



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 11, 2026

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

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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Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

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

THE PSALTER (said seated)

Psalm 29, pp. 620-621

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging

him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci

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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 Daniel M. Cenci
Assistant Rector	The Reverend Ted Renaud
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	John Pasour and Tanya Reams
Acolyte	Caroline Billingsley
Ushers	Dru Hodges and Angela Edgemon
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, Tanya Reams, Joe Coleman, Andy, Kelly, Nissa D'Andrea, 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, Bette Hohn, and Vera Robinson.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays last week and this week: Kristi Church, Rick Nelson, Matt Gurrola, Edith Bartlett, Dennis Dalpino, Wes Speer, Kristina Myers, Tony Marsico, and Brooke Williams-Gailey.
- We pray for the soul of Carol Schiering, who died Jan. 8. She was a lifelong friend of Carney McCullough.
- We pray for the soul of Don Pfalzgraf, who died Jan. 8. He was the brother of Connie Myers.
- We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Ryan Moatta, Gabby Rolland, Summer Lancet, and Colt Drew.
- 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 Messiah, Fredericksburg; and Epiphany, Oak Hill, Herndon.

❧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.
- **Adult Forum**-Study on the Johannine Epistles (led by Rev. Daniel)
- **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
- **6-7:30 pm: EYC meeting**, meet in the youth trailers

❧UPCOMING EVENTS❧

- **JAN 12:** The Funeral of Anne Arnhart, Pohick Church, 12 pm.; Reception at the Fairfax, 2 pm.
- **JAN 13:** Vestry meeting 7 pm. Vestry House.
- **JAN 14:** Coffee 'n' Compline, 7 pm, Microsoft Teams
- **JAN 18:** Pohick Annual meeting and Vestry Elections
 - Vestry member elections will be held on Sunday January 18, between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Services. Candidates are: Rick Church, Chris Hempel, Tanya Reams, Pat Riley, and Thomas Wright, and youth representative Olivia Diaz. Many thanks to those Vestry members who will roll off the Vestry Feb. 10 (Vestry meeting date): Completing three-year terms are Beth Cooke, Kathy Kirkland, Chris Brown, and Jeff Schavland, while Rick Church is finishing off the term of Brooke Gorman. Also completing their term in June is our graduating youth representative Barbara Schavland.
 - Members of Pohick Church who are in good standing may nominate additional vestry candidates. If you would like to make a nomination for a vestry candidate, please consult the nominee to ensure that they are willing to serve. If the individual agrees to be nominated, please submit the name of the nominee to the church office to ensure that they are a baptized, confirmed, communicant of Pohick Church in good standing. If the nominee meets the canonical requirements to serve on the vestry, their name will be added to the slate. Additional nominations for vestry candidates should be received by the parish administrator no later than Friday January 16th.
- **JAN 19:** Parish Office Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **JAN 21:** Eucharist at the Fairfax 1:30 pm
- **NEW DATE: JAN 22:** Staff Meeting-Calendar Planning: *(Guilds and Ministries, please email your 2026 event dates to adminassistant@pohick.org)*
- **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, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 520 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220.
- **FEB 07:** Chili Cook Off and Bingo Night. Held by the Ann Mason Guild, 6pm-8:30pm. Tickets available during coffee hours on January 25 and February 1. Cost \$10 per person (without chili entry) and \$5 per person (with Chili entry). Children 10 and under are free. Hotdogs will be available. For questions contact: susanmayberry59@gmail.com, or angelaedgemon@gmail.com

❧MINISTRIES❧

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TODAY: Church School, Grace Space and Children's Chapel

- 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 First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ. 9:30-10:15 a.m. Pohick Choir, 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*

Schedule this week

Tuesday, January 13, 6 p.m. St. Francis Choir

Thursday, January 15, 5:30 p.m. Pohick Youth Choir, *Gloria Jackson, leader*; 6:15 p.m. Pohick Handbells, *Don Brownlee, leader*; 7:30 p.m. Pohick Choir Sectionals, *Don Brownlee & Gloria Jackson, leaders*

Sunday, January 18, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany, 9:45 a.m. choir meets, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Pohick Choir; Sunday, January 18, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Pohick Youth Choir

✧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.
- **FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE:** Starting in 2026, Pohick will no longer provide Offering Envelopes. We have alternate ways of giving. Please contact the office if you want your envelope number. All offerings are recorded by name and number.
- **Contribution Statements** will be available to pick up during Coffee Hours in the Common Room Sunday January 25 and Sunday February 1.
- **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 11:30am - 12:30pm.

(the 1st & 3rd Sunday's the Gift Shop is open 8:45am - 10:30am. The 2nd & 4th Sunday's the Gift Shop is open from 11:30am - 12:30pm.)

- **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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