

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.

Sunday, November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist: Rite I

PROCESSIONAL: The Great Litany **The Book of Common Prayer pp. 148-153**

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE **The Book of Common Prayer p. 325**

The Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY **First Sunday of Advent, p. 159**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

OLD TESTAMENT **Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

THE PSALTER (said seated) — Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

EPISTLE — 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE GOSPEL — Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

THE SERMON — The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci

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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 Daniel M. Cenci
Acolyte	Kyle Johnson
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Doug Comer and Beth Cooke
Ushers	John Pasour and Tony Harriman

Blessed Advent!

The season of Advent begins today, when we intentionally become reflective and await with hope the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 first Sunday of Advent is Hope. Today we light the first purple candle that reminds us Jesus is a shoot from the Branch of Jesse, and He is our hope for peace.

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, Alexander Clumpkens, Everett Wanko, Maggie Calio, Anne Sayer, Jim Bartholomew, Edwardene Pitcock, John Leon, The Rev. Dennis Adams and his wife, Barbara, the Boyle Family, Cricket Blanton, Jim Walterman, Linda Liddle Blackington, Odin Knudsen, Jenny Tatum, Russ Dickerson, Patricia Franke, Rhett Aiken, Anna Thompson, the Royal Family, Philip Timmons, Kathy Linville, Femi Ayorinde, Cathy Kern, David Updegraff, Andy B., JP, Rosette Diaz, Anne Kearns, Kim Sunderland Tolbert, Buck Gastrell, Jan Hover, Cheryl Waddock, Ty Fisher, Catherine Gonzalez, Shirley Ware, James Whitby, Jim Stover, Russ Patterson, Cynthia Darling, Susanne Roberts, Jud Sage, and Allison Turner.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Maria Holmes, Tanya Reams, Jan Buckius, Charles Choi, Andrew Eitler, Austin Gastrell, Holly Hodges, Diana Bland, Tope Ayorinde, and Nancy Bireley.
- We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Ryan Moatta, Gabby Rolland, 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: In thanksgiving for God's Creation and those who care for it.

TODAY'S EVENTS

- **Gift shop open today at** 8:45am-10:30am
- **9:15 am: Adult Forum.** The Old Testament tells the story of God's love for his chosen people, and the Gospels tell us how Christ died and rose again to bring God's love to all people. So what about the Epistles? Sometimes we may feel like their readers lived in such a different time and place than us that they are irrelevant to us, or at most just instructions on how to be a good Christian. But they are filled with wisdom for us today. Paul teaches us how to pray, how to praise God, and for what purpose Christians ought to live. The Letter to the Ephesians is a poetic vision of what God has done and what he is calling us to do. Join us as we meditate on what it means to worship God and what it means to be the Body of Christ, Facilitator: Will Frauenfelder.

Christian Education Information: Questions? Call or text Nicole Crochet at 703-946-3233
Signs to guide you to the correct room are located at the entrance of the Parish House

- **9:15 – 10:15 Sunday School**
  - Preschool – 2nd Grade meet downstairs in Room E
  - 3rd – 8th Grade meet in Music Room
  - 9th – 12th Grade meet in the Teen Trailer
- **10:20 - 11:00 am - Children's Chapel**
  - Preschool – 3rd Grade meet in Room D
  - *Children are brought into the church service at the Peace*
- **Nursery Room**
  - **9:15 am – 12:00 pm,** 6 months – 36 months can be dropped off at any time.
  - **9:15 – 10:15 am - Grace Space Class**, 18 months – 36 months and at least one adult meet in the nursery.
    - Grace Space is for little ones and their adult(s) to experience an age-appropriate service, sing, play, and pray together.
- **EYC meeting today at 6:00pm-7:30pm**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **DEC 02:** Wednesday at noon. **A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving,** *Eucharist and Healing service with Reflective Music and Readings*
- **DEC 02:** Advent Wreath Making and Potluck family event, 6pm. Please RSVP nchrochet@pohick.org.
- **DEC 06:** Adult Forum, 9:15 am: Holy Days of the Holiday Season (St. Andrew, St. Thomas, St. Stephen)
- **DEC 06:** Golden Dove Christmas Sale 8:45AM-Noon
- **DEC 06:** The Ann Mason Guild Jewelry Sale during coffee hours
- **DEC 06: Advent Lessons & Carols,** 6pm, *Pohick Choir*, *Pohick Handbells*, *Pohick Youth Choir*, *EYC Readers*
- **DEC 12: Christmas Pageant,** 2:00 pm, reception follows
- **DEC 13:** Adult Forum, 9:15 am: Holy Days of the Holiday Season (St. Nicholas, St. Lucia, St. Clement)
- **DEC 13:** EYC Caroling and Christmas Party 5:30 pm
- **DEC 16:** Wednesday Holy Eucharist at the Fairfax, 1:30 pm
- **DEC 18:** Parish Christmas Party at the Rectory, 6:00 pm
- **DEC 20:** Adult Forum, 9:15 am: Holy Days of the Holiday Season (Nativity, Holy Innocents, The Holy Name)

- **DEC 24: Christmas Eve:** 4 pm Family Holy Eucharist: Rite II *(nursery opens at 3:45 pm for 6-36 month olds)*
- **DEC 24: Christmas Eve:** 6:30 pm Carols & Prelude, 7:00 pm Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite One
- **DEC 25:** Christmas Day service, 10:00 am
- **DEC 27: Christmas Lessons & Carols,** 10:00 am., *Pohick Choir*, *Pohick Youth Choir*, *Pohick Handbells*, *Susan Rider trumpet*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you generous parishioners!** Pohick donated over 50 coats, hats, gloves, and socks to LCAC for their Winter Coat Drive. **We also provided 15 Thanksgiving baskets and gift cards** with a total value of $1,152.60. In 2026, Pohick has helped fill LCAC's pantry with approximately 3,500 pounds of food valued at more than $6,700! Thank you to all who supported our neighbors!
- **EYC OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES –** We dropped off 75 shoeboxes at the collection points at Burke Community Church and Calvary Road Baptist Church. Thank you to our congregation, who so generously support the program.
- **Coffee Hour** is a wonderful Ministry, bringing Pohickians together for fellowship. Please fill in your name and contact info on **pohick.org/pages/coffee-hour** or sign up on the board in the Common Room.
- **Stewardship 2027:** Please return your pledge cards to the office as soon as possible**.** Pledge cards are also available during Sunday coffee hours and in the church.
- **ONLINE GIVING NOTICE**: If you are currently using *MyEOffering* for your online contributions to Pohick Church, you will receive an email asking you to "migrate" to the upgraded platform. This is a legitimate email. The transition should be easy, but if you have any problems or questions, please contact me at the Church Office 703-339-6572 or by email: **jramacciotti@pohick.org.** Julie Ramacciotti, Finance
- **Pastoral Care Ministry:** If you or your family are experiencing a difficult time or facing serious issues and wish to confidentially discuss these with clergy, please know we are here for you. Rev. Daniel, 703 339-6572, or dcenci@pohick.org; and Rev. Diane, 703 408-1152, or dmurphy@ttrsir.com

SHOP AT THE GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the GOLDEN DOVE!
-Holiday wreaths & decor, Christmas ornaments and trinkets, olive wood ornaments from Bethlehem, personalized Pohick tea towels, ornaments, & framed prints, apple butter too!
-One-of-a-kind cutting boards, jewelry & angel ornaments handcrafted w/pottery pieces from the Potomac River-by our own Rachel Knotts of Tidewater Trove!
-DEC 6th-8:45AM-Noon, Do your Christmas shopping in the Common Room!
Thanks for your support; all proceeds go toward missions and outreach…helping those in need.
Gift shop Hours: 1st & 3rd Sundays-8:45-10:30AM, 2nd & 4th Sundays-11:30AM-12:30PM
First Saturdays-1-3PM (during docent tours)
Shop online at www.pohick.org homepage, click on Golden Dove. See our ads on Facebook.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **Regular Sunday Services:** 8:00am (Rite I Eucharist spoken), 10:30am (Rite II Eucharist sung); Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:15am. EYC (5^{th}-12^{th} grade) 6pm-7:30pm.
- **Coffee N Compline** is on-line Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. **Pick up a reusable bulletin in the parish office.**

- To receive our weekly email, please send your Email to adminassistant@pohick.org
- **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.*

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Staff of Pohick Church

Priest-In-Charge:	The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci
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