

# Old Presbyterian Meeting House

February 25, 2018

## SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.  
Childcare  
8:30 a.m. Worship with  
Communion  
9:40 a.m. Education Hour  
11 a.m. Worship  
noon Coffee hour

## STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Robert R. Laha, Jr.  
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Office Hours:  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

The Old Presbyterian Meeting House  
is a congregation of the Presbyterian  
Church (USA) and the National  
Capital Presbytery, and a Covenant  
Network congregation.

We extend a warm welcome to you this morning on the Second Sunday in Lent. After 11 a.m. worship, join us for coffee hour in Heritage Hall, hosted by the Presbyterian Cemetery and Columbarium Board.

Watch and wait as we journey to and through the cross during this Lenten season. Amy Gray, an OPMH choir member, is helping us reflect on the themes in our scripture readings, including covenants between God and humanity. Look for images of swirling wind and waves, and Celtic knots symbolizing the ties that bind us together. Amy, the Interim Associate Director for the Henry Luce III Center for the Arts and Religion at Wesley Seminary, creates site specific liturgical installations for sacred spaces, and teaches workshops on Religion and the Arts.

It's time for that delicious annual Meeting House tradition—the Meeting House Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, March 4 from noon to 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, sponsored by our OPMH youth. All Meeting House chili chefs are invited to enter their favorite chili. Prizes will be awarded to the winning chefs!



**Pick up/drop off an entry form at the church office, fill out a form online at [opmh.org](http://opmh.org), or email Hannah Williams([hannahkwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hannahkwilliams@gmail.com)) for a form. The deadline to enter is February 28.** All are welcome to sample and vote for their favorite chili, and to enjoy fellowship with friends as they eat a meal of chili, pasta, salad, and dessert. Free childcare provided for kids under 5. For more information or to contribute pasta, cornbread, or dessert, contact Hannah Williams or Ellen Wayer ([hannahkwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hannahkwilliams@gmail.com)).

## Sundays

### AT THE MEETING HOUSE

#### Key:

Fellowship Hall, FH  
Heritage Hall, HH  
Westminster Hall, WH  
Courtyard, CY  
Education Building, ED  
Elliot House, EH  
Flounder House, FL  
Sanctuary, S

Podcasts are available at [www.opmh.org](http://www.opmh.org) or scan the QR code.



### ADULTS

Classes at 9:40 a.m.  
*Compassion as the Essence of  
Christianity* HH

### YOUTH

Sunday School at 9:40 a.m.  
Middle School FL 1b  
Confirmation Class FL 2b  
High School HH

Youth Group  
Middle School FH/FL 2b  
4:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner included  
High School FH/FL 2b  
6-8 p.m. Dinner included

### CHILDREN

Childcare 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
Infants ED-14  
Toddlers ED-12  
3- and 4-Year-Olds ED-11  
at 11 a.m.  
Ushers can direct you to  
childcare.  
Music Time, 9:30–9:50 a.m.  
Ages 2-Grade 5 Sanctuary  
Sunday School, 9:50–10:40 a.m.  
Little Stars (4 year olds) ED 13  
5Ks ED-26  
Grades 1–2 ED-24  
Grades 3–4-5 ED-20  
Family Fellowship Heaven  
10-10:40 a.m.

### SUNDAY LEADERS

Duty Elder  
George Bostick  
Greeting Deacon  
8:30 a.m. Chris Pommerer  
11 a.m. Beth Simmons  
Ushers  
8:30 a.m. Bob Harris; Ellen  
McCleskey  
Office Duty  
Joan Moser  
Sound  
8:30 a.m. Rich Walker  
11 a.m. Skip Bea

# Opportunities for Ministry

## ADULT EDUCATION

Join us at 9:40 a.m. in Heritage Hall as we begin a three week series on *Compassion as the Essence of Christianity: Biblical Foundations*, led by Georgetown University Prof. Anthony Tambasco. Today's topic is *The Hebrew Bible and the God of Compassion*. On March 4 Prof. Tambasco will discuss *Jesus Christ as Compassion Incarnate*.

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST MARCH 3

All Meeting House women and friends are invited to the women's breakfast on Saturday, March 3 at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Laura Campbell, Meeting House member, local residential architect, and former inspirational leader of our Stewardship & Finance Ministry, will speak on *There are Many Rooms in My Father's House*. Breakfast is \$10 per person. To sign up and pay, go to [opmh.org](http://opmh.org) or email Olivia Michener ([olivia.michener@verizon.net](mailto:olivia.michener@verizon.net)).

## BUY TICKETS NOW FOR OFF TO THE RACES EVENT

Register today for our biggest event of the year, "Off to the Races for Family to Family." Wear your derby best and come dressed to impress on Saturday, April 7 from 6-9 p.m. at Virginia Theological Seminary. Enjoy good food, music, and fellowship while raising money for our Family to Family program. F2F provides emergency financial assistance to individuals in our community. All are welcome to attend! Email Margaret Rizzi to purchase tickets ([rizzifamily1@cox.net](mailto:rizzifamily1@cox.net)) or pay and register for free childcare online at [opmh.org](http://opmh.org). If you have items to donate for the silent auction, please contact Michael Sramek ([sevenoutlineaway@hotmail.com](mailto:sevenoutlineaway@hotmail.com)) or Jeff Mulvihill ([monijeff@cox.net](mailto:monijeff@cox.net)).

## MEETING HOUSE MEMBERS GOING TO CUBA

We will be collecting donations in the church office through the end of February. Donations of over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, toiletries, USB drives, packages of underwear and socks, and summer clothes are gratefully accepted. We also welcome carry-on bags for transporting the donations. The Cuba Partners Group appreciates all support towards our friends at the First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana. Contact Tom Roberts ([mobj501@aol.com](mailto:mobj501@aol.com)) for more information.

## INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT MARCH 11 & 18

All are invited to attend our intergenerational dinner and event, *All God's Children: The Church Family Gathers for Lent*, on Sunday March 11 & 18 from 5-6:30 p.m. Many faith communities are discovering the joy when all ages join together on the spiritual journey. Please join us as we gather together to explore a Lenten theme through prayer, play, and a meal. Come for either or both dates! Childcare will be available for infants & toddlers. RSVP at [opmh.org](http://opmh.org).

## EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

As we prepare for Easter, we signify our waiting and longing by foregoing sanctuary flower arrangements and "burying the alleluias" during Lent. Honor or remember loved ones by dedicating Easter flowers. A mix of lilies, daffodils, & tulips (\$15) and hydrangeas & azaleas (\$25) will brighten the sanctuary on Easter and may be claimed after the 11 a.m. service. To make a dedication, pick up a form in the Narthex, church office or order and pay online. Please make checks payable to OPMH, and in the memo line, specify "Easter flowers." The order deadline is Monday, March 12. Contact Heather Starek ([hstarek@opmh.org](mailto:hstarek@opmh.org)) if you have questions.

## IN CELEBRATION

The rose on the pulpit today celebrates the birth of Jeremy Lochlan Alexander Jillson, son of Jeremy and Kimberly Jillson, on February 17.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

The Stephen Ministers have committed to pray for all listed below wherever they are every Wednesday at 11 a.m. Join them. Our prayers are with those in the military and other government services who are deployed overseas: Peter Lee, Ryan Campoamor, Michael Woodgerd, and Bethany Gaddis.

Our prayers are newly offered for Susan Ballou.

Our sympathies are with Marty Barolo on the death of her mother, Rachel Stewart Sloan, on February 13; and Pamela Vetrini on the death of her grandmother, Esther Olivia Smith Wurst, on February 15.

A memorial service for Mary Page Palmer who died February 18 will be at the Meeting House on Friday, March 2 at 1 p.m. A reception hosted by the Deacons will follow in Heritage Hall. Please keep Lee, Jim, Ramana, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our prayers continue for Marjorie Kicak; Irene Norris; Mary Payne Gilbert's father, John Cossar and her friend, Dorothy Nelson; Don Steely, friend of Chuck and Maggie Jones; Cameron, Pamela Kicak's nephew; Adrienne Schilling's father, Don Schilling, and her friend, Andrew; Jeffrey Hall, son of Ed and Janet Hall; Charles Dennis, Howard Clark's nephew; Dr. John Klousia's brother-in-law, Michael Fisher; Jim Lovo's sister, Thea Lancaster; Nicki and Anthony Leeman, friends of Rich and Lois Rawson; Mary Ruggles and her family, friends of Jeanine Santillo; Julie Newman, friend of Brandon Hensley; Kevin King, Kait Murphy's cousin; and long-time member Anita Garrett.