

## Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – September 27, 2020



Today POP celebrates the baptisms of Clara and Louisa Van Rompay, daughters of Paul and Lillian Van Rompay!

Today POP celebrates the confirmations of Lauren Gimperling, daughter of Cory Gimperling and Sharee Coker; Caroline O'Neil, daughter of Jim and Erica O'Neil; and Louisa Van Rompay, daughter of Paul and Lillian Van Rompay!

The confirmands officially joined POP at the September 21<sup>st</sup> Session meeting.

Please read their statements of faith attached at the end of these announcements.



**Outdoor Worship Continues!** POP will continue to offer the opportunity to safely gather outside and worship together in the church parking lot, *weather-permitting*, on Sunday mornings. Our outdoor services will be live-streamed, so all can enjoy worship based on their comfort level!

### 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](mailto: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.

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

**A Celebration for Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean!** Twenty years ago, Pastor Elizabeth was ordained in the Presbyterian Church USA, and ***we are celebrating her the whole month of September!*** Write a note that expresses what her ministry has meant to you or take her aside and speak with her about how she has nurtured, cared for, and even challenged at times the POP family. May God continue to bless Pastor Elizabeth with love, with strength, and with steadfast hope for the future as she presses on in this adventure called ministry.



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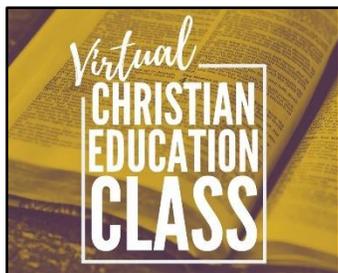
### Stewardship in a Time of Crisis!

There are many ways to give at POP! 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 our Special Giving Funds. You may also give an additional 2% to help offset our processing fees, and this optional amount is calculated automatically. Smartphone users can download the **GivePlus** Mobile App for even easier giving. ***We appreciate any way you give!*** Continue to give via automated payments through your bank or mailed checks. (*Our mailbox is locked and checked regularly for your security.*) ***Please give regularly and generously so that Prince of Peace Church can continue to witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ.***

## Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities



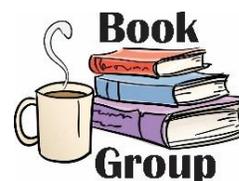
**Faith 5 Scripture Study!** Join POP virtually every Sunday morning for *Faith 5 Scripture Study* from 9:30–10:15 a.m. Click the link (<https://www.zoom.us/join>) to join, and use the following meeting information: (**Meeting ID: 778 8864 4221 | Passcode: FAITH5**). *All are welcome!*



**The God Who Liberates!** Pastor Elizabeth's fall class, *The God Who Liberates*, continues weekly, and new participants are welcome to join in at any time! Pastor Elizabeth leads participants through key stories in *Exodus* and *Matthew* and explores how 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 11-week class is offered virtually via Zoom on Tuesday morning from 9:30–11:00 a.m., now through November 24<sup>th</sup>.* Contact the church office if interested and to receive the Zoom link. For those not available to participate, the class will be recorded and posted to Facebook and the church's website. *All are welcome!*

**Virtual Choir Rehearsals!** Gather together and join the POP family virtually every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. for 40-minute choir 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** for the updated Zoom information. *All are welcome!*

**Book Group!** POP's Book Group meets next on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 the link: <http://popchurch.org/event-items/pop-monthly-book-group/> *All are welcome, and participants may jump in and out at any time!*



## Mission and Outreach

**FALL  
USED  
BOOK  
SALE**



### **Used Book & Media Sale!**

Come see our parking lot transformed into a weekend book store as we sell used books and media donated by the community! The sale continues this Saturday, from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., *weather-permitting*, and also on October 10<sup>th</sup>. (*Click here: <http://popchurch.org/event-items/rescheduled-sept-26-oct-3-oct-10-mission-fundraiser-used-book-media-sale/>—to see each sale date's categories.*) If rained out, the sale will be postponed by a week. *All monies received go directly to POP ministries!*

A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers! Though our staffing needs will be greatly reduced at the sale this year, we need volunteers on each sale date for the following tasks:

- † Set Up at 7:00 a.m.
- † 3 volunteers during sale hours in 1- or 2-hour shifts
- † Drivers to take leftover books up to Marley Station Mall when the sale ends at 4:00 p.m.

**Please email Lillian Van Rompay or sign up here:** <http://popchurch.org/sheet/book-sale-volunteers/>.

**And if you are at the sale, please take pictures and send them to the church office!**

**Light House Lunches!** In lieu of packing bag lunches this morning, POP collected and dropped off lunch supplies directly to the Light House Shelter of Annapolis. Thank you to all who donated supplies! And if you would like to support this POP mission, please notate "Light House Shelter" on the memo line on your check or online donation. *Stay tuned for when we will be able to safely resume packing lunches again!*



**Two-Cents-A-Meal!** While our collection will not be taken in the usual way again this month, please help support the groups that benefit from this collection. You may hold onto your coins until we are able to meet in person again; mail a check to the church notating "Two-Cents-A-Meal" on the memo line; or donate directly to the groups:

- † Internationally: **CARE** † Regionally: **SOME** † Locally: **Crofton Christian Caring Council**

## 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!



**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. ...And Like Us on Facebook!* If you are enjoying worshipping 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 27, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom Worship Service – Parking Lot ( <i>Reservations Required</i> ) Worship Service – Online via Facebook
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
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Virtual Choir rehearsal – Held via Zoom
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Used Book & Media Sale – Parking Lot
Sunday	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom Worship Service – Parking Lot ( <i>Reservations Required</i> ) Worship Service – Online via Facebook

# WE WELCOME ALL



Statements of Faith  
by the  
Confirmation Class of 2020



**Personal Statement of Faith**  
By Lauren Gimperling

I believe in one god who is the creator of the world, universe, and me. I have trust and faith in God, and I am excited to continue to grow in my faith. God to me is a teacher, healer, and grace who continues to teach me to be grateful and create a better world for myself and others. God has given many gifts such as his grace and his only son, Jesus, who died for our sins and is our savior. I believe God is a triune Father, Son, and Holy Spirit which work together. I know that God sent Jesus to teach us about God and the holy spirit, then sacrificed his life for us.

Ever since I was baptized, I have grown in faith with others around guiding me, and I feel I have grown closer to the lord ever since I was younger. I have spent my whole life at Prince of Peace, and this congregation has personally seen my growth physically and in faith. Most of my family has also grown in faith in this church and have also taught me their knowledge over many years. After attending many different events and services of other religions I have discovered that I want to learn and grow in the Presbyterian church.

During confirmation class I really expanded my learning and began to further my understanding even better than before. I feel very connected to God, and I'm trying to create a better relationship with God every day. I can't even comprehend all that God has done for me and the unconditional love shared which is why I understand the reasons we worship him in many ways such as services, holidays, and things such as the Lord's Supper or communion. I am happy that I get to grow even more in my faith with the community around me and get to celebrate God's grace with others.

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**Personal Statement of Faith**  
By Caroline O'Neil

Every day I am able to see God as a whole's impact on the world. The simple beauty I observe in things such as leaves, snowflakes, flowers, and the bark of the tree show such intricate beauty in things normal people wouldn't put time into. I believe the world and complexities can't just happen on its own and that God truly loves and cares about every little thing on earth. Also, in the personal complexity of every human being, you see the same thing! Every person has a different appearance and personality making them their own person, each moving separately from everyone else. The amount of people that have existed overtime (to be specific, 107 billion) and each being different and being able to love, lose, learn, and live the life they want has to have something more behind it. I believe in the holy Trinity for many reasons but, one that really sticks out is the life the Bible calls us to live. I'm going to get a bit cynical for a minute. Let's say everything about the Bible, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit wasn't real. It's a very heavy statement to think about, I know. But if you take a step back and look at the big picture of what the Bible preaches you find only good! You find love, hope, joy, peace, friendship, and much much more! I would rather live a life with all of those positives opposed to the negatives such as fear, greed, sadness, anger, and all the other horrors of our world. As Pastor Elizabeth said, "if it all didn't exist and I learned it all wasn't real, I would rather live the life the Bible preaches as opposed to all the negatives." I believe that too, I would rather live the life of love and happiness as opposed to any of the other options the world offers. I want to join the church because I truly believe that love will always prevail even in the darkest of movements, and the greatest of triumphs. And behind that love stand the father, the son, and the holy spirit.

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**Personal Statement of Faith**  
By Louisa Van Rompay

I believe in one God who created the world and everything in it. I believe that our Father wants us to take care of all creation and love everyone. He is kind, merciful, just, powerful, and forgives and loves every one of us unconditionally. He reminds me to remember the little things in life, and to be grateful for everything that I am blessed with. I know that I can always talk to our Creator about anything and that we are heard, even if we receive no reply.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who is a teacher, friend, and our breath. The Holy Spirit is always with us, filling us with the grace of God and helping us follow God's path. It helps us see what God wants us to do and can guide us through difficult times, leading us back to God when we stray from His path. It reminds us that we are not alone and that we are loved and blessed.

I believe in Jesus, who came to Earth to teach us, heal us, and show us the way of God. He is the son of God who died for us on the cross so that our sins would be forgiven. He is our Savior, our Messiah, and he performed miracles to help people. He came back on Easter to show us that the good of God will always triumph over the darkness and evil even when they seem most prominent.

I believe that the church is a community where everyone is welcomed and feels at home. Anyone can come and be a part of the church family; everyone is part of the family, always. It is a place where we go to worship God with others, and it is a community full of love and grace. I am thankful that I have a church family to help me when I need it.

I want to join the church community because I want to join the other members of the church in helping spread God's love in the world and helping others see that they are loved and blessed in the eyes of God.