



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.

December 07, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

(Saint Andrew the Apostle, November 30)

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

The Book of Common Prayer p. 323

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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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALTER (*said seated*)

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, pp. 685-686

Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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 John Pasour and Beth Cooke

Acolyte Charles Keeney

Ushers Dru Hodges and Sandra Caesar

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 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 Second Sunday of Advent is the Gift of Christ's Peace. Today we light the second purple candle that reminds us that only God's gift of Jesus to us can bring peace. During the Advent season let us intentionally become reflective and await with hope the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

✠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, 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: Diana Bland, Marc Abrams, Kurt Schwoppe, Micheyl Bartholomew, Judy Byrne, Margie Prados, Randy Romine, John Godley, and Tanner Hishta.
- 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 Holy Cross, Batesville; St. Asaph's, Bowling Green; and St. James', Louisa.

❧ TODAY'S EVENTS ❧

- **7:45 am to 11:45 am:** The Nursery will be open and an attendant will be on site.
- **Christmas Sale in Common Room-8:30 am-Noon.** Shop for handmade Christmas wreaths, tabletop decor, ornaments, olive wood ornaments and crosses, jewelry, books for kids, and more.
- **After both services:** Ann Mason's jewelry sale. Thanks to all who have contributed!
- **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 Mandatory Rehearsal -** During Church School in the church
- **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
- **6:00 pm: Parish Dinner**
- **7:00 pm: Advent Lessons and Carols,** with Reception afterward

❧ UPCOMING EVENTS ❧

- **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,** ALL ARE INVITED, meet at the church at 5:45 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: A Colonial Candlelight Christmas Eve**
 - **4:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**
 - **10:30 p.m. Carols and Midnight Eucharist: Rite One**
- **DEC 25: Colonial Candlelight Christmas Day Service,** 10 am.

- **DEC 25: Christmas Day, Parish Offices Closed**
- **DEC 28: Christmas Lessons and Carols, 10 am.**
- **JANUARY 01, 2026: New Year's Day, Parish Offices Closed**

❧ MINISTRIES ❧

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Christmas Pageant upcoming rehearsal dates:

- **TODAY** – During Church School inside Church, **MANDATORY REHEARSAL**
- **DEC 13: Christmas Pageant**, rehearsal noon-1:15, show begins at 2 pm, Reception follows
- **DEC 14: Church School, Children's Chapel, and Grace Space**
- **DEC 21: NO Church School, NO Grace Space, Children's Chapel: 10:20 am**
- **DEC 28: NO Church School, NO Grace Space, NO Children's Chapel**
- **JAN 04: Church School, Grace Space and Children's Chapel all resume**
- 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, ALL ARE INVITED:** meet at the church at 5:45 pm.
- **Dec 21: meeting 6 pm**
- **Dec 28: NO meeting**
- The Rev. Ted Renaud, Youth Minister, trenaud@pohick.org

MUSIC MINISTRY:

- *TODAY! All are invited to the Parish Dinner at 6 p.m. and Advent Lessons & Carols at 7 p.m.*
- **TODAY: The Second Sunday of Advent**
- **10:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist: Rite One** (*St. Andrew the Apostle, November 30*), no meetings
- **6 p.m. Parish Dinner**, Parish House, 6:45 p.m. choirs & handbells meet, Music Room
- **7 p.m. Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols**, *Pohick Choir & Pohick Youth Choir, Pohick Handbells.*

Schedule this week

- Tuesday, December 9, 6 p.m. St. Francis Choir
- Thursday, December 11, 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir, 6:15 p.m. Handbells, 7:30 p.m. Choir
- *Saturday, December 13, 2 p.m. Sunday School Pageant*
- **Sunday, December 14, The Third Sunday of Advent**
- 9:45 a.m. choirs meet, Music Room
- **10:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist: Rite One, Pohick Choir & Pohick Youth Choir, St. Francis Choir, no 11:45 a.m. meeting**
- Ronald Butts Boehmer, Minister of Music, music@pohick.org

❧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.

CHRISTMAS SALE in the COMMON ROOM is TODAY, 8:30AM-Noon

Shop for handmade Christmas wreaths, tabletop decor, ornaments, olive wood ornaments and crosses, jewelry, books for kids, and more.

SHOP HRS: Dec 14 & 28-8:45-10:30AM: Dec 21-11:30AM-12:30PM

Thank you for your support; proceeds go toward helping those in need.

- **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. (limited office hours Dec 22-Jan. 2)

❧ ***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 |
| Dave Billingsley | Junior Warden / Building & Grounds |
| Andrea Gurrola | Treasurer |
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| 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 | |

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