

# Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

## Life in the Church – January 3, 2021



**Epiphany of the Lord Today!** Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ. Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

**Virtual Communion Today!** POP is celebrating "virtual" Holy Communion, and all are invited to participate in their homes! ***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.



GIVE NOW

### The Many Ways to Give at POP!

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.***

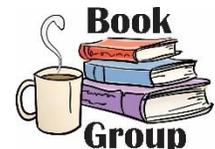
## Spiritual Nurture and Formation Opportunities

**Faith 5 Scripture Study!** Join Elder **Mark Weadon** virtually every Sunday morning for a lively discussion of each week's Lectionary readings, from 9:30–10:15 a.m. Click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81207192738> to join (**Meeting ID: 812 0719 2738**). ***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!***

**January Book Group!** POP's Book Group will meet next on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, and will discuss *It's Not Supposed to be this Way: Finding Unexpected Strength when Disappointment Leaves You Shattered* by Lisa Turkeurst. ***All are welcome!***



**Elders' Hand Prints Needed!** In order to safely ordain new officers in January, we are asking all active and past Elders to trace their hand print and drop off or mail to the church prior to Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. ***Be creative!*** Use colored construction paper or write a message of love, and please be sure to include your name somewhere on your hand print. ***Thank you in advance!***



## Mission and Outreach

**A Christmastime Thank You!** POP would like to thank everyone for their support and love during the 2020 Christmas season. Whether you donated to our Angel Tree, Christmas Joy, Heifer International, or another one of our missions, helped decorate, or helped behind the scenes or in any other way, it was all greatly appreciated!



**Sarah's House Dinner!** Our next Sarah's House dinner on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, will consist of pizza and salad from *Three Brothers*, fresh fruit, drinks, and desserts. Proceeds from our 2020 Used Book & Media Sale will fund this dinner. **Thank you for your support!**

## POP Updates

**Contact POP!** Although the physical church buildings remain closed and staff continue to work remotely, POP is very much alive and available! **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. **Pastor Elizabeth** and the **deacons** are always available for pastoral care by phone!

CONTACT US



**2021 Offering Envelopes!** If you have access to the church building, please pick up your 2021 offering envelopes at your convenience; they are located on the narthex table. **For all others, stayed tuned for how we plan on delivering your envelopes!**

**Annual Reports!** A reminder for all church officers that annual reports are due this Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Reports should be sent directly to Elder **Cory Gimperling**.

**POP Community Support!** **If you are a Facebook member, consider joining the private "Friends of POP" group!** Within this group, your posts—*pastoral concerns, joys, passwords, and whatever you don't want the whole universe to see but your POP family*—are entirely private and seen by the members of the group only. **...And Like Us on Facebook!** If you are enjoying worshiping online with us, please do more than say "hello" in the comments section. "Like" us as well and that will make our posting go farther!



**"We Are POP" Project Launches Today!** **In order to remind us of the beloved members of the POP family, and about what we love about POP, the deacons' "We Are POP" project launches today!** Every Sunday (for as many Sundays as we have videos) you will watch a short heartfelt video from our POP members and friends.... **And remember!** If you would like to submit your own video, email the church office for the link to upload your video to Dropbox as soon as possible. In your video, just say who you are, how long you have been at POP, and what you love about the church!

## Calendar for January 3, 2021

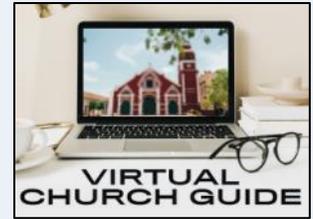


Today	9:15 a.m.	Faith 5 Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons' meeting – Held via Zoom
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Worship Committee meeting – Held via Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	CCCC at POP Church – Narthex
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Virtual Choir rehearsal – Held via Zoom
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Faith 5 Scripture Study – Held via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Online via Facebook
	4:00 p.m.	Sarah's House dinner – Catered
	6:30 p.m.	God Squad youth group – Held via Zoom



## 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!**



## 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/>.

