



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.

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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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Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT**Genesis 28:10-19a**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER (said seated)**Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23, BCP pp. 794, 795**

Domine, probasti

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 24-30,36-43

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

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci

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Please follow the direction of the ushers to Communion Stations.

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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
Acolyte	Charles Keeney
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Doug Comer and Angela Edgemon
Ushers	Tony Harriman and Ken Evans

❧ALTAR FLOWERS❧

*Today's Altar flowers are in Celebration of our 30th Wedding Anniversary
Jeff and Adrienn Schavland*

❧PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS❧

- **For the special needs and concerns of this congregation**, especially for Craig Floyd, Wren Norwood, Becky Wagner, Nissa D'Andrea, Bill Hosp, D'Andrea Wooten, Jim Murphy, Donna Crawford, Pat DeYoung, Alexander Clumpkens, Everett Wanko, Maggie Calio, Anne Sayer, Jim Bartholomew, Edwardene Pitcock, John Leon, Shannon Chandler, The Rev. Dennis Adams and his wife, Barbara, the Boyle Family, Cricket Blanton, Jim Waltermann, Linda Liddle Blackington, Odin Knudsen, Jenny Tatum, Carolyn Cockcroft, Russ Dickerson, Patricia Franke, Rhett Aiken, the Royal Family, the Ruark Family, and Anna Thompson.
- We pray for the soul of Alisa Romero, who died July 9. She was the wife of Raoul Romero.
- We pray for the soul of Ada Emerson Napier, who was the great granddaughter of Dick and Gloria Hamly and was stillborn.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Clay Sweetser, Phil Gastrell, Michael Smith, Casey Ljuba, Olivia Sullivan, Joe Chudzik, Charles Keeney, Melody Yezek, Pat Boyle, and John Pasour.
- We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Ryan Moatta, Gabby Rolland, Summer Lancet, The Hicks Family, and Nicholas Amorando.
- 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 Members of Racial Reconciliation/Outreach/Mission/Creation Care committees and all those for whom they labor.

❧ *TODAY'S EVENTS* ❧

- Mid-year contribution statements will be available for pick up today at Coffee Hours.
- **TODAY: "Fill the Truck for LCAC"** food donation, bring items to common room.
- **Golden Dove Gift shop: Open 8:45-10:30AM** (*Gift shop is closed the month of August*)
- **9:15am ADULT FORUM, Annex Room**
- **9:15am-10am:** For parents with children under 36 months of age who wish to attend our summer adult forums and are in need of the Nursery: please contact the office in advance so we can arrange for the nursery to be open earlier, and an attendant to be on site.
- **9:15am-10:15 am: Summer Children's Sunday School:** For parents who wish to attend our summer adult forums, Pohick Church offers a summer Sunday School program for children. **This is a combined class of children ages 4-12 and will meet in Classroom A.** All children are welcome to attend!
- **10am-12pm: The Nursery** will be open and an attendant will be on site.
- **10:20 am: Children's Bible Storytelling** is for preschoolers through 2nd grade. It will be held in classroom D. Parents should drop off their children at 10:20 am. The children will join their parents in church after the Peace.
- **EYC today at 6:00pm**

❧ *SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS* ❧

- As we celebrate the **80th Annual Pohick Country Fair**, we're seeking volunteers to help make this milestone event our best yet.
 - This year's Fair will feature the Virginia 250 Mobile Museum and is expected to draw one of our largest crowds yet, making your help more important than ever.
 - Volunteer opportunities are available for children's games, Country Store, baked goods, Funnel Cakes, parking, setup and breakdown, cashiers, ticket sales, pony rides, car show, hospitality, docent tours, security and safety, visitor assistance, and general floaters.
 - Whether you can serve for a couple of hours or all day, your time and talents will help welcome visitors from across Northern Virginia.
 - Interested in volunteering? Please contact Rick Church, Chairman of the 80th Annual Pohick Country Fair, at rickandkristi@comcast.net.
 - Together, let's make this historic 80th Fair a celebration our entire community will remember!
- **LCAC Back to School Drive:** Here is how it works: Review the sign-up list at <https://lortonaction.org> select the item(s) you plan to purchase. Either drop the items off at the LCAC table in the Common Room **before 10:30 on Sunday August 9th**, bring the items to LCAC, 9520 Richmond Highway, on August 9th, between **11 am and 1 pm**, **OR** Order items online and have them shipped to LCAC at 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, VA 22079, attn: Christen Scott. ***All items need to arrive or be dropped off by August 9th***. If you have any questions, please email Christen@LortonAction.org.
- *All are welcome to join the Ministry of Music at Pohick Church: You may pre-register now at music@pohick.org Registration online for 2026-2027 is August 1 – September 1. Rehearsals resume after Labor Day. All are welcome to sing in the choir during July meeting at 10:20 a.m., Music Room.*
- **If you haven't bought your "Pohick Church Merch" yet**, shirts and magnets are available for purchase in the Parish Office during the week and anytime on line at pohick.org, click on Golden Dove Gift shop.

❧UPCOMING EVENTS❧

- **JULY 19, 26, 9:15 am- 10:15 am**, Annex Room: Adult Forum: *Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Mothers for Troubling Times: A five-week journey into Desert Spirituality*. Facilitator: Dr. Marleen McCabe
- **“Sermons that Shaped America”**. Join us Wednesdays in July at 7:00pm at the historic church of George Washington and George Mason as we hear a selection of these important sermons that shaped America. (Previous sermons are available online at pohick.org, select live stream tab)
July 22nd William Smith “A Sermon on the Present Situation of American Affairs” 1775
July 29th John Witherspoon “The Dominion of Providence over the Passions of Men” 1776
- **JULY 23:** Eucharist at Harmony at Spring Hill, 1:30 pm
- **JULY 25-AUGUST 1:** Honduras Mission Trip
- **SEPT 7:** Parish office closed for Labor Day

❧VISIT THE GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP❧

Visit this month as we are closed in August!

SALE ITEMS-Beautiful handmade gemstone pendants & our very own Pohick cookbooks. Framed Pohick sketches, new olive wood items, blessing & friendship bracelets, summer outfits & purses for the ladies, and more are in the shop!

Golden Dove Gift Shop Hours:

1st & 3rd Sundays-8:45-10:30AM

2nd & 4th Sundays-11:30AM-12:30PM

First Saturdays-1-3PM during docent tours

Proceeds go toward helping those in need; THANKS for your purchases and support!

Shop online too! www.pohick.org Homepage, click on “Golden Dove”

❧MINISTRIES❧

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: Susan Pehrsson, Director of Christian Education, 703-282-6574 or spehrsson@pohick.org

YOUTH MINISTRY: EYC: (Ages 5th-12th graders) The Rev. Ted Renaud, trenaud@pohick.org and the Rev. Daniel Cenci, dcenci@pohick.org

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: The Rev. Ted Renaud, trenaud@pohick.org

Ministry of Music at Pohick Church: Sunday, July 26, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost,

Proper 12 **10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II**, *Pohick Choir, Gloria Jackson, soprano*

- If God be for us (*Messiah*) – George Frideric Handel

Ministry of Music participants are welcome to sing in the choir during July. Singers meet at 10:20 a.m. in the Music Room.

❧FOR YOUR INFORMATION❧

- **Coffee N Compline** will resume on August 5. (*on-line Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Fellowship, reflection and worship. Call the Parish Office at 703 339-6572 for the Microsoft Teams link, used every Wednesday.*)
- **Our regular Sunday Services** are at 8 am (Rite I Eucharist spoken) and 10:30 am (Rite II Eucharist sung). Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:15 am. YOUTH (EYC) 6pm Sundays.
- **Announcements** are on [pohick.org /news/weekly-announcements](http://pohick.org/news/weekly-announcements). 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 Commission Leads</u>
Neil Hogg	Senior Warden
Dave Billingsley	Junior Warden, Building and Grounds
Andrea Gurrola	Treasurer, Resources/ Stewardship / Policy
Tom Mayberry	Register, Pastoral Care / Worship / Education
Dan Derbes	
Molly Diaz	Young Adult/Family Ministry
Rick Church	Communication/Digital Ministry
John Egan	
Christopher Hempel	
Patrick Riley	
Tom Wright	
Olivia Diaz	(youth rep 26/27)
Hal Yarwood	Service and Fellowship Outreach

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:	Jenny Tatum

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

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