

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

Life in the Church – September 13, 2020



Outdoor Worship begins today!

Great news! The Worship Committee and Session have decided to try holding outdoor worship services beginning **today** in our church parking lot. POP is excited for the opportunity to gather together in some form in person, and believe we have worked out a way to do this safely and meaningfully.

Here's what you need to know:

- The service will take place in the parking lot from the top part of the circular drive to the upper lot by the labyrinth.
- Congregants who want to participate will be required to bring folding chairs of their own, to maintain six feet or more of physical distance from others at all times, and to wear masks over their noses and mouths.
- The number of participants will be limited by space and regulations.

Everyone who wants to attend will need to reserve spots by each Friday at noon with the church office (church.office@popchurch.org or 410-721-2313). Spots are available on a first-called, first-served basis for members and non-members alike.

- ****If the weather on Sunday mornings does not allow for outdoor worship because of rain or heavy winds, services will be 100% virtual for everyone.** We will not be moving worship inside for those who have reservations at this time.
- Parking will be available at the Crofton Country Club commuter parking lot next to the church, as well as some parking in our front/lower lot, on Crofton Parkway, and in the cul-de-sac on Ardsley Place by Fellowship Hall.
- Outdoor worship will not include congregational singing, and most likely will not include congregational responses in unison either. But there will be prayers, scripture, sermon, and music like a typical service. We will try to live-stream this service. If it turns out that we cannot maintain adequate sound quality, we will explore doing a separate live-streamed service inside as usual and moving the outside service to an earlier time of day.

Questions? Please click the link (<http://popchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-Fall-Outdoor-Worship-FAQ.pdf>) for everything that you need to know regarding our outdoor worship services!

Stewardship in a Time of Crisis!

There are many ways to give at POP, including online giving!



Visit <http://popchurch.org/give/> and click on the "Give Now" button to access POP's online giving portal. Once there, you may give towards the POP General Fund or Special Giving Fund (*One Great Hour of Giving* and *Christmas Joy* collections). You may also choose to give an additional 2% to help offset our processing fees, and this optional amount is calculated automatically. For smartphone users, download the **GivePlus** Mobile App for even easier giving, available from the Apple App Store and on Google Play!



We appreciate any way you give! Continue to give via your bank or mailed checks. (*Our mailbox is locked security.*) **Please give regularly and generously witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ.**

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Worship with Us!



Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities



The God Who Liberates! One of the overarching themes of the Bible is that we worship and serve a God who wants very badly to set us free from the internal and external forces that enslave us. Thus the story of the Exodus is retold by Matthew in his account of how God came to liberate the world through a second Moses figure, Jesus Christ. **This fall, Pastor Elizabeth will offer *The God Who Liberates* which will lead participants through an exploration of the key stories in *Exodus* and *Matthew*.** Through lecture and conversation, participants will learn many of the major themes in these important biblical texts, and consider what they mean for us today.

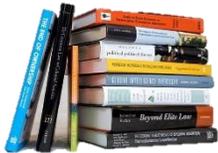
This 11-week class is offered virtually through [Zoom](#) on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. beginning this Tuesday, September 15th, and going through November 24th. For those who are not available to participate during that time, the class will be recorded and posted to Facebook and the church's website. **To participate in the Zoom class, please register with the church office by Monday, September 14th.** Participants may join in at any time, but advanced registration is needed for those attending the first class meeting in order to receive the Zoom link. **All are welcome!**

No Virtual Choir! There will be no Virtual Choir rehearsal this Thursday, September 17th, but will resume on September 24th, at 7:30 p.m. for 40-minute rehearsals! POP's virtual choir rehearsals are a time to learn and sing hymns in your home while being able to interact with others from a safe distance. Rehearsals will be conducted via [Zoom](#). Contact the church office or **Suzann Barthold**. **All are welcome!**



Upcoming Confirmation! Three confirmands will be confirmed on Sunday, September 27th. The confirmands' families will be given reservation priority for outdoor worship.

Faith 5 Scripture Study! POP's *Faith 5* Scripture Study is currently on a short break but will virtually return soon on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. for participants of all ages. **All are welcome!**



Book Group! POP's Book Group meets next on Wednesday, October 7th, at 7:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#), and will discuss *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt! For a complete listing of all upcoming 2020-2021 books, click [here!](#) **All are welcome, and participants may jump in and out at any time!**

Mission and Outreach

Sarah's House! POP's next Sarah's House dinner is scheduled for **today**, and we will cater a taco dinner for the residents from Mi Casita. For those who wish to donate directly to Sarah's House, check out their website [here](#).



CCCC Updates! The Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) Food Pantry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is accepting food donations during their open hours only (Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.). In addition, all five churches of the CCCC that see clients seeking emergency financial assistance for evictions, turnoffs, and prescription help are open on their respective days! (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Mondays, St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Tuesdays, **POP – Wednesdays**, Mid-Atlantic Community Church – Thursdays, and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – Fridays). Those in need should call the churches first to schedule a visit. Masks are required. For questions, contact Elder **Beth Ross**.

BOOK SALE

Used Book & Media Sale! Book collection has ended, and sorting and organizing books is now in full force! If you are able to help with either task (*at the church or from your own home*), please contact Elder **Lillian Van Rompay**. Volunteers are also needed on the Saturday sale dates — September 26 and October 3 and 10 — to work the sale and to drive leftover books up to Marley Station Mall at 4:00 p.m.! For those interested in buying books, each Saturday's category lists can be found [here](#). First up on September 26th are Kids & Teens, Popular Fiction, CDs and DVDs, Parenting/Education, Textbooks, and Large Print books from these categories. **Please help spread the word and be sure to stop by!**

PDA's COVID-19 Response! The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) continues to be hard-at-work to rush critical aid to those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19, providing vital provisions where needed. If able, please support PDA through a donation. Call 800-872-3283 and designate gifts to E052197 – Matthew 25.

POP Updates

Contact POP! Although the physical church buildings remain closed and staff continue to work remotely, POP is very much alive and available to all! **Please contact the church office anytime!** Messages are checked daily and promptly returned. If you are in need of an in-person meeting, please let us know! We are happy to accommodate meetings with proper social distancing and safety. Also, **Pastor Elizabeth** and the **deacons** are always available for pastoral care by phone!



Bathroom Update! The POP handicap bathroom now has a new toilet lid installed. A seemingly small change that will make a big difference in terms of everyone's health. **The simple act of closing a toilet lid before flushing greatly reduces the spread of Covid-19 and other germs.**

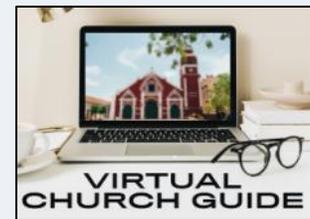


POP Community Support! POP encourages all to call each other regularly and support one another in prayer. **If you are a Facebook member, consider joining the private "Friends of POP" group.**

Like Us on Facebook! If you are enjoying worshiping online with us on Sundays, please do more than say "hello" in the comments section. "Like" us as well and that will make our posting go farther!

Technology and Live Streaming Access!

POP is extremely thankful that we are able to worship virtually during this time; however, we realize that technology can also bring issues and frustrations! Your continual feedback is extremely important and appreciated.



- † **Facebook Members:** Please log into your Facebook account and then simply go to the Prince of Peace page to watch the live broadcast.
- † **Non-Facebook Members:** Please go to the Prince of Peace website and then simply click on the first picture regarding live streaming. Computer users may also click the button in the upper right-hand corner or at the bottom for mobile users. You do not need to sign up for Facebook to watch, so please ignore and close the pop-up box which invites you to join.
- † The live stream will start around 10:25 a.m. with organ music, but **be sure to "refresh" the page occasionally if you don't see the service.**
- † For those without printers but still would like to be able to view the live stream service while looking at the bulletin, you unfortunately might need two devices—one for the live streaming and another for the bulletin. Computer users might try opening two different windows.

Missed the live stream? Our worship videos are available to view on our website and on our Facebook page afterwards. **Please also "share" the services on your own Facebook page for others to enjoy!**

Calendar for September 13, 2020

Today	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Parking Lot (<i>Reservations Required</i>)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
	4:00 p.m.	Sarah's House dinner – Catered
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	<i>The God Who Liberates</i> class – Held via Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	CCCC at POP Church – Narthex
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Parking Lot (<i>Reservations Required</i>)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook