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# *Old Presbyterian Meeting House*

**Service for the Worship of God**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 7, 2026 | 10:00 AM**

# Welcome

Welcome to Old Presbyterian Meeting House. We are glad you are worshipping with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities of learning, serving and community building at the Meeting House. We are a caring community committed to living the greatest commandment of loving God and loving our neighbors. If you are new in town and/or looking for a church home, please accept this welcome as an open invitation to come with us as we worship and serve Jesus Christ!

## Children and Nursery Care

Worship is for the whole family of God, and we welcome all children. Children's worship bags, as well as a basket of books, are available in the church entrance.

Nursery care for infants and children ages 3 and under is available in the Education Building (past the burial ground behind the sanctuary, in the building on the left). A restroom and changing station are available downstairs in the Sanctuary.

## Guests

If you'd like to stay connected, please fill out a Guest card from the pew and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code here. We also have a Welcome Table outside on the sidewalk after worship. Stop by for a gift and join us for fellowship in front of the Sanctuary following worship.



An usher can help with assistive listening devices and large print hymnals.



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3. Text *opmh* to 73256
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## Ongoing

**Worship** at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM in person and online at 10:00 AM.

### Childcare for infants and toddlers

8:15 AM-11:15 AM, Room 14 – Education Building

**Children's Sunday School and Adult Education** are taking a break for the summer and will resume in Sept.

### Meeting House Youth, Grades 6 to 12

Sunday Morning Gathering, 9:30 AM, Flounder 1B

Youth Group Sunday evenings: Middle School 4:30 - 6:30

PM; High School 6:00-8:00 PM

## Leadership

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## Prelude

Arabeske, Op. 7, No. 18 (1839)  
Music: Robert Schumann

## Gathering Around the Word

### Welcome

Rev. Dr. Katherine Stanford

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### ▲ Call to Worship *(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: Daughters and sons of God, arise!

**People: Jesus our Lord is coming near.**

Leader: He reaches out to us with healing.

**People: He raises us up to new life.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

### ▲ Hymn 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

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### ▲ Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Rev. Ann Herlin

**Loving God, we confess we do not live for you — we forget to trust in you. We follow the crowds around you but fail to grasp the Good News you offer. We weep at the power of death but rejoice in your promise of new life. Forgive us, Loving God. Heal us of all our doubt and despair and help us grow in faith each and every day.**

*Please join in silent prayer.*

### ▲ Assurance of Pardon

### ▲ Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

# Proclaiming the Word

Time With Children

Mrs. Noelle Castin

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Be Well

Rev. Dr. Katherine Stanford

# Responding to the Word

## ▲ Hymn 178

The Woman Hiding in the Crowd

SIMMONS

## ▲ Affirmation of Faith *(unison)*

*A Declaration of Faith, 1985*

**We are the people of God. We are a sign of the New World. We are the sisters and brothers of Jesus. We believe in God. We believe in the goodness of God, the presence of God in human history, and the nearness of God's love.**

**We believe in Christ. We believe that God was and is revealed in human life, that out of human suffering may come rescue and healing, that out of death comes new life.**

**We believe in the Eternal Spirit, who moves among God's people and invites the world into God's reign. We believe that the world can change, that peace and wholeness can come, and that the New World can arrive. We are the people of God. We are a sign of the New World. We are the sisters and brothers of Jesus.**

## Invitation to Discipleship

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat, BWV 560

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach

## ▲ Doxology 607 *(sung)*

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## Sealing the Word

### Sacrament of Communion

#### Invitation and The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise....**

#### The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### Breaking of the Bread and Communion

*All Communion bread is gluten-free and the cup is juice. The ushers will invite you to come to the table. Receive the elements by intinction (take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup). Return to your pew by a side aisle. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please let an usher know.*

#### ▲ **Prayer after Communion** *(unison)*

**Loving God, you have fed us with the bread of life and nourished us with the cup of salvation. Guide us now in Christ's footsteps to follow you with our whole hearts, remembering that you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you. Amen.**

## Sending the Word Into the World

### ▲ Hymn 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

### ▲ Benediction

### ▲ Postlude

Improvisation-Sortie on "Truro"  
Music: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778, arr. Bryan Holten

▲ Please stand as you are able

## Today

**Worship Elder is** Catherine Richardson and the **Worship Deacon is** Patrick McNabb.

**Today's flowers are dedicated** in honor of Stella Hanson's mother, Carolyn Jones and in memory of her grandmother, Ethel Sykes, her original flower committee! The flowers are arranged by Stella Hanson.

**Please join us following worship** for fellowship time outside on the sidewalk.

## Upcoming Events

Join us!

### Summer Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10 AM

May 31 through September 6

#### Today! Church Picnic and Pie Contest

Gather with us at Fort Hunt Park, Area B today, **Sunday, June 7** from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM for a fabulous church picnic filled with a Pie Contest and a feast of food shared among friends. We will have fried chicken and you can sign up to bring a scrumptious side dish or dessert! If you have a lawn chair, bring it along!

#### Men's Book Group

Men's Book Group will meet June 14, 7:00 - 8:00 PM to discuss *Lincoln's Greatest Speech* by Ronald C. White in the Elliot House Parlor.

#### Vocal Coaching Sessions This Summer

If you sing in the Meeting House Choir, Festival Choir, or Children's Choir, or if you'd simply like some tips on your singing, please avail yourself of a vocal coaching session with Dr. Bryan Holten. The summer is a good time to slow the pace, step back, and spend some time to better understand your voice. Sign up at [opmh.org/sing](http://opmh.org/sing)



#### Let's Break Bread - Dinner for 8

What's better than dinner with friends? If you haven't given our Let's Break Bread – Dinner for 8 a try, now's your chance!

We have Sunday and Thursday dates in July reserved at Indochien on King Street. All you have to do is sign up to come eat dinner – everyone pays their own way and a member of the Membership & Evangelism Ministry will meet you there. You can park in the church lot and walk. This has been such a great way to meet more people at the Meeting House – why not give it a try, you gotta eat! Sign up here: [opmh.org/dinnerfor8](http://opmh.org/dinnerfor8)

**Summer Camp can use your help!** Donated supplies will be part of snacks, service projects, STEAM activities or recreation stations. Please pay attention to brand names if listed to accommodate children's allergies or dietary needs. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help offset our costs. See the list at [opmh.org/wishlist](http://opmh.org/wishlist).

#### Volunteers Needed!



Summer Camp is just around the corner, and we're looking for volunteers to help any or all days throughout the week. Join us for a morning, an afternoon, a full day, or a mix and match based on your availability!

Come be part of a joyful week filled with fun, learning, and fellowship as we explore what all living things need, using Psalm 104 as our grounding text. Your time and presence will make a meaningful difference in creating a memorable experience for all involved. If interested, please contact Noelle: [ncastin@opmh.org](mailto:ncastin@opmh.org).

You All Come  
Summer at the Meeting House  
3rd Sunday Pick-up Choir  
10:00 AM Worship  
June 21 July 19 August 16  
Love to sing?  
No RSVP, no music reading skills necessary!  
Meet at 9:25 AM in the choir loft and  
rehearse the anthem.  
Contact Dr. Holten,  
[bholten@opmh.org](mailto:bholten@opmh.org) to sign up today.

For more info about events, [opmh.org/events](http://opmh.org/events)

# Old Presbyterian Meeting House

In Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence –  
We Honor the Congregation Members Who Were Patriots during the  
American Revolution



The revolutionary activities of a score of our congregational ancestors are appearing here in installments over several weeks. The experiences of these people demonstrate a remarkable range of contributions and sacrifices. The roles they performed in the American Revolution assisted in changing humanity for all time. Their deeds are especially worthy of our remembrance during the 250th anniversary year of issuance of the Declaration of Independence.

**David Arell (1740-1793)** was the eldest son of Richard Arell (1719-1797) and Christiana Davis Arell (c.1720-c.1760). Richard Arell and his second wife Eleanor Arell (1719-1796) donated the land that became the congregation's churchyard in 1773. During the war, David Arell served as First Lieutenant of the Independent Company of Fairfax County (Independent Blues) and then as Captain of the Second Company, Third Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line. His residence at 219 South Lee Street survives. He is buried in the churchyard burial ground. Samuel Arell (1755-1795) was the second son of Richard Arell and Christiana Davis Arell. He served as Captain of Marines on a ship of the Potomac Navy. He is buried in the churchyard burial ground.



**Dr. William Brown (1748-1792)**, son of the Rev. Richard Brown of Port Tobacco, Maryland, was born in Haddington, Scotland, while his father was pursuing theological studies there. He moved to Alexandria following the completion of his medical studies at the University of Edinburgh in 1770. During the war, he served initially as surgeon for the Second Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line and then in hospital administrative duties, which included – Surgeon General and Physician General of Hospital at Lititz and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, for three years; published *Pharmacopoeia ... [a Formulary of Simple and Efficacious Remedies]* (1780), a guide to natural medicinal plants for surgeons and medical officers in the Continental Army; and delivered lectures on anatomy for army surgeons and medical officers at the request of General Washington. His residence at 212 South Fairfax Street survives. He was buried at Preston Plantation near Four Mile Run and then reinterred at Pohick Episcopal Church in 1933.

If you would like to take a tour and hear more about our history, please contact the church office, 703.549.6670 or our Historian, Dr. Don Dahmann, [ddahmann@yahoo.com](mailto:ddahmann@yahoo.com)

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