



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 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am

Holy Baptism with 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.***

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People ***One God and Father of all.***

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us Pray.

THE COLLECT

Proper 12, p. 180

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

Beati omnes

1 Happy are they all who fear the Lord, *
and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the Lord *
shall thus indeed be blessed.

5 The Lord bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.

EPISTLE

Romans 8: 26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 31-33,44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Ted Renaud

Moment of Silence

The candidates for Baptism and their family may now come forward.

Presentation of Candidate for Baptism (Candidate & Sponsors)

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Priest The Candidate will now be presented.

Presenters *We present Cleo Kay Boyle to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents &

Godparents *I will, with God's help.*

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents &

Godparents *I will, with God's help.*

Then the Priest asks the following questions of the candidate and of parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the children.

Priest Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Priest Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Priest Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?"

Answer *I do.*

Priest Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer *I do.*

Priest Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer *I do.*

TO CONGREGATION:

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Cleo in her life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

Priest Let us join with those committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal Covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (*congregation responds*)

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Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People ***I will, with God's help.***

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People ***I will, with God's help.***

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People ***I will, with God's help.***

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People ***I will, with God's help.***

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People ***I will, with God's help.***

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

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Reader Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
 Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy church.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Priest blesses the water, first saying

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

Priest We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

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Priest (Cleo)

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over her, saying

Priest Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

(Cleo)

you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Priest and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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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 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 Ted Renaud
Acolyte	Kyle Johnson
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Elston and Will Frauenfelder
Ushers	Dave Billingsley and Clint Herbert

We give thanks for all those baptized into the Body of Christ at Pohick Church:

Cleo Kay Boyle

daughter of Patrick and Grace Boyle

✧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 Cockroft, Russ Dickerson, Patricia Franke, Rhett Aiken, Anna Thompson, the Royal Family, and the Ruark Family.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Glenn Spencer, John Wooten, Chris Brown, Ana Diaz, Paul Leon, Wiley Prior, Clint Herbert, Amanda Ljuba, Don Cooke, Emerson Wright, Doris Hood and Jeff Parker.
- 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 The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion and all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Lay Leaders.

✧TODAY'S EVENTS✧

- **Golden Dove Gift shop: Open 11:30AM-12:30PM** (*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.
- New participants are welcome to join the various groups in the Ministry of Music at Pohick Church. We offer choirs and ensembles for all ages. You may pre-register now at music@pohick.org – Registration online for 2026-2027 is August 1st to September 1st. Rehearsals resume after Labor Day.
- **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 online at pohick.org, click on Golden Dove Gift shop.

❧UPCOMING EVENTS❧

- "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 29th** John Witherspoon "The Dominion of Providence over the Passions of Men" 1776
- **JULY 25-AUGUST 1:** Honduras Mission Trip
 - **SEPT 7:** Parish office closed for Labor Day
 - **SEPT 18-20:** Apple Butter weekend
 - **OCT 03:** Pohick's 80th Annual Country Fair

❧ VISIT THE GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP ❧

Visit TODAY 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: *Today*

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

We thank the singers who have sung during the summer at Pohick Church.

❧ 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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