



POHICK EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The 1774 home church of George Washington and George Mason.
In Christ: Embracing our history, welcoming in the present, transforming for the future.

August 31, 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

The people standing; the Celebrant may say

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.
The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.
Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the Lord,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE PSALTER (*said seated*)
Exultate Deo

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1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Ted Renaud

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SERVING TODAY

Celebrant

The Reverend Daniel Cenci

Preacher

The Reverend Ted Renaud, *Assistant Rector*

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Carolyn Cockroft and Tanya Reams

Acolyte

Caroline Billingsley

Ushers

Dru Hodges and John Pasour

Greeters

Nancy and Jud Bireley



PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS

- **For the special needs and concerns of this congregation**, especially for Craig Floyd, Wren Norwood, Andrea Godwin-Stremmler, Cathie McCall, Alisa Romero, Steve Alfieris, Jennifer Sassin, Becky Wagner, Anne Arnhart, Caleb Caesar, Tanya Reams, Joe Coleman, Andy, Kelly, Roy Baumann, Nissa D'Andrea, Carol Schiering, Ray Rios, Horace Hambrick, Mickie Krause, Anne Derbes, Bill Hosp, D'Andrea Wooten, Brett Ward, Juan Bernal, Troy Roberson, Ann Carter, Anna Cottrill, Lydia Cepeda, Flor Vito, Terry Abrams, Steve & Mari Harding, Tom Mayberry, Jim Murphy, Barb Rader, Margo Singleton, Mary Reilly, David Urbanski, and Boatner Howell.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Linda Gallini, Keith Albertson, Ellen Hishta, Mo Faber, Patrick Hishta, Margaret Schavland, and Cynthia Jacobus.
- We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Ryan Moatta, Gabby Rolland, and Summer Lancet.
- We pray for the victims of violence and of natural disasters worldwide. We pray for a Peaceful resolution of all global conflicts, and we ask your protection for all innocent people.
- We pray for all Christians who face persecution for their faith.
- In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders, and Adult Christian Formation leaders.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift, and leave us your contact information!
- "Do you renounce Satan...?" A biblical and historic look at the spiritual forces of evil. From Genesis to Revelation, there are numerous references to the forces of evil that are at work in the world. **Join Reverend Cenci this Sunday morning Aug 31, at 9:15 in the Parish House annex for a six-week study on Satan and the various manifestations of evil that are described in the scriptures.** We will study how these themes are presented both in the Bible and in history, paying close attention to the ways in which the church has interpreted these texts throughout the ages. We will also discuss how evil continues to play a role in the world today, and how Christians are called to combat these spiritual forces as part of our baptismal covenant.
- **TOMORROW: Mon, Sept 1, Parish Office closed** in observance of Labor Day.
- **Ministry of Music:** *All choirs and ensembles resume after Labor Day.* New members are welcome. There will be an online parent meeting for the Children Choir, *grades 3-8*, and Youth Choir *grades 9-12*, on Tuesday, September 2, from 7:00-7:20 p.m. Please contact music@pohick.org for a Zoom invitation. On Thursday, September 4, the Pohick Handbells, *teenagers and adults*, rehearse from 6:15-7:15 p.m. For our first choir rehearsals together, both the Pohick Choir and Children & Youth Choir meet together on Thursday, September 4 at 7:30 p.m. (Children & Youth Choir from 7:30-8 p.m. and Pohick Choir from 7:30-9 p.m.). We will all sing on Sunday, September 7th, meeting at 9:45 a.m. The St. Francis Choir, *Kindergarten to Grade 2*, singers are invited to register. Ronald Butts Boehmer, Minister of Music, music@pohick.org
- **The 27th annual Tee with the Bishop Golf Tournament** will be held at Shrine Mont September 7-8. The cost is \$204 per golfer. Reverend Daniel is hoping to put together a team to represent Pohick Church.

He is in need of three additional volunteers to be a part of the team. If you are interested in participating, please email Rev. Daniel at dcenci@pohick.org.

- **MINISTRY FAIR WILL BE SEPTEMBER 7TH AFTER BOTH SERVICES.** Anyone interested in having space at this year's Ministry Fair (formerly Activities Fair) please contact Jane Thurston in person or by e-mail fuzzyandjane@gmail.com If you wish to set up near another group please let her know.
- Plans for our new program year are underway. On September 7, 2025, after the 10:30 Service, we are hosting **Popsicles N Popcorn** to kick off our programs for children and youth. This fun event gives each family a chance to meet the teachers and advisors and register for the programs we are offering this school year. <https://form.jotform.com/252346827650158> for Children/Youth Church School, Choir, EYC and Grace Space Toddlers.
- **Sept 14: EYC Kick off with CPR Training!** Contact Rev. Ted at trenaud@pohick.org or the office 703 339-6572.
- **Riding Lawn mower:** If you or someone you know has a riding lawn mower they would like to donate for mowing the Rectory lawn, please contact the Parish office. Thank you!
- **Volunteers needed Tuesday afternoons:** A group of Pohick apple butter lovers are volunteering to staff a table at the Tackett's Mill Tuesday afternoon farmer's market. Our table will be set up with information about not just apple butter but also Pohick Church and our many activities. If you can volunteer for all or part of a Tuesday afternoon between 2:30-6:30 pm Aug 12 (our start date) and Sep 9, please contact Kathy Kirkland at 703-861-6177 or kkirkland2632@gmail.com.
- **The Annual Crab Feast**, sponsored by the Brotherhood of St Andrew will be held in the Common Room from 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm on Saturday, September 6th, the first Saturday following Labor Day. The menu will include Crabs, Fried Fish, Steamed Shrimp, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Pork Barbeque Sandwiches and Hot Dogs for the Kids. The cost is \$30.00 per adult (ages 18 and older), \$15 for children ages 12 to 17 and children under the age of 12 are free. This includes sodas and other soft drinks, but NOT beer and wine. Beer and wine will be available and donations for these items will be gladly accepted. Please contact the Church Office or members of the Brotherhood to purchase your tickets. Tickets sales start Sunday, 13 August by members of the Brotherhood. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Evans, evans.ken59@gmail.com , or Fred Crawford, fcrawford205@comcast.net
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Apple butter weekend this year is currently scheduled for September 19-21 with the Country Fair date as October 4.** We are looking for Fair Volunteers. If you're able to help, please email Chairman Rick Church at rickandkristi@comcast.net or 719-502-5697.
- **GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP** is closed in August. If you wish to make a purchase, please see Julie Ramacciotti during church office hours or Donna Crawford on Sundays. Thanks for your support!
- **Education for Ministry (EfM)** will begin on Monday, Sept. 15, 7-9 pm, in the Vestry House. We will meet weekly through June 8, 2026. This program is an excellent way to enrich your spiritual life. Please consider enrolling even if you have graduated before! For more info or to register contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan 703-973-5038 or jjegan3@netscape.net. Informational flyers are available in the Parish House.
- **The Ann Mason Guild** is collecting used jewelry for its annual jewelry sale. If you have donations, please leave in the church office marked for "Ann Mason Guild". We thank you.
- **Our regular Sunday Services** are at 8 am (Rite I Eucharist) and 10:30 am (Rite II Eucharist). Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:15 am. Additional church announcements are sent via email on Fridays, posted on pohick.org, and printed versions are available at the Parish House.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

In the Episcopal tradition, all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Communion at the Lord's Table; simply come to the altar rail and kneel to receive if you are able, or you may stand. If you are unable to come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you. The options for receiving communion are:

- You may hold out both hands to receive bread and drink from the cup;*
 - Or you may pinch two fingers over one hand and the Celebrant will intinct (dip) the edge of the bread in the Common Cup for you, then drop the bread gently into your outstretched hands.*
 - To reduce germ exposure in the chalice medical authorities have suggested, and the Diocese recommends, only the Chalice Bearer intinct the bread in the Common Cup.*
 - If you prefer to receive only bread, simply cross one arm across your chest as you hold out your hand for bread.*
 - You may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.*
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Vestry of Pohick Church

<u>Member</u>	<u>Elected Position and Commissions</u>
Neil Hogg	Senior Warden
Dave Billingsley	Junior Warden / Building & Grounds
Andrea Gurrola	Treasurer
Tom Mayberry	Register
Chris Brown	Communication & Digital Ministry
Beth Cooke	Service & Fellowship / Outreach
Dan Derbes	
Molly Diaz	Young Adult & Family Ministry
Rich Church	
Kathy Kirkland	Pastoral Care / Worship / Education
Jeff Schavland	Resources / Stewardship / Policy
Barbara Schavland	(youth rep 25/26)
Hal Yarwood	

Staff of Pohick Church

Priest-In-Charge:	The Reverend Daniel Cenci
Assistant Rector/	
Youth Minister:	The Reverend Ted Renaud
Minister of Music Emerita:	Linda Wilberger Egan
Music Minister:	Ronald Boehmer
Director of Education:	Susan Pehrsson
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