



May 22, 2022
11:00am Worship



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Welcome to Worship at Aldersgate Church.

Prelude

Welcome & Community Time

* Call to Worship

Jesus dwells among us, teaching us to believe in his name.

Let us offer God our thanks.

The Holy Spirit dwells among us, guiding us down the paths of life.

Let us offer God our praise.

God dwells among us, beckoning us to worship.

Let us offer God our worship.

* Hymn #660 | *God is Here*

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table font and pulpit here the cross has central place.
Here, in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

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* Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, how wonderful are the works of Your hands! We gather here today to celebrate a step forward into new places with new people and new experiences. Help us to remember the blessings that follow behind us. Let us love each other fearlessly and see Your will earnestly in all the days of our lives. Amen.

* Gloria

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen**

Recognition of Graduates

High School Graduates

Cameron Allen, West Potomac
Andrew Stephen Csontos, Jr., Bishop Ireton
Makin Eitel, West Potomac
Owen Harrison West Potomac
Julianna O'Brien, James Madison High School

Catherine Campbell, West Potomac
Ashley Vivian Csontos, Bishop Ireton
Caitlin Forti, West Potomac
Ryan Matthews, West Potomac
Katherine Sowell, West Potomac

College Graduates

Maggie O'Brien, Notre Dame University
Caroline Yates, College of William and Mary

Daniel A. Pike, Virginia Commonwealth University

* Passing of the Peace

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn #2123 | *Loving Spirit*

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
You have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to your wonder,
You have set your sign on me.**

**Like a mother you enfold me,
Hold my life within your own,
Feed me with your very body,
Form me of your flesh and bone.**

**Like a father you protect me,
Teach me the discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon your shoulder,
Let me see the world from high.**

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
You have chosen me to be
You have drawn me to your wonder,
You have set your sign on me.**

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Scripture

Listen for the word of God

Proverbs 3:1-8; Colossians 2:6-7

Anthem | Wesley Choir Men

Let It Be Said of Us

Sermon

Forever Young

Molly Johnson

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith from Romans

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Hymn #451 | *Be Thou My Vision*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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* Benediction

Postlude

* Congregation standing as able.

All text in bold indicates congregation participation.

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