

# Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church December 31, 2023 Large Print

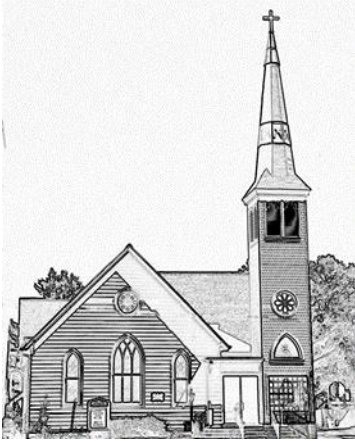
## Onancock, VA

### Our Mission Statement

*“Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself too seriously—take God seriously.” Micah 6:8*

Compassionate, Fair and Loyal

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**Welcome to worship!** We are glad you joined us today. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join in the fellowship and ministry of this congregation. We look forward to seeing you again. Please fill out one of the visitor cards and drop it in the offering plate.

**Prayer Concerns** Carolyn Lin, Eli Chen, Meg Adams, Alicia McCarter, Alverna St John, John Adams, Terri Lynn Redmond, Barbara Walters, Retta Isdell, Lois Walters, Marsh Ryon

Thank you to The Davis Family for hosting coffee hour.  
Thank you to Emily Grey for being our reader today.

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Organist/Pianist-Mark Nuckols  
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Office Administrator-Jennifer Stapleton

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Videographer – Mike Gould  
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### Class of 2023

Megan Ames  
Rick Turner  
Marsh Ryon

### Elders

#### Class of 2024

Ron May  
Linda Arvidson  
Meg Adams

#### Class of 2025

Bill Baird  
Patty Davis  
Jennifer Stapleton

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**\*Asterisk is to stand in body or spirit. Bold print is congregational response.**

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Congregational Opening *As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
**Before the mountains were brought forth,**  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
**from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Opening Prayer

**O Lord, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands, for holy is your name! Let us worship you with truth and grace in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Joy to the World*

#40

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we look back and recognize the many ways we have fallen short of your glory: missed opportunities to share your love; times when we were silent when we could have spoken up for what was right; indifference to your claim on our whole lives through Jesus Christ; and a lack of gratitude for your amazing grace by which you save us and call us to be your people. Lord, forgive us. As we look ahead to a new year, free us from thinking we can save ourselves. Help us to follow where you lead. Show us how to be your children and your heirs, forgiven and freed to live for our God and for one another in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Words of Assurance

**\*Gloria Patri #579 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.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: (from A Declaration of Faith PCUS 1977)**

**Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reading	Psalm 148; Luke 2:25-40	Emily Grey
Sermon	Falling and Rising of Many	Rev. Monica Gould

**\*Hymn** *Angels From the Realms of Glory* #22

Prayers of the People & 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 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**

Offering/Offertory

**\*Doxology:**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Go Tell it on the Mountain* #29

Benediction

Congregational Benediction *God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with the Shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude

## Church News

**This Week:** December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 6<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday:** Unhanging of the Greens @ 4:00 pm, Choir @ 5:00

- Please pick up your poinsettia today.
- Please pick up your offering envelopes in the Cada Room.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>** – Communion Sunday

**January 8<sup>th</sup>** – Presbyterian Women @ 11:30 am

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** – Prayer Meeting @ 8:00 am

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** – Ordination and Installation of Elders, Adult and Kids Sunday School @ 9:45 am

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** – Potluck and Movie “Get Low” @ 5:30 pm

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** – Session Retreat

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** – CCYF meeting @ 3:00 pm

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** – Prayer Meeting @ 8:00 am

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** - Adult and Kids Sunday School @ 9:45 am

