

## Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Life in the Church – November 22, 2020



**Today – Christ the King!** The festival of Christ the King ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time. The day centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. The celebration of the lordship of Christ thus looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

### Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 6, 2020

On Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, a Called Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after the live-streamed worship service at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom to elect new officers nominated by the Congregational Nominating Committee. The meeting is open to all, members and non-members. All are welcome to ask questions; however, only members will vote on the candidates. **Participation by members is critical.** If you are uncomfortable with Zoom, Elder **Lillian Van Rompay** has graciously offered to train those in need. Don't wait; contact her today! Members are also asked to prayerfully consider the slate of candidates put forward.

**Pledge Card Reminder!** This past Sunday, POP celebrated Consecration Sunday, the day in which all were invited to show their love for Jesus by pledging their time, talents, and financial resources. **If you have not already done so, please take the time to complete and return your pledge card.** Pledge cards were mailed to those on our mailing list, but they are also available on our website under the "Give" tab. (Click <http://popchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Pledge-Card.pdf> to download and print.) Mailed pledge cards included a self-addressed, stamped return envelope, but if returning 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 your 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!*



**God Squad Tonight!** POP's God Squad will meet virtually tonight at 6:30 p.m. The youth group will continue discussing *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and will also make recordings of the Christmas Story for POP's Sunday School children. For questions or additional information, contact Elder **Beth Ross**.

**No Virtual Choir Rehearsal!** POP's virtual choir will not rehearse this Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Virtual choir will resume the following Thursday at 7:30 p.m. for 40-minute rehearsals.

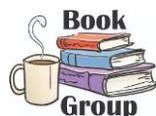
**The God Who Liberates!** Pastor Elizabeth's fall class ends this Tuesday morning, November 24<sup>th</sup>. *Classes are recorded and posted to the church's Facebook page and website for all to view on their own time.*

**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.**



*Advent Bible Study*

The study will be led by Parish Associate Rev. Dottie LaPenta, and will occur on Tuesday mornings, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00–10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Please contact **Dottie LaPenta** at [dorlap2451@gmail.com](mailto:dorlap2451@gmail.com) to register.



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

## Mission and Outreach

**Light House Lunches!** This month's bag lunch supplies for the Light House Shelter of Annapolis will be purchased and delivered by the Mission Committee with proceeds from this year's book sale. *Thank you for your support of this mission throughout the year!*

**A Thanksgiving Baskets of Sharing Thank You!** Whether you donated food items or gave a monetary donation, or helped in any other way, it was all greatly appreciated! Your generosity has enabled fifteen of our neighboring seniors and families to celebrate this American holiday of gratitude towards God with a traditional Thanksgiving meal.



**Sharing the Blessings Makes the Season Bright!** Despite our Angel Tree mission looking a little different this year due to COVID-19, your continual support of this mission will help our neighbors-in-need have a joyful, meaningful, and blessed Christmas. This year, we will be strictly buying gift cards with your donations instead of gifts. **Click <http://popchurch.org/sheet/angel-tree/> to donate!** There you may choose a particular child, teen, adult, or senior from the list to sponsor, or send a general contribution which will be used to provide grocery gift cards for the families. Suggested donation amounts are \$35 for each child tag and \$75 for each teen/adult/senior tag. **Checks should be made payable "Prince of Peace Church" with "HSP-Angel Tree" on the memo line.** (Or pay online and notate "Angel Tree" in the Notes field.) **The deadline to donate is Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>!** For questions, please contact **Patti Shull**.

**CCCC Assistance!** All five churches of the Crofton Christian Caring Council (CCCC) that see clients seeking emergency financial assistance are open! Those in need should call the churches first to schedule a visit. Masks are required. For questions, contact Elder **Beth Ross**. The CCCC Food Pantry and Baby Pantry are also open.

**Heifer at POP!** POP continues our Christmas tradition of donating to Heifer International which works in 21 countries to give needy families a hand up rather than a handout. Each family Heifer helps agrees to "pass the gift" of offspring and knowledge to another family who will then continue the giving. Heifer's goal is to instill hope, dignity, and self reliance from community to community, generation to generation. Learn more about Heifer on their website, <https://www.heifer.org/>. **Please consider "purchasing" an animal for family, friends or yourself!** It's a gift that will continue to bring joy long after the Christmas season is over. To purchase, download and print a Heifer order form (<http://popchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2020-Heifer-Order-Form.pdf>) and send it to POP with your check. **Checks should be made out to "Prince of Peace Church" with "Heifer" written on the memo line.** (Or pay online and notate "Heifer" in the Notes field.) **The deadline to donate is Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.** Contact **Nancy Durose** with any questions.



## POP Updates



**Thanksgiving Notices!** There will be no Virtual Choir rehearsal this Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the POP Office will be closed both this Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency November 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, please contact your deacon, or Deacon Co-Moderators **Melissa Hildebrand** (410-956-5214) or **Steven Kerry** (410-279-6545), and they will set the pastoral "wheels of care and compassion" in motion.

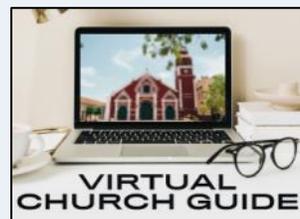
**POP Community Support!** If you are a Facebook member, consider joining the private "Friends of POP" group. **...And Like Us on Facebook!** If you are enjoying worshiping online with us on Sundays, please do more than say "hello" in the comments section. "Like" us as well and that will make our posting go farther!



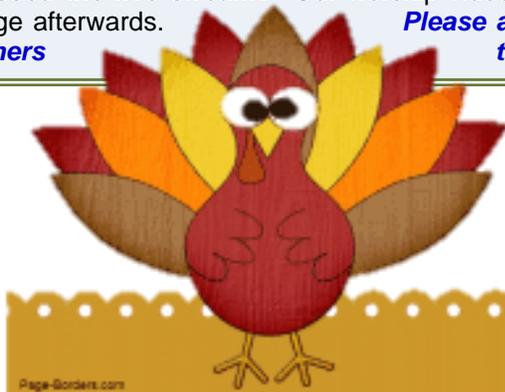
### **Technology and Live Streaming Access!**

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 22, 2020

Today	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom
	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		<b>POP Office Closed</b>
Friday		<b>POP Office Closed</b>
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	<i>Faith 5</i> Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook



## Here and There with POP Groups

**Winter Farmers Market!** The Crofton Farmers Winter Market will be open on select Saturdays from now through April 17, 2021 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (1800 Seton Drive, Crofton, MD). For more information and exact dates, visit <http://croftonfarmersmarket.com/>.

**Community Food Drive!** Christian Community Presbyterian Church and the Chesapeake Chorale invite all to help support the Bowie Food Pantry for the upcoming holiday/winter season. The food drive will be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at Christian Community Presbyterian Church (3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD). Items being safely collected include canned soup, canned beans and vegetables, juice, tomato paste/sauce, spaghetti sauce, canned Beefaroni or SpaghettiOs, ketchup, mustard, pickles, dressings, canned chili, canned ham, canned beef stew, canned chicken, canned corned beef, canned tuna and other canned seafood, boxed macaroni/pasta, rice, cereal, and granola bars. For more information, contact **Randal** at 443-896-4895.

