

POP Updates Cont'd.



Help Available / Help Wanted! Music Director Suzann Barthold's grandson Charlie and his West Point Military Academy roommate are currently available for errands, yard work, and small chores. Contact **Suzann** (410-721-0147) if you would like their help. In addition, the Harrison family is currently in need of a babysitter. If you or anyone you know is willing to risk helping the family, please contact the church office.

Community Support! During this difficult time, POP encourages all to call each other regularly and to support one another in prayer. **If you are a Facebook member, please join the "Friends of POP" group.** (Search "Friends of POP" in the Facebook search box to join!) This group allows members to post private messages for the congregation (prayer concerns, scheduling, etc.). The POP page is very public, but we can still converse as a congregation safely on "Friends of POP." Pastor Elizabeth will check the page daily to "accept" people who want to be on it.



Calendar for April 5, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m.	Faith 5 Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation class – Held via Zoom
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons' meeting – Held via Zoom
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service – Online via Facebook
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Faith 5 Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Worship Service – Online via Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom

Hosanna!

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – April 5, 2020



Holy Week & Easter Services

Passion/Palm Sunday Service - TODAY

"Hosanna in the Highest!"

Check POP's Facebook page for a special video!

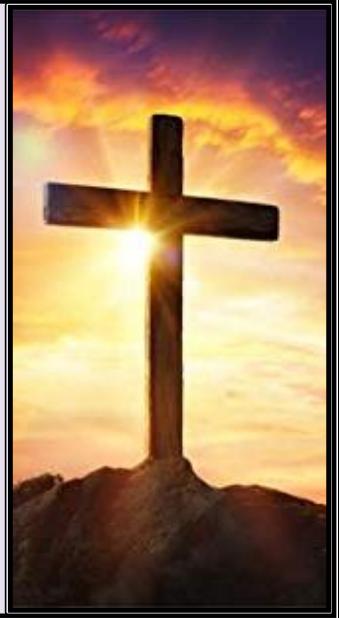
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, April 9th, at 7:00 p.m.

This service will include "virtual" Holy Communion and the ancient rite of Tenebrae, during which the lights are dimmed as the story of Christ's final days is read. Please remember to pick up bread and juice/wine on your next shopping trip to have at home for the service!

Easter/Resurrection Sunday, April 12th, at 10:30 a.m.

Please be seated for quiet prayer and reflection on this holiest and most glorious of days! The service will begin with Pastor Elizabeth entering the sanctuary, bearing the Christ Candle, and proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is LORD!

COME WORSHIP WITH US!



Stewardship in a Time of Crisis! We may not know the timing, but we do know that when the time comes when we can gather safely together again, we, and the community, will need the church more than ever. People will be suffering. ***It is critical therefore, for our sakes and the sake of our ministry to the world, that Prince of Peace Church stays strong. That requires your help.*** Every Sunday the church is closed, we

will lose the "loose plate" income that is a big part of our budget. This time of year especially, we usually have very healthy collections which carry us through other parts of the year. Not having that, we need your help. Please keep up with your pledged stewardship. We are exploring ways to do online bill-pay. But for now, you have the option of mailing in your regular giving or using automatic bill-pay through your bank. If you are worried about sending money in the mail to a closed church, Session is taking steps to make your money secure. Our church mailbox is locked for security and will be checked consistently throughout the week. ***Please give regularly and generously so that we can continue to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ during this time when people need that witness more than ever.*** Right now, we are loving our neighbor by staying closed. The time will come with God's grace when we will need to love our neighbor by resuming the public life of the church. Thank you for ensuring that we will be ready!

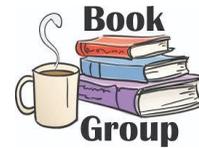
Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities



Faith 5 Scripture Study Now on Zoom! POP's Faith 5 Scripture Study group will meet virtually on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. until further notice. To join the discussion of each week's Scripture readings, go to Zoom* a few minutes before 9:30 a.m. Click on "Join a Meeting" and type in **Meeting ID: 556 753 635** (same ID every Sunday). Use the mic and camera on your laptop to see and hear other participants. Or use your smartphone; just download the Zoom app! **All are welcome!**

Zoom for Confirmation Class! POP's next Confirmation class meets **tonight** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Students will receive access details from Pastor Elizabeth.

May Book Group! POP's book group will meet next on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. (meeting format to be determined). The group will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Order and read your copy today! **All are welcome!**



*Zoom (www.zoom.us) is a meeting platform that is easily accessible by clicking on a link in an email or by calling a phone number. So, if you have a computer or a phone, you can participate without having to be a tech wizard. **POP's Facebook page has a helpful video link on joining a Zoom meeting!**

Mission and Outreach



One Great Hour of Sharing! Each year, POP's participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Special Offering helps the PC(USA) provide for those who need our assistance. Natural disaster, hunger, poverty, and oppression—our OGHS offering combines with those of Presbyterians around the world to help our neighbors-in-need overcome the challenges associated with these issues. Please consider giving to this ministry and help the PC(USA) respond lovingly and with practical assistance to God's call to serve those in need and struggling. If mailing a check, please make your check out to Prince of Peace Church, noting "OGHS" on the memo line. **Consider an online donation!** Visit <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/oghs/> and designate Prince of Peace Church as the congregation.

Help the Hungry! While the Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) Food Pantry remains closed, we encourage those who are able to donate do so to other organizations. Consider the following: **CARE** (www.care.org); **SOME** (www.some.org); and **Light House Shelter** (www.annapolisighthouse.org). Or, consider the **Anne Arundel County Food Bank** (www.aafoodbank.org) or the **Maryland Food Bank** (www.mdfoodbank.org).



Used Book and Media Sale Update! POP's Used Book and Media Sale has been rescheduled for the fall and will correspond with the Crofton Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival on the Green. The new sale dates are **Friday, September 25th** (5:00–9:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, September 26th** (8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). Please stay tuned to when we will start collecting your used books and media again!



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Earth Care Congregation Update! POP has been recertified for our third year as an Earth Care Congregation by the PC(USA)! If you would like to become a member of POP's Earth Care committee, please contact Elder **Lillian Van Rompay**.

Support POP's Missions! During this time of loving our neighbor from afar, it is difficult to know how to help and support those that need it the most, especially now that all CCCC assistance sites are closed. As you are social distancing, consider spring cleaning and pulling aside those items that may be donated once POP is back up and running. And, if you are able to shop online for groceries or in your limited trips, please consider added a few baby items or food items to be donated as well.



Help our medical professionals! Anne Arundel Medical Center is accepting donations of homemade fabric face masks! If you are able to sew some masks at home, please contact **Betsy Lord**. She has patterns with directions and might have some fabric for you to use also.

POP Updates

Live-Stream Worship! Join POP online to live-stream the liturgy and Word and to join together in prayer, contemplation, and praise!

To access the live-stream worship service:

- 1) If you are a member of Facebook, simply go to the Prince of Peace homepage and watch the live broadcast, which will appear on the page where a post normally would at the regular worship service time.
- 2) If you are not a member of Facebook, go to POP's website, www.popchurch.org. Simply click on the first picture regarding live-streaming. (**Note: If the picture disappears, wait approximately 5 seconds, and the picture will reappear.**) Computer users may also click the button in the upper right-hand corner, which links to our Facebook page. For mobile users, the button is located at the very bottom of the homepage. You do not need to sign up for Facebook to watch, so please ignore or close the pop-up box which invites you to join.

Please remember that if you are not able to live-stream with us, our worship service videos are available to view on our website and on our Facebook page afterwards. Feel free to also "share" the services on your own Facebook page so that others may enjoy!



CHURCH
from home



Pastoral Care Reminder! Though the physical church building is closed, **Pastor Elizabeth** and the **deacons** are still available for pastoral care by phone. Please leave a message at the church office (410-721-2313) or email the pastor or your deacon with any needs.