



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.

October 26, 2025
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

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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Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.
Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE PSALTER (*said seated*)

Psalm 65

Te decet hymnus

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18: 9-14

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Daniel Cenci

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SERVING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher	The Reverend Daniel Cenci
Assistant Rector	The Reverend Ted Renaud
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Holmes and Tanya Reams
Acolyte	Rhett Strawderman
Ushers	Angela Edgemon and Hal Yarwood
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, Caleb Caesar, Tanya Reams, Joe Coleman, Andy, Kelly, Nissa D'Andrea, Carol Schiering, Ray Rios, 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, Boatner Howell, Anne Arnhart, Susanne Roberts, Fred and Donna Crawford, Pat DeYoung, Barry Brown, Lara Gore, Larry Mobley,

Alexander Clumpkens, Everett Wanko, Maggie Calio, Jack Oates, Anne Sayer, Jan Hover, Cheryl Maddock, Christina Cole, Rob Grant, Judy Sunderland, and Sally Hogg.

- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Shea Byrne, Justin Brooks, Gary Knipling, Jackie Mullins, Adelaide Wise, Elizabeth Wise, Ted Yezek, Elizabeth Bays, Tracy Jansen, Ben Lynn, Theron Patrick, Keighan Speer, and Susan Schultz.
- We pray for the soul of William Dwayne Dwyer, who passed away on 19 October. He was the father of Michael Dwyer and Grandfather of Grayson and Logan.
- We pray for parents Patrick and Grace Boyle, big sister Opal, big brother Walter, as they all welcome baby Cleo Kay.
- 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 Grace, Kilmarnock; and St. Mary's, Fleeton, Reedville.



ALTAR FLOWERS

October 19th Altar Flowers were in honor of the memory of June MacDonald, whose first anniversary of her passing was October 17.

--Chuck MacDonald, Ann Carter, and the MacDonald and Carter families

Today's Altar Flowers are in Celebration of the life of Christian Boateng, who died September 13.

Today's Altar Flowers are in Celebration and Thanksgiving for Alexia Gordon's birthday October 25.



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!
- **TRANSFORMING QUESTIONS:** This SUNDAY at 9:15 am, Rev. Ted will be facilitating an adult formation series (2nd week of 3 weeks) exploring doubt, prayer, and pain/grief. Many Christians operate under the false assumption that doubt is the opposite of faith. Join us in a safe atmosphere of exploring why doubt, prayer, and pain/grief all are essential parts of becoming more faithful and being transformed by the One whom we encounter in the midst of our doubts and questions.

- **Church School and Children's Chapel, and Grace Space.** Please contact Susan Pehrsson, Director of Education, for questions or registration information, at spehrsson@pohick.org, or the Parish Office, 703 339-6572.
- **The Eve of All Saints:** The Pohick Pickers will play and lead hymns at the *Service for All Hallows' Eve* this Friday evening, October 31st at 5 p.m. in the Pohick Parish Cemetery.
- **Ministry of Music: Advent & Christmas:** The Pohick Choir & Pohick Youth Choir have begun for Advent and Christmas preparations that include seasonal music from Handel's *Messiah*. If you would like to sing, now is the time to join us. The choirs will sing at an *Advent Lessons & Carols* on Sunday evening, December 7th, 7:30 p.m., the *Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist* with carols, on Wednesday, December 24th, 10:30 p.m. and a *Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols* on Sunday, December 28th, 10:30 a.m. The *Advent Lessons & Carols* on December 7th will be preceded by a Parish dinner and followed by a reception. For more information, please contact Ronald Butts Boehmer, Minister of Music, music@pohick.org
- **GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP** -Oct 26th-10:30-11:30 am: Shop for fall decor, jewelry and purses, new olive wood items from Bethlehem, personalized Pohick mugs, ornaments, towels & candles, and get a head start on your Christmas shopping! Our newest gifts are small colorful felt coin purses handmade by Nepalese women; proceeds go toward helping support them. A special THANK YOU for your support during the Pohick Fair, and for shopping during new hours. All proceeds go toward helping those in need!
- **NOV 08: The Historic Pohick Church Docent Guild will meet at 9:30am in the Annex. Saturday's presentation** will feature archeological discoveries at the site of our original Pohick Church (now Cranford Methodist Church). The talk will be given by Mark Ludlow, archeologist and geo-radar expert, and Rachel Brown, Cranford Methodist Church Historian. Contact Nancy Sage and Susan Schultz for more information.
- **Lorton Community Action Center Outreach:**
 - **NOV 09: Warm coat drive.** Please bring either a new or slightly worn coat and leave it in the front corner of the common room under the LCAC sign.
 - **NOV 23: Thanksgiving 2025 Food Basket Drive drop off date.** Please pick up an Instructions flyer in Parish house.
- **NOV 11: Veteran's Day,** Parish Office closed.
- **NOV 11: Vestry meeting,** 7 pm, Vestry house.
- **NOV 16: Baptisms are planned at the 10:30 am service:** If you or your child wishes to be baptized, please contact Rev. Daniel at dcenci@pohick.org.
- **NOV 19: Wednesday Holy Eucharist at the Fairfax,** 1:30 pm.
- **NOV 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service,** 7 pm
- **Education for Ministry (EfM) Classes are Mondays at 7pm in the Vestry House.** 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. Information 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.
- **Coffee N Compline** on-line Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Fellowship, reflection and worship. Call the Parish Office at 703 339-6572 to be sent the Microsoft Teams link.
- **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 /news/weekly-announcements](http://pohick.org/news/weekly-announcements), and printed versions are available at the Parish House. **Fall Parish Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9am-3pm, Fridays 9am-noon.



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;*
- *To receive by intinction, please leave the bread in your open palm and the Chalice bearer will dip the bread in the chalice for you and place it back in your hand.*
- *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.*

Vestry of Pohick Church

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

Staff of Pohick Church

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