

Calendar

Tuesday, December 20

9:30am Staff Meeting
10am Knitting Group

Saturday, December 24

5pm Family Service with Christmas Pageant
9pm Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25

11am Worship - Lessons and Carols
with Brass

Children's Programs During Worship

Children are welcome to stay throughout the service or to attend the following programs during the worship service:

Nursery (ages 0-24 months) – Upstairs

2s - Ks Class – Upstairs

1st - 4th Graders – Chapel

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DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Luke 1:26-38
Monday	1 Samuel 1:1-18
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1:19-28
Wednesday	Mark 11:1-11
Thursday	Isaiah 9:2-7
Friday	Psalm 96
Saturday	Titus 2:11-14
Sunday	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

WEEKLY EMAILS

Did you know that GPC now sends out a weekly e-newsletter? Each week you will receive a scripture lesson, a Sunday preview, a list of upcoming events, and congregational announcements. To sign up, send an email to info@gtownpres.org or visit our Web site and sign up directly via the homepage.



December 18, 2011

Welcome

Our congregation has been welcoming members and visitors to worship on the Lord's Day since March 16, 1780.

If you are visiting this morning we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to introduce yourself to the pastor or one of the ushers and to those in the pews around you.

If you are looking for a church home and would like to speak with a pastor, please fill out the fellowship pad in the pew today or call the church office.



December Ushers: Russell Porter, Captain; Elizabeth Avery, Alex Bullock, Phil Fleming, Karl Mattison, Francis Norris, David Roll, Nancy Roll, Charles Schilke
Greeter: Mary Mintz
Lunch Bunch Hosts: Karla Address, Christine Rales and Tyler McGreevy

PRAYER CONCERNS: As a community of faith we share one another's joys, sorrows and concerns with God and with one another in prayer. Once a week we contact members of our prayer chain with concerns of our members and friends. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact the church office or e-mail prayerchain@gtownpres.org.

Happy Birthday

December 19	Helgi Walker
December 20	Laney Altamar Meredith Ferro
December 21	Michael Horan
December 22	Lynn Dizard
December 23	Fred Amling Anna Hovis
December 24	Brannan Meyers Miley Thomas
December 25	Alex Cary Stephanie Frang Lee Minichiello Charles Schilke

Adult Issues
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Washington Room

No class on December 25 or January 1.

January 8: In this first of a two-part series, Dr. David Little, retired from Harvard's Divinity School, speaks on "Evangelicals versus Ecumenicals: A Reversal of Fortunes" discussing the two groups' notably different interpretations of the Acts 2:1-13 Pentecost account of the miraculous "tongues of fire."

January 15: "Where Do Ecumenicals Go from Here?" Although Ecumenicals prevailed in the late 40s and 50s, Evangelicals came to outnumber them after the 60s. Dr. Little returns to talk about the political and social consequences of this religious shift.

Tables of 8

It's sign-up time for GPC's annual **Tables of 8**. For four evenings of good food, great fellowship and fun, mark the following Saturdays on your calendar:

Jan. 21, Feb. 25, March 24, & April 28

These evenings are open to all: young, young-at-heart, single, married, etc. We need 32 couples or partners and a list of substitutes. Sign up even if you can't commit to all four evenings since there may be others who can attend the evenings you can't. The more the merrier! Contact: Judi Crowson at 202/333-1603 or jdcrowson@verizon.net.

Children's and Youth Ministries

Youth Christmas Party tonight! All GPC youth grades 6-12 are invited to celebrate from **5-7pm**. Gingerbread house making! Merry making! Egg Nog! Reindeer hats! Come enjoy the festivities as we close out the year with a few of our favorite things: food, fun, and fellowship.

Children's Christmas Pageant this Saturday, December 24 at 5pm. Come and worship as we relive the birth of Jesus in pageant and song!
Christmas Day: There will be no Sunday School at 10 a.m. and NO Wee Worship or Children's Church at 11am. All children are invited to join in the main service for Lessons and Carols. The nursery will be open from 10am to noon.

Looking ahead: On **January 1**, there will be NO 10am programming for children or adults, but there will be Wee Worship and Children's Church at 11am. All 10am classes resume normal schedule on January 8.

GPC Pledge Report

As of December 16, we have received 99 pledges for a total of \$398,528 towards our 2012 pledge goal of 140.



2011 Christmas Flowers

This week the Church is being beautifully decorated with Christmas flowers, greens and wreaths. If you would like to make a contribution for these flowers, please fill out the form located in the Narthex and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the office. Checks should be made out to GPC – Christmas Flowers.

Marine Adopt-a-Family

The **Deacon's Outreach Committee** would again like to thank those who participated in this year's **Marine Adopt-A-Family** program. The many donated gifts were delivered to Henderson Hall on December 5, and the recipients picked them up later that week. The Family Team Building Office was very grateful for our generosity in helping others to have a merrier Christmas.

Our Pastors Remember is available in Balch Hall after worship service today. We have fewer than 40 copies left, and don't want you to miss getting one! Cost: \$10.

Music for Mission

Be sure to RSVP early for the **January 28 Music for Mission!** This past week invitations were mailed out – if you didn't get one, contact the church office or Mary Beth Ray (marybethray@verizon.net). And it's not too late to donate to the auction! If you would like to join the Music for Mission Committee, we still have lots of room – please join us after worship today in the Washington Room! Questions? Contact Susan Bell (skrausebell@starpower.net) or Katy McBride (kmcbride@wt.net).

Fair Trade Coffee and Candy are still available on the coffee\doughnut table before or after church. Coffee: \$7.00/bag; candy: \$3.00/bar. Proceeds go to the Mission Committee.



2012 Chancel Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the **Chancel Flowers in 2012**, please fill out a donation sheet (located in the narthex) and either place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Christmas Flower Deliveries

We need volunteers to help deliver poinsettias after Christmas to parishioners unable to attend church. If you'd like to help, please call Gordon Grant at (703) 241-7789 or email him at grant4506@verizon.net.