

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church
December 24, 2020

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity, gender identity, or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice, and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

*Then we hope to get to know you
as a new friend at Prince of Peace!*



Christmas Eve



*A few of the ways that this church family serves our Lord and Savior,
our Prince of Peace, through its Mission and Outreach Ministry:*

- ❖ We traditionally pack God's message of hope and love in the lunch bags we prepare for the Annapolis Light House Shelter for the Prevention of Homelessness on the last Sunday of the month. **This month's bag lunch supplies were purchased and delivered by the Mission Committee on December 19th, with proceeds from this year's book sale.**
- ❖ Our young Christians collect "spare change" for the Two-Cents-A-Meal monthly offering, which is given to organizations that feed people, both near and far, on the last Sunday of the month. While our collection will not be taken in the usual way 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 noting "Two-Cents-A-Meal" on the memo line; or donate directly to the groups:**
Internationally: **CARE** – Regionally: **SOME** – Locally: **Crofton Christian Caring Council**
- ❖ We joyfully cook and serve dinners at Sarah's House—a supportive housing program offering emergency shelter and project-based supportive housing with an array of other services for families experiencing homelessness in Anne Arundel County. **Our next dinner is Sunday, January 10th. We will be delivering pizza and salad from Three Brothers, fresh fruit, drinks, and dessert, with proceeds from this year's book sale.**
- ❖ We are committed to God's love of Earth and all creation as an Earth Care Congregation.
- ❖ We will accept your generously given used books and media (computer games, DVD's, CD's, etc.) for our annual Used Book & Media Sale which funds different ministries in our church at a date still to be determined. **Stay tuned for more information.**

- ❖ This holiday season, **we also supported 12 families and 5 seniors in need of holiday assistance** by providing a traditional Thanksgiving meal, grocery store gift cards, and gift cards for Christmas gift shopping.

Spiritual Development Opportunities:

- ❖ We offer a monthly book group normally on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00–8:30 p.m. via Zoom. **The next meeting will be on January 13th and will discuss *It's Not Supposed to be this Way: Finding Unexpected Strength when Disappointment Leaves You Shattered* by Lisa Turkeurst.**
- ❖ We love music of all kinds. Although our handbell choir, the ***Boyles Memorial Ringers***, and our ***Sanctuary Choir***, are currently not rehearsing in person, we welcome individual and small groups of singers and musicians for our live streamed worship services and pre-recorded videos. **We also offer 40-minute virtual choir rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Our next rehearsal is January 7th.**
- ❖ We value inter-generational worship! The best way for children to learn how to worship is by observing those older than they, and older folks learn from the children in return. When it is safe to return to in-person worship, please feel bring your children into the sanctuary with you. They are beloved and welcomed—wiggles, laughter, crying, unscripted comments, and all! **In addition, we offer Christian education programs for all ages, including our congregation-wide *Faith 5 practice*.** All are welcome to join us virtually every Sunday morning for a lively discussion of each week's Lectionary readings, from 9:30-10:15 a.m. via Zoom (Meeting ID: 812 0719 2738). For our young children, we offer weekly activity packets and online Sunday school lessons. Children in grades 5th–12th are welcome to participate in our God Squad youth group, which currently meets virtually on the second and fourth Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

**You do not have to be a member to participate.
Contact the church office for more information,
or visit our website www.popchurch.org.**



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