



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.

November 16, 2025

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

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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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Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it

an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,

or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

THE PSALTER (*said seated*)

Ecce Deus Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ

to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:5-19

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci

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SERVING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher	The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci
Assistant Rector	The Reverend Ted Renaud
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Will Frauenfelder and Becky Wagner
Acolyte	Kyle Johnson
Ushers	Don Cooke and Dave Billingsley
Greeters	Anne and Tony Marsico

We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift, and leave us your contact information!



PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS

- **For the special needs and concerns of this congregation**, especially for Craig Floyd, Wren Norwood, Andrea Godwin-Stremmer, Cathie McCall, Alisa Romero, Steve Alfieris, Jennifer Sassin, Becky Wagner, 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, 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, Sally Hogg, Caleb Caesar, Anne and Tony Marsico, and Jim Bartholomew.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Barry Brown, Judy Sunderland, Abigail Hopkins, Dottie Godley, Rick Franklin, Rod Strawderman, and Amy Johnson.
- 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 Christ Church, Cunningham Parish, Millwood; St. John's, Richmond; St. Luke's, Remington; and St. Stephen's, Heathsville.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Congratulations to Tony and Anne Marsico on their 40th Wedding Anniversary



ALTAR FLOWERS

*To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Pam Botts,
who died two years ago this month
Mason Botts*



TODAY'S EVENTS

- **9:15 am in the Annex: Understanding our Baptismal Covenant:** Join Reverend Cenci for a special forum on the sacrament of Christian Baptism. We will examine the Biblical history of baptism, the theological significance of the sacrament, and take a look at how the baptismal covenant shapes us as Christ-followers today. This course is open to everyone. Those who are interested in being baptized at Pohick are especially encouraged to attend.
- **9:30 am at the Bell Tower: 2025 Veteran's Day Observance,** presented by the Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.
- **9:15 am: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** - During Church School: practice in classroom with teachers
- **9:15 am in the Nursery: Grace Space** (18-36 month olds with parent or grandparent)
- **10:20 am Classroom D: Children's Chapel,** parents can drop off preschool-2nd graders
- **11:45 am: Youth Choir rehearsal**
- **6 pm-7:30 pm: EYC meeting**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NOV 19: Wednesday Holy Eucharist at the Fairfax, 1:30 pm.**
- **NOV 19: Wee-Y-C Friendsgiving** at the Rectory, 6 pm-7:30 pm <https://evite.me/F7SCXjdEKX>
- **NOV 21: Friday Family Fellowship,** 6 pm, Parish House.
<https://forms.gle/ysBVtbp6DHtYBRmW9> Questions? Call or email Jen Crump-Strawderman 703-469-6740/h8meats@gmail.com or Molly Diaz 845-674-7921/mollydiaz1@gmail.com
- **NOV 23: Advent wreath making-family activity,** after the 10:30 am service, Common Room.
- **NOV 23-DEC 14. Sundays at 9:15 am. Praying with St. Hildegard Von Bingen (1089-1179): An Introduction to Her Spirituality.** In this four- week study we will explore a selection of her Hymns, prayers, letters, and her visual art. Facilitator: Dr. Marleen McCabe.
- **NOV 26: Thanksgiving Eve Service,** 7 pm (Rite II with Eucharist)
- **NOV 27: Thanksgiving Day, Parish Offices closed**
- **DEC 03: Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service,** 6:30 pm
- **DEC 07: Advent Lessons and Carols,** 7 pm (6 pm Parish Dinner, 8 pm Reception)
- **DEC 12: Parish Christmas Party** at the Rectory, 6 pm



MINISTRIES

- **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**
 - **Christmas Pageant upcoming rehearsal dates:**
 - Nov 23 - During Church School inside Church
 - Nov 30 - During Church School in the classroom- Assign costumes (Costumes are provided)
 - Dec 7 - During Church School inside Church, **MANDATORY REHEARSAL**
 - **DEC 13: Christmas Pageant**, rehearsal noon-1:15, show begins at 2 pm, Reception follows
 - Susan Pehrsson, Director of Christian Education, 703-282-6574 or spehrsson@pohick.org
- **YOUTH MINISTRY:**
 - **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes -- Parish Service Project:** Join EYC in making a difference to children around the world this Christmas by participating in Operation Christmas Child. **Please pick up a shoebox or shoeboxes in the basement of the Parish House TODAY.**
 - Filled shoeboxes may be dropped off no later than Sunday **MORNING**, November 23rd. Packing instructions are included inside the shoeboxes along with a list of suggested and prohibited items. Shipping is \$10/box and payable via QR code on the box (new this year!).
 - Contact Jeff Schavland at schavland@me.com with any questions.
 - Dec 7: Caroling at the Fairfax
 - Dec 14: EYC Christmas party
 - The Rev. Ted Renaud, Youth Minister, trenaud@pohick.org
- **MUSIC MINISTRY:**
 - Rehearsals this week will be on Wednesday, November 19th instead of Thursday, November 20th.
 - **Eve of Thanksgiving Day:** Wednesday, November 26, 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist: Rite II, *Thanksgiving hymns and Pohick Choirs*
 - **Advent Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 7, 7 p.m., preceded by a 6 p.m. Parish dinner and followed by a reception.** The *Pohick Choir & Pohick Youth Choir* will sing Advent anthems and music from Handel's *Messiah*.
 - Ronald Butts Boehmer, Minister of Music, music@pohick.org
- **PARISH OUTREACH:** *Instructions flyer in Parish House.*
- **Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) Coat donations:** Please bring either a new or slightly worn coat and leave it in the front corner of the common room under the LCAC sign.
- **LCAC Thanksgiving 2025 Food Basket Drive drop off date is Nov 23.** Food Lion gift cards can be either given to Don Cooke, project coordinator, or placed in the offering bags on Sunday.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- For those who have been furloughed and are in need of financial assistance, Pohick Church has a Discretionary Fund. Please contact Rev. Daniel at the Parish office, 703 339-6572.
- **GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP November Hours:** the 1st & 3rd Sundays 8:45am-10:30am. The 2nd & 4th Sundays 11:30am-12:30pm. 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.

- **Education for Ministry (EfM) Classes are Mondays at 7pm in the Vestry House.** Contact: Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan 703-973-5038 or jjegan3@netscape.net.
- **Coffee N Compline** on-line Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Fellowship, reflection and worship. Call the Parish Office at 703 339-6572 for the Microsoft Teams link. This same link is used every Wednesday.
- **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. Announcements are on pohick.org /news/weekly-announcements. Send your email to adminassistant@pohick.org to receive our weekly email.
- **Fall Parish Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9am-3pm, Fridays 9am-noon. (Dec 22-Jan 2, hours will vary)



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.

Staff of Pohick Church

Priest-In-Charge: The Rev Daniel M. Cenci
 Asst. Rector/Youth Minister: The Rev Ted Renaud
 Minister of Music: Ronald Butts Boehmer
 Director of Education: Susan Pehrsson
 Finance Admin.: Julie Ramacciotti
 Sexton: Clint Herbert
 Administrative Asst.: Kara Faunt
 Cemetery Warden: Sandra Caesar
 Communications Mgr: Deborah Hennig
 Nursery Supervisor: Jennifer Tatum

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
Rick Church	
Kathy Kirkland	Pastoral Care / Worship / Education
Jeff Schavland	Resources / Stewardship / Policy
Barbara Schavland	(youth rep 25/26)
Hal Yarwood	



QR Code is set up for one-time giving for visitors or guests

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