

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – November 15, 2020



POP Celebrates Consecration Sunday TODAY!

Today is Consecration Sunday at POP, the day in which all are invited to show their love for Jesus by pledging their time, talents, and financial resources. Consecration Sunday is a joyful day in the life of the church, and one where we commemorate the Thanksgiving holiday season with an expression of love and appreciation of God's blessings. **Although we will not gather together in person as normal, all – visitors, friends, and congregants – are invited to partake in two special events today after worship!**

- Pledge Card Car Parade:** After everyone's pledges are virtually consecrated in worship, today's service will end early so that all those willing and able can drop off their confidential pledge cards (or a prayer of thanksgiving) at the church as part of a joyful car parade. We are hoping this will be a fun way to safely see each other and rejoice together in the blessings of God. **(This event is weather-dependent, so please stay tuned during worship for event confirmation.)**
- Virtual Luncheon:** After the car parade, everyone is encouraged to go home and join our Zoom virtual luncheon today at 12:15 p.m. This will be a time when we can visit, chat, and feel like the loving community that we are. Click the following link to join the luncheon, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86437846800?pwd=Z3pJOWxQSFBYeU9lc0lQOVR6bjBodz09>, or use the following information (**Meeting ID: 864 3784 6800 | Passcode: 353801**) on your Zoom app.

Pledge cards were mailed to those on our mailing list earlier this week. If you did not receive one, pledge cards are available to download and print on both our [website](#) under the "Give" tab and [Facebook page](#). Mailed pledge cards included a self-addressed, stamped return envelope, but if returning via the car parade or by mail without the included envelope, please address to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church, Attn: Finance Officer, 1657 Crofton Parkway, Crofton, MD 21114.

GIVE NOW

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.**

"We Are POP" Project! One of the hardest parts of this pandemic has been the fact that we cannot gather together. But the church is the people not just the building, and we can still stay connected with each other in new ways, and keep each other in our prayers. **In order to remind us of the beloved members of the POP family of faith, and remind us about what we love about POP, the deacons are launching the "We Are POP" project!** The goal of this project is to gather videos of as many members and friends of POP as possible, which we can show in worship and/or on our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).



The video premise is simple! Just say who you are, how long you have been at POP, and what you love about the church. You can either make the video yourself and contact the Church Office for the link to upload your video to Dropbox. Or, let you deacon know that you would like someone to come and film you (*outside, socially distanced, and masked*). **Participation is voluntary**, but it would be wonderful for everyone to be able to see each other's faces and remember what a great church family we have. **Please submit videos by Thanksgiving!**

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!*

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 **Suzann Barthold** for the updated Zoom information. *All are welcome!*



The God Who Liberates! Pastor Elizabeth's fall class, *The God Who Liberates*, continues weekly on Tuesday mornings, 9:30–11:00 a.m., via Zoom, now through November 24th. New participants are welcome to join in at any time! *And please remember that classes are recorded and posted to the church's Facebook page and website for all to participate! All are welcome!*



Advent Bible Study! How well do you know Mary, the mother of Jesus? We know her through many means: the traditional Christmas pageant, music, art, legend, theologies of different faith traditions, etc., and all of these windows give us a multidimensional view into Mary's identity and some hold personal and important meanings for our faith journey. But what information is given to us when we just focus on the scriptures?

This Advent season, all are welcome to participate in a virtual Bible Study that explores the glimpses of Mary in the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John. The study will be led by Parish Associate Rev. Dottie LaPenta, and will occur on Tuesdays (December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd) from 9:00–10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Please contact **Dottie LaPenta** at dorlap2451@gmail.com to register. *All are welcome!*

December Book Group! POP's Book Group will meet next on Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, and will discuss *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro. *All are welcome!*



Mission and Outreach

Thanksgiving Baskets



Thanksgiving Baskets of Sharing! Every year POP collects food to donate to neighboring families who lack the means to celebrate this American holiday of gratitude towards God with a traditional Thanksgiving meal. However, due to COVID-19, this year's collection looks a bit different! While we are still collecting food donations, we are asking congregants to sign up via the POP website to donate bags of food. A list of specific food items is provided for each bag donation, and POP will provide turkeys and pies as in the past. **The deadline to donate is this Wednesday, November 18th, so please sign up to donate a Thanksgiving bag today!** (Click <http://popchurch.org/sheet/thanksgiving-baskets/>.) Bags may be dropped off today during the Pledge Card Car Parade; this Wednesday during our CCCC hours (9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon); or left in Classroom 3 at your convenience by November 18th. **Monetary donations are also appreciated. Checks should be made payable to the church with "HSP-Thanksgiving" on the memo line.** Any excess Thanksgiving Basket funds will be put towards the Angel Tree program. For questions or to arrange another drop off time, please contact **Patti Shull**.

Angel Tree – Due by Friday, December 18th!

Monetary donations towards gift cards are needed. Items will be listed as Head of Household, Child Clothing, Child Toy, Teen, and Senior along with recommended donation amounts. \$25 grocery gift cards will also be listed. **Checks should be made payable to the church with "HSP-Angel Tree" on the memo line.** Stay tuned for more information!



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 open.



Heifer at POP! Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger by distributing animals, along with agricultural training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Each year during Advent, POP supports Heifer by providing congregants the chance to give the gift of self-reliance to a struggling family by “purchasing” an animal donation that can provide families a hand up. **Information on how to support Heifer at POP will be available soon.**

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!

We're here to help!

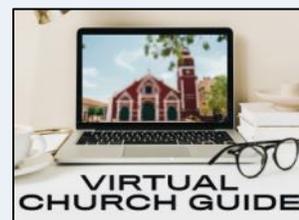


POP Community Support! If you are a Facebook member, consider joining the private “Friends of POP” group. **...And Like Us on Facebook!** If you are enjoying worshiping online with us on Sundays, please do more than say “hello” in the comments section. “Like” us as well and that will make our posting 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 view both the live stream service and the bulletin, you unfortunately might need two devices. 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 November 15, 2020

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| Today | 9:15 a.m. | <i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service – Online via Facebook |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Pledge Card Car Parade – Parking Lot |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Thanksgiving Baskets Drop-Off – Parking Lot |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Virtual Consecration Luncheon – Held via Zoom |
| Monday | 7:30 p.m. | Session 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 |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Thanksgiving Baskets Drop-Off – Narthex |
| Thursday | 7:30 p.m. | Virtual Choir rehearsal – Held via Zoom |
| Sunday | 9:15 a.m. | <i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service – Online via Facebook |
| | 6:30 p.m. | God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom |

