



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 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am

The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist: Rite I

PROCESSIONAL: The Great Litany

The Book of Common Prayer pp. 148-153

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

The Book of Common Prayer p. 325

The Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

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Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALTER (*said seated*)

Laetatus sum

Psalm 122, p. 779

1 I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci

Moment of Silence

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❧SERVING TODAY❧

Celebrant and Preacher	The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci
Assistant Rector	The Reverend Ted Renaud
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Calvin Pilgrim and Doug Comer
Acolyte	Caroline Billingsley
Ushers	John Pasour and Ken Evans
Greeters	Vera Jones

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

Blessed Advent! The season of Advent begins today, when we intentionally become reflective and await with hope the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Advent Wreath is one way we symbolically remind ourselves that Christ's coming is near. The round shape represents the circle of eternity. Evergreen is the symbol of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Four candles represent each Sunday leading up to Christ's birth. The theme for this first Sunday of Advent is Hope. Today we light the first purple candle that reminds us Jesus is a shoot from the Branch of Jesse, and He is our hope for peace.

❧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, 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, 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 & Tony Marsico, Jim Bartholomew, and Nolan Brown.

- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Maria Holmes, Tanya Reams, Jan Buckius, Charles Choi, Andrew Eitler, Austin Gastrell, Tope Ayorinde, Nancy Bireley, and Drew Brooks.
- 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 in thanksgiving for God's Creation and those who care for it.

✿ALTAR FLOWERS✿

*Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the
twelfth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood
of the Rev. Daniel M. Cenci.*

by Jessica Cenci

✿TODAY'S EVENTS✿

- **7:45 am to 11:45 am:** The Nursery will be open and an attendant will be on site.
- **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.
- **Coffee hour/receptions** in the Parish House after the 8 am and 10:30 am services.
- **9:15 am: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** - During Church School in the classroom- Assign costumes (Costumes are provided)
- **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

✿UPCOMING EVENTS✿

- **DEC 03: Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service**, 6:30 pm
- **DEC 07: 2nd Sunday of Advent**, 8 am and 10:30 am Rite I
- **DEC 07: Christmas Sale in Common Room**-8:30 am-Noon.
- **DEC 07: Ann Mason's jewelry sale**, after both services. Thanks to all who have contributed!
- **DEC 07: Advent Lessons and Carols**, 7 pm (6 pm Parish Dinner, 8 pm Reception)
- **DEC 09: Vestry meeting**, Vestry House, 7 pm
- **DEC 12: Parish Christmas Party**, at the Rectory, 6 pm
- **DEC 13: Christmas Pageant**, rehearsal noon-1:15, show begins at 2 pm, Reception follows
- **DEC 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent**, 8 am and 10:30 am Rite I

- **DEC 14: EYC Christmas Party, 5 pm-8 pm**
- **DEC 16: NEW DATE! Tuesday - Caroling at the Fairfax, 6:00 pm**
- **DEC 17: Wednesday Holy Eucharist at the Fairfax, 1:30 pm.**
- **DEC 18: Prayer Service at Harmony at Spring Hill, 1:30 pm.**
- **DEC 21: 4th Sunday of Advent, 8 am and 10:30 am Rite I**
- **DEC 24: Colonial Candlelight Christmas Eve Services, 4:30 pm, and 10:30 pm.**
- **DEC 25: Colonial Candlelight Christmas Day Service, 10 am.**
- **DEC 25: Christmas Day, Parish Offices Closed** (limited office hours Dec 22-Jan. 2, 2026)
- **DEC 28: Christmas Lessons and Carols, 10 am.**

❧MINISTRIES❧

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Christmas Pageant upcoming rehearsal dates:

- **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:

- **Dec 14:** EYC Christmas party 5pm – 8 pm
- **NEW DATE! Tuesday December 16: Caroling at the Fairfax, 6:00 pm**
- The Rev. Ted Renaud, Youth Minister, trenaud@pohick.org

MUSIC MINISTRY:

- All are invited to next Sunday's Parish Dinner at 6 p.m. and Advent Lessons & Carols at 7 p.m.
- Dinner Sign-Up: online and in Parish House

Schedule this week

- **Sunday, November 30, The First Sunday of Advent, 9:45 a.m.** choirs meet
- **10:30 a.m. Great Litany & The Holy Eucharist: Rite One, Pohick Choir & Pohick Youth Choir, Pohick Pickers – no 11:45 a.m. meeting**
- Tuesday, December 2, 6 p.m. St. Francis Choir
- **Wed, Dec 3, 6:30 p.m. A Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving, Carolyn Cockcroft, piano**
- Thursday, December 4, all meet at 7:15 p.m. 7:30-9 p.m. *Advent Lessons & Carols Final Dress Rehearsal, in the Church, Pohick Youth & Pohick Choir, Pohick Handbells, no afternoon rehearsals*
- **Sunday, December 7, The Second Sunday of Advent – no morning meetings**
- **10:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist: Rite One (St. Andrew the Apostle)**
- **6 p.m. Parish Dinner, 6:45 p.m.** choirs meet
- **7 p.m. Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols, Pohick Choir & Pohick Youth Choir, Pohick Handbells.**

PARISH OUTREACH:

- 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.
- **Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) News:** Thanks to the generosity of the Pohick family, LCAC received more than 50 coats, hats, gloves, etc. for their annual Winter Coat Drive.

- Thank you for donating to the 2025 Thanksgiving Food basket drive for LCAC: Pohick received a variety of donations exceeding \$2000!
- **EYC OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES** – We dropped off 92 shoeboxes at the collection points at Burke Community Church and Calvary Road Baptist Church. Thank you to our congregation, who so generously support the program.
- **Afghan Ministry Update:** Thank You to those who continue to donate to the Afghan Ministry with their time, talent or treasure. We provided paper towels and toilet paper in October and 2 \$100 Aldi gift cards in November. Parishioners may donate through myEoffering, or with checks or cash, making sure you designate the donation is for the Afghan Ministry. Please reach out to Patty Mitchell, Nancy Sage or Carney McCullough with any questions or ideas. **Thank you for all your continued support!**

❧FOR YOUR INFORMATION❧

- **Stewardship Update:** Thank you to those who have returned their pledge cards! If not, this is just a gentle reminder to return your pledge cards. We would like to have as many in as possible by the end of November. This helps us with our budgeting for 2026.
- Good News - We will continue to use **MyEOffering** (the current vendor) into 2026.
- Don't Forget - If you increased your pledge for 2026, you will need go online to make the adjustment to your donations.
- If you are not an online giver, please consider this for 2026. If you make your payment through your checking/savings account, the fee is only \$0.30.
- This is a great way to have continuity in your donations and help us budget for expenses. If you would like assistance, please contact me at the office.
Thank you for your continued support of Pohick Church! Julie Ramacciotti, Finance Administrator
- It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the **GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP!!** Find great gifts for your loved ones.
 - **Open** Nov 30-11:30 am-12:30 pm; Dec 6-1-3 pm during Docent tour
 - **DEC 7-CHRISTMAS COMMON ROOM SALE**-8:30 am-Noon- Shop for handmade Christmas wreaths, tabletop decor, ornaments, olive wood ornaments and crosses, jewelry, personalized Pohick items, and more.
 - **SHOP HOURS**-Dec 14 & 28-8:45-10:30 am; Dec 21-11:30 am-12:30 pm
- **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/Winter Parish Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9am-3pm, Fridays 9am-noon. (Dec 22-Jan 2, 2026: 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.*

Vestry of Pohick Church

<u>Member</u>	<u>Elected Position and Commissions</u>
Neil Hogg	Senior Warden
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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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