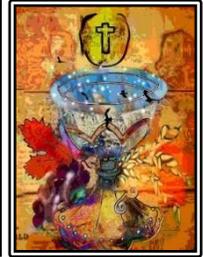


# Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

## Life in the Church – October 4, 2020

### World Communion Sunday

**TODAY**, we celebrate our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. World Communion Sunday is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. Here at Prince of Peace, we honor our fellow Christians north, east, south, and west, and remember that God is at work in hearts all across the globe.



**Holy Communion Today!** For congregants attending outdoor worship, pre-packaged and gluten-free Communion elements are available. For those watching at home, POP is celebrating "virtual" Holy Communion! ***If you don't have bread or juice/wine, don't worry!*** The sacrament is about communing together in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, not about the elements themselves. This is a meal about how God made the ordinary holy as a means of reminding us daily that God is with us. Therefore, if all you have is crackers and orange juice, or something else on hand, you can still participate. If you share and eat your elements with the intention of communing with God and the larger community, we are confident that God has the power to bless your feast, and would want to do so.

**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>)



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**A Celebration for Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean!** Twenty years ago, Pastor Elizabeth was ordained in the Presbyterian Church USA, and ***we are celebrating her!*** 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.

## 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.**

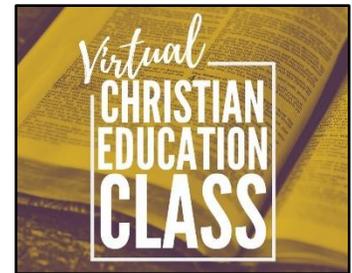


## Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities



**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 this 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, even if you didn't finish the book, 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*. (Click here, <http://popchurch.org/event-items/rescheduled-sept-26-oct-3-oct-10-mission-fundraiser-used-book-media-sale/>, for the sale categories.) If rained out, the sale will be postponed by a week. **To date, we have raised over \$2,000, and all monies received go directly to POP ministries!**

A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers who have spent hours collecting, sorting, alphabetizing, and even braving lousy weather! Though our sale staffing needs are greatly, we still need volunteers on the October 10<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**CCCC Assistance!** All five churches of the Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) that see clients seeking emergency financial assistance are open (**POP – Wednesdays!**)! Those in need should call the churches first to schedule a visit. Masks are required. For questions, contact Elder **Beth Ross**. In addition, both the Food Pantry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and the Baby Pantry at Community United Methodist Church are available to those in need.



## 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. And if requested, 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 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 October 4, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Parking Lot ( <i>Reservations Required</i> )
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons’ meeting – 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
	1:30 p.m.	Worship Committee meeting – Held via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Book Group – Held via Zoom
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.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Parking Lot ( <i>Reservations Required</i> )
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom