefitting **MOSAIC Pregnancy Care Center**. You can pick up a bottle at church, fill it with coins/cash/checks throughout the month, and return it to church on Sunday, November 1.

We will hold our annual **Fall Festival** on Sunday, November 1 from 3-7pm at the Meckstroth home in Hamilton! There will be food, games & activities, a hayride, and bonfire! COVID precautions will be taken in food serving and activities. We need multiple volunteers to help plan and execute this event. Contact Lindsay Dyke, [benandlindsaydyke@gmail.com](mailto:benandlindsaydyke@gmail.com).

Registration is open for the **Women's Retreat** November 6-7, 2020 at Meadowkirk Retreat Center (sleep at home, lunch Saturday provided). Melynda Boyce will bring us "Steadfast: Holding on When Hope is Hard". COVID precautions will be taken in seating and dining. Click [HERE](#) for the brochure. Registration ends Sunday, October 11. Contact Andrea Pogany, [akpogany@potomachills.org](mailto:akpogany@potomachills.org)

**Youth Large Group** will meet on Zoom on Wednesday, September 30th. Upcoming meetings are 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, [jpalme@potomachills.org](mailto:jpalme@potomachills.org), and contact Dr. Silvernail about sound, [dsilvernail@potomachills.org](mailto:dsilvernail@potomachills.org).

**Community Groups** are meeting in multiple groups throughout Loudoun in a variety of ways (in-person, virtual, hybrid). If you still want to sign up for a group contact Andrea Pogany, [akpogany@potomachills.org](mailto:akpogany@potomachills.org).

**Women's Bible Studies** have started meeting; if you're still interested in signing up contact Claire Gardner, [clairegardner@verizon.net](mailto:clairegardner@verizon.net).

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(read in unison)

## Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord break the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in His temple all cry, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!

## 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.

## 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.*

***"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."***

(2 Corinthians 12:9-11).

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 ministries here in Washington and for our Chaplain ministry – fill them with Your Holy Spirit and bless their ministry, in person and online, of Ministry to State (MNA ministry on Capitol Hill with Rev. Chuck Garriott and Rev. Michael Langer), the Presbyterian & Reformed Chaplain Commission with Dr. Don Sampson (COL-Ret) Asst. Director and Chaplain Douglas Lee (BG-Ret.) former Director). **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the assurance that You are greater than our hearts, wider than the boundaries of our wandering, and deeper than our doubts. **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Lord, Your power is made perfect in weakness. Your grace is enough for us. You redeem our failings and shortcomings. It is through this that You are glorified. When we come to the end of ourselves, and cry out in frustration and shame, You are strong. **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

Father, our faith is fickle. Thank You for never wavering along with the oscillating quality of our faith which can burn like fire on Sunday and is barely perceptible on Monday. You know we are doubters and skeptics by nature. Help us to learn to doubt our doubts and fix our eyes on Jesus' empty tomb, the ultimate guarantee that You are a God who keeps Your Word. **Lord, Hear our Prayer**

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(pray together in unison)

**Almighty God, we believe that You are coming again in power to judge the earth. But we confess that we have not lived as those who daily expect Your kingdom. We have spoken harsh words, thought impure thoughts, and lived casual lives. We have ignored Your promised judgment by not loving You with our whole hearts or our neighbors**

as ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us for all our offenses. In Your tender kindness, embrace us with Your fatherly love, and fill our hearts with the joyful expectation of seeing You soon, face to face. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(read in unison)*

***Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. (Hebrews 9:15)***

## **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 find the offering song on YouTube.

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](mailto:give@potomachills.org)

## **READING OF THE WORD: Judges 16:4-31**

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

<sup>4</sup> After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. <sup>5</sup> And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to humble him. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver." <sup>6</sup> So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you might be bound, that one could subdue you." <sup>7</sup> Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, then I shall become weak and be like any other man." <sup>8</sup> Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she bound him with them. <sup>9</sup> Now she had men lying in ambush in an inner chamber. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he snapped the bowstrings, as a thread of flax snaps when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not known. <sup>10</sup> Then Delilah said to Samson, "Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies. Please tell me how you might be bound." <sup>11</sup> And he said to her, "If they bind me with new ropes that have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like any other man." <sup>12</sup> So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And the men lying in ambush were in an inner chamber. But he snapped the ropes off his arms like a thread. <sup>13</sup> Then Delilah said to Samson, "Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me how you might be bound." And he said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web and fasten it tight with the pin, then I shall become weak and be like any other man." <sup>14</sup> So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his head and wove them into the web. And she made them tight with the pin and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he awoke from his sleep and pulled away the pin, the loom, and the web. <sup>15</sup> And she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and you have not told me where your great strength lies." <sup>16</sup> And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death. <sup>17</sup> And he told her all his heart, and said to her, "A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man." <sup>18</sup> When Delilah saw that

he had told her all his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up again, for he has told me all his heart." Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands. <sup>19</sup> She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. <sup>20</sup> And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him. <sup>21</sup> And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison. <sup>22</sup> But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved. <sup>23</sup> Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." <sup>24</sup> And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." <sup>25</sup> And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. <sup>26</sup> And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them." <sup>27</sup> Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained. <sup>28</sup> Then Samson called to the LORD and said, "O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes." <sup>29</sup> And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. <sup>30</sup> And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life. <sup>31</sup> Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

**PREACHING OF THE WORD: Rev. Wang**

### *"Samson and His Weakness"*

This is the 4th sermon in the topical series entitled "**Misused Stories of the Bible**"  
All sermons are recorded and available for download at [www.PotomacHills.org](http://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 **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 for distributed 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](mailto:dsilvernail@potomachills.org)  
**Have a good week! Keep Your Distance, Wash Your Hands, and Pray for Each Other!**

## September 27, 2020 Worship Song Lyrics

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** (written by Edward Perronet and Oliver Holden, Public Domain, Trinity Hymnal # 296)

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal Diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal Diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball.  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.  
And crown Him Lord of all!

**Isaiah 40** (Written by Rob and Wendy Jacobson, Tom Sparling ©1995 Tom J. Sparling/Raz the Praz)

Do you not know, have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God.  
The Creator of the ends of the earth, He will not grow tired or weary,  
And His understanding no one can fathom.  
He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings, wings like eagles;  
They will run and not, not grow weary  
They will walk and not, not be faint.*

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Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Why do you say, O Jacob, or complain, O Israel.  
"My way is hidden from the Lord"?  
Why do you say, O Jacob, or complain, O Israel,  
"My cause is disregarded by my God"?

Do you not know, have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God.  
The Creator of the ends of the earth, He will not grow tired or weary,  
And His understanding no one can fathom.  
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*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
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Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

**God of Wonders** (Written by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong CCLI #3118757, ©2000 New Spring Publishing, Storm Boy Music, Meaux Mercy (EMI))

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.  
The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth (echo)  
Lord of heaven and earth (echo)*

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.  
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth (echo)  
Lord of heaven and earth (echo)*

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (4x)

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Lord of heaven and earth (echo)  
Lord of heaven and earth (echo)*

**Be Unto Your Name** (Written by Gary Sadler, Lynn DeShazo, CCLI #2177476 ©1998 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (admin. by Integrity Music, Inc.))

We are a moment, You are forever Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor, You are eternal Love everlasting, reigning on high.

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.  
Highest praises, honor and glory, Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name.*

We are the broken, You are the healer. Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song we'll sing forever bowing before You, blessing Your name.

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.  
Highest praises, honor and glory, Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name.*

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.  
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**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.*

**Christ Our Hope in Life and Death** (2020 Getty Music Hymns and Songs Getty Music Publishing Jordan Kaufflin Music Love Your Enemies Publishing Matthew Merker Music Messenger Hymns CCLI # 7147502)

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone!  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand!

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal!  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess,  
Christ our hope in life and death!*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good! God is good!  
Where is His grace and goodness know? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, unto the shore? The rock of Christ!

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal!  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess,  
Christ our hope in life and death!*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him!  
There we will rise to meet the Lord. Then sin and death will be destroyed.  
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forever more!

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*Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death!*