

Old Presbyterian Meeting House

November 26, 2017

SUNDAY

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

STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Robert R. Laha, Jr.
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Katherine Stanford
Associate Pastor

The Rev. Ann Herlin
Associate Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Jon Smoot
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 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. After 11 a.m. worship, join us for coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Flower Committee. Many thanks to everyone who picked up a stocking. Please return the stuffed stockings to the church by November 28. We also ask that you donate \$5 for shipping the stockings around the world (it can be pinned to the stocking, or placed in the marked can). If you have an address of a friend or a relative serving abroad who would like to receive a stocking, have questions, or want to help, please contact Lee and Andy Berner (berner_lee@yahoo.com). The Youth Group Stockings for Soldiers packing party/lock-in is Saturday, December 2. Email Mary Pratt Perry (mpratt@opmh.org) if you plan to attend and for more info.



There are many wonderful ways to prepare for Advent and Christmas during this important season in our liturgical year. Events this week include the Taizé Advent Service of Wholeness and Healing on December 1 at 7 p.m., and the Scottish Walk and the Cookie Walk on December 2. For more information, visit opmh.org or pick up a postcard in the church office with a listing of all of the Advent events.

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 or scan the QR code.



ADULTS

Sunday Class at 9:40 a.m.
*Presbyterians Build Churches in
 Alexandria: 1775 & 1837* HH
 Adult Bible Study WH

YOUTH

Sunday School at 9:40 a.m.
 Middle School & High School FL 1b/2b
 Youth Group
 Combined Middle and High
 School youth group
 5:30-7:30 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.
 All ages ED-Heaven
 Group Time, 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
 10-10:40 a.m. Heaven

SUNDAY LEADERS

Duty Elder
 Caitlin Jarecki
 Greeting Deacons
 8:30 a.m. Sarah Murphy
 11 a.m. Marie-France Bunting
 Office Duty
 Annmarie Pittman
 Ushers
 8:30 a.m. Art and Bonnie Leigh
 Flower Arranger
 Judi Elmore
 Sound
 8:30 a.m. Rich Walker
 11 a.m. Billy Richards

Opportunities for Ministry

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Join us in Heritage Hall at 9:40 a.m. for *Presbyterians Build Churches in Alexandria: 1775 and 1837* led by Baird Smith. This morning's topic is Alexandria Presbyterians Lose and Rebuild Their Church (1837 and Beyond). Beginning December 3, we begin a three week series, *Jesus is Coming: Look Busy!* led by Rev. Dr. Jon Smoot. Advent is a short, strange season in the Church's liturgical year. Scripture passages whipsaw between stern warnings of judgment and songs of hope and yearning. We will examine several scripture passages that capture the complexity of Advent with its twin themes of threat and promise. Advent squarely presses on us the question, "How then, are we to live?," in this space between the Incarnation of God and the Final Judgment of God.

TAIZÉ SERVICE DECEMBER 1

Join our pastors and Stephen Ministers at the Taizé Service of Wholeness on Friday, December 1 at 7 p.m. We will be mindful of those who remember griefs, challenges, and sorrows during the Christmas season. This is a simple candle-lit service of prayer, song, silence, and meditation in the sanctuary decorated for the Christmas season.

SCOTTISH WALK DECEMBER 2

Saturday, December 2 is the Annual Scottish Walk with Scots, dogs, bagpipes, and a parade. Events held at the Meeting House include a brief service at 9 a.m., a wreath laying at the tomb of the Founder of the St. Andrew's Society at 9:45 a.m., and the Cookie Walk in Heritage Hall from noon to 3 p.m. If you are willing to bake cookies, contact Andrea and Tobin Tracey (glenecho08@gmail.com).

NOONDAY NOËLS

Refresh your spirit as the Christmas season begins with our Noonday Noëls each Wednesday during Advent. Join us at 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary for a short service of prayer and music, and stay afterward for soup and a sandwich. On December 6, the Brethren Men's Choir will perform.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Alternative Christmas Market will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 3, at noon, and Sunday, December 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come shop for Christmas gifts that also give to those in need.

POINSETTIAS AND GREENS DEDICATION

Please consider honoring or dedicating to the memory of a loved one with a poinsettia or exterior greens dedication. Order and pay at opmh.org, or pick up a form in the narthex or church office, and return it to Heather Starek with your check made out to OPMH by December 8. Please contact Heather Starek (hstarek@opmh.org) if you have any questions.

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING DECEMBER 3

The Cents-ability offering will be received next Sunday, December 3 during worship. As we gather at the Lord's table to be fed and nourished physically and spiritually, we remember the many families who are hungry by bringing coins or other offerings we have set aside at our own mealtimes. The Cents-ability offering will be donated to ALIVE! to feed hungry Alexandrians. Extra cups are located in the office or narthex.

A CHRISTMAS EVENING DECEMBER 10

Join us on Sunday, December 10, for all or part of an evening that celebrates the season with a variety of activities. We begin with a service project and crafts for all ages at 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., we continue in Heritage Hall with the annual Christmas Readings & Carols. It is an entertaining program with spiritual and secular stories, poems, and essays. Childcare will be provided during the Readings. RSVP for dinner and childcare at opmh.org.

ADVANTAGES OF A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

On December 3, following 11 a.m. worship, there will be a chance to hear about this useful giving tool. Fred Morhart will chat with interested people, for no longer than 15 minutes, in the conference room in Elliot House.

IN MEMORY

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Helen and James Cox Memorial Fund.

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: Ryan Campoamor, Michael Woodgerd, and Bethany Gaddis.

Our prayers are newly offered for Charles Dennis, Howard Clark's nephew.

Our sympathies go out to the family of Dr. Robert Floyd who passed away on November 18. Services are pending.

Our prayers continue for Betty Heiby; Marjorie Kicak; Charlotte Read; Jeffrey Hall, son of Ed and Janet Hall; Dr. John Klousia's brother-in-law, Michael Fisher; Jim Lovo's sister, Thea Lancaster; Susan Thomas; Susan Reams, sister of Martha Beall; Mary Ruggles and her family, friends of Jeanine Santillo; Julie Newman, friend of Brandon Hensley; Susan Esche, cousin of Skip Bea; Sarah Palsma's brother, Ryan Palsma; Kevin King, Kait Murphy's cousin; and Anita Garrett.