



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.

January 04, 2026

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

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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O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

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

THE PSALTER (said seated)

Psalm 84:1-8

Quam dilecta!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Diane G. Murphy

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*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion (see back page). Please follow the direction of the
ushers to Communion Stations.*

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**We welcome The Reverend Dr. Diane G. Murphy
as our Celebrant today!**

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

❧SERVING TODAY❧

Celebrant and Preacher	The Reverend Dr. Diane G. Murphy
Assistant Rector	The Reverend Ted Renaud
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Calvin Pilgrim and Tony Marsico
Acolyte	Kyle Johnson
Ushers	Chris Hempel and Ken Evans

❧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, 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, Anne & Tony Marsico, Jim Bartholomew, Nolan Brown, Kelly Godfrey, Rob Lamb, and Bette Hohn.

- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays last week and this week: Pat Kelley, Sarah Wright, Grace Boyle, Victoria Albert, Cynthia Darling, Cati Dobson, Scott Sweetser, Sandra Caesar, Emma Daw, Dick Hamly, Matthew Bray, Joe Wise, Gloria Hamly, Mari Harding, Blake Baird, Louise Crow, Catherine Godley, and Steve Harding.
- 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 St. Philip's, Richmond.

❧ TODAY'S EVENTS ❧

- **7:45 am to 11:45 am: The Nursery will be open and an attendant will be on site.**
- **Coffee hours** in the Parish House after the 8 am and 10:30 am services.
- **9:15 am-10:15 am:** Church School: Preschool through fourth grade. Parents, please pick up your children at the door of the classrooms.
- **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
- **You are welcome to take poinsettias after today's 10:30 am service.**
- **6-7:30 pm: EYC meeting**, meet in the youth trailers

❧ UPCOMING EVENTS ❧

- **JAN 7: Coffee 'n' Compline resumes 7 pm on Microsoft Teams**
- **JAN 8: Golden Dove Gift Shop Inventory day - 9 am - we finish! in the gift shop & Vestry house.**
- **JAN 13: Vestry meeting 7 pm. Vestry House.**
- **JAN 18: Pohick Annual meeting and Vestry Elections**
- **JAN 19: Parish Office Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- **JAN 21: Staff Meeting: Calendar Planning: (*Guilds and Ministries, please email your 2026 event dates to adminassistant@pohick.org*)**
- **JAN 21: Eucharist at the Fairfax 1:30 pm**
- **JAN 23: Friday Family Fellowship 6:00 pm**
- **JAN 29: Prayer Service at Spring Hill 1:30 pm**
- **FEB 07: The Reverend Ted Renaud's Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests, 10:30am, in Richmond. Stay tuned for more details!**

❧ MINISTRIES ❧

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TODAY: 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: TODAY: meeting, 6pm-7:30 pm, meet at the Youth Trailer

- The Rev. Ted Renaud, Youth Minister, trenaud@pohick.org

MUSIC MINISTRY: TODAY, The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

9:45 a.m. Pohick Youth Choir & Pohick Choir meets, Music Room

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Pohick Choir & Pohick Youth Choir – no 11:45 a.m. rehearsal

Schedule this week: Epiphany Season

Tuesday, January 6, Epiphany, No rehearsals

Thursday, January 8, No rehearsals

Sunday, January 11, The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9:30-10:15 a.m. Pohick Choir meets, Music Room

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Pohick Choir, Pohick Pickers, St. Francis Choir, Linda Wilberger Egan, Minister of Music Emerita – no 11:45 a.m. rehearsal

✿FOR YOUR INFORMATION✿

- **Volunteers are needed to stream our services to Facebook and YouTube.** We now routinely stream many of our services and need to expand our streaming team. Anyone age 18 or older with some comfort using personal computers is welcome to join our small team for this fun and important ministry. We will teach you everything you need to know, but it's really not hard to do this. Please contact Chris Brown to volunteer (cbrown@pohick.org), or talk to him any time he's around, or stop in the church office when a service is being streamed and speak with whomever is streaming the service at that time.
- **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 soon as possible. 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

GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP OPEN TODAY from 8:45-10:30AM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and come have some fun while helping w/shop inventory on Thursday, Jan 8th....anytime between 9AM-we finish! All are welcome; goodies and pizza lunch are provided!

Thank for your support; all 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.
- **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
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	

Staff of Pohick Church

Priest-In-Charge:	The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci
Assistant Rector/	
Youth Minister:	The Reverend 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

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

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