



POHICK EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The 1774 home church of George Washington and George Mason.
In Christ: Embracing our history, welcoming in the present, transforming for the future.

February 01, 2026

**The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in the Temple**

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

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The people standing, the Celebrant may say

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE PSALTER (said seated)

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Domini est terra

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-40

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed— and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci

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We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift, and leave us your contact information!

❧SERVING TODAY❧

Celebrant and Preacher	The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci
Assistant Rector	The Reverend Ted Renaud
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Beth Cooke and Doug Comer
Acolyte	Kyle Johnson
Ushers	Tony Harriman and Ken Evans
Greeters	Jo and Doug Maynard

❧PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS❧

- **For the special needs and concerns of this congregation**, especially for Craig Floyd, Wren Norwood, Andrea Godwin-Stremmler, Cathie McCall, Alisa Romero, Steve Alfieris, Jennifer Sassin, Becky Wagner, Tanya Reams, Joe Coleman, Andy, Kelly, Nissa D'Andrea, Ray Rios, Mickie Krause, Anne Derbes, Bill Hosp, D'Andrea Wooten, Brett Ward, Ann Carter, Lydia Cepeda, Terry Abrams, Steve & Mari Harding, Tom Mayberry, Jim Murphy, Barb Rader, Margo Singleton, Mary Reilly, David Urbanski, Boatner Howell, Susanne Roberts, Donna Crawford, Pat DeYoung, Barry Brown, Lara Gore, Larry Mobley, Alexander Clumpkens, Everett Wanko, Maggie Calio, Jack Oates, Anne Sayer, Jan Hover, Cheryl Maddock, Christina Cole, Rob Grant, Judy Sunderland, Sally Hogg, Anne & Tony Marsico, Jim Bartholomew, Nolan Brown, Kelly Godfrey, Rob Lamb, Bette Hohn, Vera Robinson, Kathy Adams, Melissa Cohen, Patty Mitchell, Carmen Ramon, Linda Egan, and Samira Zajur.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Randy Brooks, Buddy Gorham, Victoria Castleberry, Sally Wise, Prudence Brooks, Patty Mitchell, Elise Arnold, Mike Elston, Dru Hodges, Anna Krajack, and Hal Yarwood.

- We pray for the soul of Fred Crawford, who died January 27. He was the husband of Donna Crawford.
- We pray for the soul of Gerald Emanuel, who died January 29. He was the stepfather of Mike Elston.
- We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Ryan Moatta, Gabby Rolland, Summer Lancet, Colt Drew, Andrew Choi, and The Hicks Family.
- We pray for the victims of violence and of natural disasters worldwide. We pray for a Peaceful resolution of all global conflicts, and we ask your protection for all innocent people.
- We pray for all Christians who face persecution for their faith.
- In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Christ Church, Spotsylvania; St. Mary's, Colonial Beach; and Holy Cross, Korean, Fairfax.

✧ ALTAR FLOWERS ✧

Today's Altar Flowers are in Celebration and Thanksgiving for Cathy Foster's 90th birthday January 28.



Today's Altar Flowers are in gratefulness for our many blessings and in celebration of our 65th wedding anniversary - Jud and Nancy Bireley

✧ TODAY'S EVENTS ✧

- **7:45 am to 11:45 am:** The Nursery will be open and an attendant will be on site.
- **Coffee hours** in the Parish House after the 8 am and 10:30 am services. **The Ann Mason Guild will be selling tickets for the Chili Cook-off after both coffee hours today.** We will also have forms available to register chili entries for the Cook-off and Bingo Night 6 to 8:30 pm February 7th. Please have entries there by 5:30 pm.
- **9:15 am-10:15 am:** Church School: Preschool through fourth grade. Parents, please pick up your children at the door of the classrooms.
- **Adult Forum-Study** on the Johannine Epistles (led by Rev. Daniel)
- **9:15 am in the Nursery: Grace Space** (18-36 month olds with parent or grandparent)
- **10:20 am Classroom D: Children's Chapel**, parents can drop off preschool-2nd graders
- **6-7:30 pm: EYC meeting**, meet in the youth trailers

✧ UPCOMING EVENTS ✧

- **TODAY: 10:30 am Service: Commissioning of New Vestry Members.**
- **FEB 07: The Reverend Ted Renaud's Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests, 10:30am, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 520 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220.**
- **FEB 07: Chili Cook Off and Bingo Night, 6pm-8:30pm.** The Ann Mason Guild will be selling tickets for the Chili Cook-off after both coffee hours today. We will also have forms available to register chili entries for the Cook-off and Bingo Night 6 to 8:30 pm February 7th. Please have entries there by 5:30 pm.
- **Sunday FEB 08: 8:00 am and 10:30 am Services**
- **FEB 08:** Everyone is welcome to join us for a Reception in Rev. Ted's honor on Sunday February 8, between the 8am and 10:30 am services, in the common room.

- **FEB 08: EYC Super Bowl Party at the Rectory**
- **FEB 10: Vestry meeting 7 pm. Vestry House.**
- **Sunday FEB 15: 8:00 am and 10:30 am Services**
- **Sunday FEB 15: Fred Crawford's Funeral 2:00 pm, Burial, and Reception**
- **FEB 16: 1662 Morning Prayer Service, 8:00 am, Pohick Church**
- **FEB 16: Breakfast and Guest Speaker, 9:00 am, Common Room, Parish House**
- **FEB 16: Parish Office Closed, President's Day**
- **FEB 17: Shrove Tuesday, Common Room**
- **FEB 18: Ash Wednesday, noon and 7:00pm services**
- **FEB 18: Ash Wednesday Eucharist at the Fairfax 1:30 pm**
- **FEB 26: Prayer Service at Spring Hill 1:30 pm**
- **WEDNESDAYS during Lent, from FEB 25-March 25: Lenten Potluck 6:00pm, program 6:30pm, and Compline 7:15pm**
- **(Coffee 'n' Compline will resume Wed April 8)**
- **FEB 27: Friday Family Fellowship 6:00 pm**

❧ MINISTRIES ❧

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TODAY: Church School, Grace Space and Children's Chapel

- Susan Pehrsson, Director of Christian Education, 703-282-6574 or spehrsson@pohick.org

YOUTH MINISTRY: TODAY: meeting, 6pm-7:30 pm, meet at the Youth Trailer

- The Rev. Ted Renaud, Youth Minister, trenaud@pohick.org

MUSIC MINISTRY:

- Enrollment for new members in all choirs and ensembles. Now is a good time to join as we begin preparations for the Seasons of Lent, Easter & Pentecost.
- **Ministry of Music:** Steve Carman is today's guest organist and choir director.
- **TODAY, The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple**
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. Pohick Choir, Music Room
- **10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II**, *Steve Carman organist and director, Pohick Choir*
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Pohick Youth Choir, Music Room, *Gloria Jackson leader*
- Tuesday, February 3, 6-6:30 p.m. St. Francis Choir
- Thursday, February 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth Choir & RSCM
- 6:15-7:15 p.m. Pohick Handbells, Church
- 7:30-9 p.m. Pohick Choir, Music Room
- Saturday, February 7, 9:30 a.m. Diocesan Ordination Choir, St. Mark Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA.
- **Sunday, February 8, The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**
- 9:15-9:40 a.m. Pohick Handbells, Church
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. Pohick Youth Choir & Pohick Choir, Music Room & Church
- **10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II**, *Pohick Choir & Pohick Youth Choir, St. Francis Choir, Pohick Handbells*
- No 11:45 a.m. Youth Choir meeting

- **Diocesan Ordination Choir: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, February 7,** St. Mark Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia. Pohick Ministry of Music members are invited to register and participate in the choir for the Ordination of the Rev. Ted Renaud. RSVP Contact: Amos Goldie, AMOSGOLD@GMAIL.COM or 770-286-8345

✿FOR YOUR INFORMATION✿

- **Volunteers are needed to stream our services to Facebook and YouTube.** We now routinely stream many of our services and need to expand our streaming team. Anyone age 18 or older with some comfort using personal computers is welcome to join our small team for this fun and important ministry. We will teach you everything you need to know, but it's really not hard to do this. Please contact Chris Brown to volunteer (cbrown@pohick.org), or talk to him any time he's around, or stop in the church office when a service is being streamed and speak with whomever is streaming the service at that time.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE: Contribution Statements will be available to pick up during Coffee Hours in the Common Room **TODAY**.

- Starting in 2026, Pohick will no longer provide Offering Envelopes. We have alternate ways of giving. Please contact the office if you want your envelope number. All offerings are recorded by name and number.
- **Stewardship Update:** Thank you to those who have returned their pledge cards! If you have not, please return your pledge cards as soon as possible. We will present our final budget in January based on pledges received.
- Good News - We will continue to use **MyEOffering** (the current vendor) into 2026.
- Don't Forget - If you increased your pledge for 2026, you will need go online to make the adjustment to your donations.
- If you are not an online giver, please consider this for 2026. If you make your payment through your checking/savings account, the fee is only \$0.30.
- This is a great way to have continuity in your donations and help us budget for expenses. If you would like assistance, please contact me at the office. Thank you for your continued support of Pohick Church!

Julie Ramacciotti, Finance Administrator

VISIT THE GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP

Hours: 1st and 3rd Sundays-8:45-10:30AM

2nd & 4th Sundays-11:30AM-12:30PM

First Saturdays-1-3PM (during docent tours)

Come by to see what's new, including gifts for Valentine's Day, birthdays, anniversaries, and more.
THANKS for your support-all proceeds go toward helping those in need! A special THANKS to all who helped on inventory day; we appreciate you and your efforts!

- **Education for Ministry (EfM) Classes are Mondays at 7pm in the Vestry House.** Contact: Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan 703-973-5038 or jjegan3@netscape.net.
- **Coffee N Compline** on-line Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Fellowship, reflection and worship. Call the Parish Office at 703 339-6572 for the Microsoft Teams link. This same link is used every Wednesday.
- **Parish Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9am-3pm, Fridays 9am-noon.

- **Our regular Sunday Services** are at 8 am (Rite I Eucharist) and 10:30 am (Rite II Eucharist). Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:15 am. Announcements are on [pohick.org /news/weekly-announcements](http://pohick.org/news/weekly-announcements). Send your email to adminassistant@pohick.org to receive our weekly email.

❧ INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION ❧

In the Episcopal tradition, all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Communion at the Lord's Table; simply come to the altar rail and kneel to receive if you are able, or you may stand. If you are unable to come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

The options for receiving communion are: You may hold out both hands to receive bread and drink from the cup;

- *To receive by intinction, please leave the bread in your open palm and the Chalice bearer will dip the bread in the chalice for you and place it back in your hand. To reduce germ exposure in the chalice medical authorities have suggested, and the Diocese recommends, only the Chalice Bearer intinct the bread in the Common Cup.*
- *If you prefer to receive only bread, simply cross one arm across your chest as you hold out your hand for bread.*
 - *You may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing*

Vestry of Pohick Church

Neil Hogg Senior Warden
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 Tom Wright
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 Olivia Diaz (*youth rep 26/27*)
 Hal Yarwood

Staff of Pohick Church

Priest-In-Charge: The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci
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 Youth Minister: The Reverend Ted Renaud
 Minister of Music: Ronald Butts Boehmer
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 Finance Admin.: Julie Ramacciotti
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**QR Code is set up for one-time giving for visitors
or guests.**

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