



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.

Sunday, September 27th, 2026
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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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O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

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OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER (said seated)

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, pp. 694-696

Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

THE SERMON

Moment of Silence

The Reverend Daniel M. Cenci

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All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion (see back page).

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**A very warm Pohick Welcome to the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall, who
are visiting Pohick Church today!**



**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
Acolyte	Rosemarie Schavland
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Doug Comer and Mike Elston
Ushers	Dave Billingsley and Clint Herbert

✧PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS✧

- **For the special needs and concerns of this congregation**, especially for Craig Floyd, Wren Norwood, Becky Wagner, Nissa D'Andrea, Bill Hosp, D'Andrea Wooten, Jim Murphy, Donna Crawford, Alexander Clumpkens, Everett Wanko, Maggie Calio, Anne Sayer, Jim Bartholomew, Edwardene Pitcock, John Leon, The Rev. Dennis Adams and his wife, Barbara, the Boyle Family, Cricket Blanton, Jim Walterman, Linda Liddle Blackington, Odin Knudsen, Jenny Tatum, Russ Dickerson, Patricia Franke, Rhett Aiken, Anna Thompson, the Royal Family, Philip Timmons, Kathy Linville, Femi Ayorinde, Charles Miller, Cathy Kern, David Updegraff, Andy B., JP, and Rosette Diaz.
- We pray for the soul of Rev. Elizabeth Myers, who died on September 11th. She was first cousin of Nancy Bireley and a priest in the Diocese of Bethlehem PA.
- We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: AJ Randall, Nikolas Alexander Rodriguez, Leigh Alfieris, Pam Hogg and Michael LaCroix.
- We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Ryan Moatta, Gabby Rolland, Summer Lancet, The Hicks Family, and Nicholas Amorando.
- 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 The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, The Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.

✧ALTAR FLOWERS✧

**We praise and thank God for lending us Caleb Caron Caesar. His life and
suffering has renewed our faith to God of his tender mercies.**

Sandra Caesar

❧ *TODAY'S EVENTS* ❧

- **LCAC (Lorton Community Action Center) Fill the truck!** Please bring your donations to common rm.
- **Join Rev. Daniel on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the annex for Crusading Conversations.** Crusading Conversations is a transformational 5-episode mini-series for Christians, both individuals and small-groups. Utilizing the very best scholarship, the Revd. Dr. Ben Randall, an Anglican minister and Christian apologist, explains why the 'crusades' started, why the Church needn't feel ashamed, and will give you greater confidence to share the incredible Good News of Jesus "Christ, and Him crucified."
- **Pohick Fair is Oct 3: Fair tickets will be sold in advance TODAY,** during Coffee Hour and in the parish office during regular office hours. **Purchase your tickets: \$1 = 1 ticket.** Tickets purchased in advance will be sold with a premium: \$20 = 25 tickets. All purchases can be made with cash, check or credit card. This year we will be using tickets at all booths (except vendor booths and the Golden Dove gift shop). You will be able to use your tickets everywhere, from pony rides to funnel cakes, face painting to apple butter! Tickets can also be purchased in the parish office, and on the day of the Fair. Thank you for supporting the Pohick Country Fair. See you at the Fair!
- **Christian Education Information:** *Signs to guide you to the correct room are located at the entrance of the Parish House*
- **9:15 – 10:15 Church School**
 - Preschool – 2nd Grade meet downstairs in Room E
 - 3rd – 8th Grade meet upstairs in Choir Room
 - 9th – 12th Grade meet in the Teen Trailer
- **10:20 - 11:00 am - Children's Chapel**
 - Preschool – 3rd Grade meet in Room D
 - *Children are brought into the church service at the Peace*
- **Nursery Room**
 - **9:15 am – 12:00 pm,** 6 months – 36 months can be dropped off at any time.
 - **9:15 – 10:15 am - Grace Space Class,** 18 months – 36 months and at least one adult meet in the nursery.
 - Grace Space is for little ones and their adult(s) to experience an age-appropriate service, sing, play, and pray together.
- Questions? Call or text Nicole Crochet at 703-946-3233
- **Gift shop open today at 11:30am-12:30pm**
- **EYC meeting today at 6:00pm-7:30pm**

❧ *UPCOMING EVENTS* ❧

- **OCT 03:** Pohick's 80th Annual Country Fair, 11am-4pm

Ministry of Music

Saturday, October 3rd, Noontime Organ Recital

Pohick Church 80th Country Fair - Collection for the Pohick Organ Fund

- **OCT 10:** Acolyte Festival at National Cathedral
- **OCT 12:** Columbus Day, Parish Office closed
- **OCT 13: Vestry meeting,** Vestry house, 7 pm.
- **OCT 16:** 9am, Arlington Cemetery: Fred Crawford's Interment. Please RSVP for the Celebration of Life event: <https://evite.me/tVH4Xtc5j4>
- **OCT 21:** Wednesday Holy Eucharist at the Fairfax, 1:30 pm.

- **OCT 22:** Thursday Holy Eucharist at Harmony at Spring Hill, 1:30 pm.
- **OCT 23:** Newcomer Reception at rectory, 6pm-8pm
- **OCT 25:** Reformation Sunday (1662 Morning Prayer at 10:30 am)
- **NOV 1:** All Saints Day
- **NOV 8:** Veterans Day commemoration
- **NOV 22:** Kirkin' o' the Tartan and 1789 Holy Communion. Please order tartans as soon as possible as it takes about 6 weeks to receive them. The company we are using is Atlanta Kilts. The link is www.atlantakilts.com It does appear that we may have several representatives from the Scottish Government office of the British Embassy in attendance!

❧SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS❧

- **Pohick Church is seeking a warm, caring, and dependable individual to serve as a Nursery Attendant on Sunday mornings.** This position involves caring for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years old in a safe, nurturing, and welcoming environment where they feel secure and comfortable while separated from their parents. Interested? Please send your resume or CV to Nicole Crochet, Director of Youth and Family Ministries at ChildrenMinistries@pohick.org
- **We are currently enrolling students in Education for Ministry (EfM).** Contacts: John Egan, jjegan03@gmail.com, 703-973-5038; or Denise McHugh, dmchugh@umd.edu, 410-300-9867.
- **The Ann Mason Guild** is collecting your jewelry donations until Sept 30. Your donations will be resold at our Christmas Sale on Dec. 6, to support our various projects at Pohick and in the community. Please leave in the office marked for Ann Mason. Thank you!



Pohick's 80th Annual Country Fair, Saturday October 3, 11am-4pm.

- Thank you to all those who have signed up to volunteer. Haven't signed up yet? Contact Rick Church, Chairman of the 80th Annual Pohick Country Fair, at rickandkristi@comcast.net
- **Last call for Sponsorship opportunities!** Please contact Julie Ramacciotti in the Finance Office for more info at jramacciotti@pohick.org or 703 339-6572.
- **Get your favorite Apple Pie recipe ready for the Apple Pie Contest at the Country Fair, sponsored by the Martha Guild.** Only one entry per person. Obtain an entry form from the Communications Center in the Common Room or the table outside the Church Office. Please return form to the Martha Guild mail slot in the Church Office or to Connie Myers by Oct. 1. Apple Pies must be brought to the Baked Goods booth by 11:30am on Fair Day Oct 3. Contact: Connie Myers 703 201-2204.
- **COUNTRY FAIR CAR SHOW** ~~ Are you a gearhead? Do you have a car or motorcycle that you think is worth showing off? At this year's Pohick Country Fair we will be have our very own Car Show. It is open to any parishioner with a vehicle of interest: Sports Cars, Classic Cars, Muscle Cars, Hot Rods and Motorcycles. We will park the vehicles near the fairgrounds. Please contact Paul Leon, (PSVA.01@gmail.com) for additional information and to register your vehicle.

❧Happy Fall, Y'all from the GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP!❧

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

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

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

The Golden Dove gift shop will be open all day On Oct 3 (Fair day), but we accept only cash, checks or charge cards. We aren't able to accept Fair tickets.

Shop online at www.pohick.org homepage, click on Golden Dove.

NEW at THE GOLDEN DOVE GIFT SHOP—THESE WILL GO FAST-Beautiful one-of-a-kind necklaces, earrings, charcuterie & cutting boards, and recovery angels made from pottery and glass pieces from our local waters by our very own Rachel (Mayberry) Knotts....unique gifts with amazing history-true coastal treasures by Tidewater Trove! Shop proceeds go toward helping those in need.

❧FOR YOUR INFORMATION❧

- **Regular Sunday Services:** 8:00am (Rite I Eucharist spoken), 10:30am (Rite II Eucharist sung); Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:15am. EYC (5th-12th grade) 6pm-7:30pm.
- **Coffee N Compline** is on-line Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. **Pick up a reusable bulletin in the parish office.**
- To receive our weekly email, please send your Email to adminassistant@pohick.org
- **Parish Office hours:** Mon-Thu 9am-3pm, Fridays 9am-noon.

❧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.*

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Patrick Riley	
Tom Wright	
Olivia Diaz (<i>youth rep 26/27</i>)	
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