

PRAYER of
CONFESSION

Leader: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: Let us pray:

People: Holy God, when we forget to be amazed that you have come to be with us, overwhelm us with joy. When we are consumed by our egos, gently humble us again. When we cling tightly to what we have, make our hearts and hands generous. When we are tempted to betray your commandments, help us to go another way. Amen.

(Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE of
PARDON

Leader: Friends believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen!

◆ GLORIA PATRI
Glory to God, #581

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.

TIME with CHILDREN

Rev. Meghan Brown

◆ HYMN 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jessica Tate

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pg. 766

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Pg. 2

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

25 Cents at a Time

Rev. Camille Cook Howe

◆ HYMN 816

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

◆ DECLARATION of
FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

OFFERING and
STAR WORDS

Behold the Lightener of the Stars

J. Ryan Garber (b. 1973)

Passing of the Fellowship Books

◆ DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION and
GREAT
THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

prayer continues...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and 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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

◆ HYMN 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM Rhondda

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE Psalm 72 Thomas Pavlechko

POSTLUDE Wer nur den lieben Gott Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

About Today's Service

Star Words: The use of star words is a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year that has been growing in popularity in Protestant churches for nearly a decade. During the offertory, individuals are invited to draw a word from the basket and to use that word as a guiding word throughout the year. Place your star word somewhere you will see it regularly throughout the year to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God

Ushers: Karl Mattison (Captain), Erin Collier, Doug Davies, Fred Hart, Diana Jordan, Bill Krokowski, Lewis Mattison, Rob McLeod, and Marianne Roos

Punch Bunch: Please join us in the Georgetown Room following worship for a special Punch Bunch to celebrate Epiphany

Children's Worship Leaders: Pastor Jessica, Priscila Rodriguez, Kathleen Jennings, Liza Boyd, and Casey Nolan

Nursery Caregivers: Gamage Perera, Swarna Nawarantha, and Udeni Passaramudalige

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 7

- 9:00am Officer Training
- 9:45am Nursery
- 10:00am Sandwich Making (PreK-2nd), and Sunday School (3rd-5th)
- 10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
- 11:00am Worship**
- 12:00pm Punch Bunch - Epiphany Celebration

Tuesday, January 9

- 11:00am GPC Staff Meeting
- 6:30pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday, January 11

- 6:00pm Young Adult Outing

Saturday, January 13

- 9:00am Walking Group

Sunday, January 14

- 9:00am Officer Training
- 9:45am Nursery
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
- 11:00am Worship**
- 12:00pm Punch Bunch

**Event will be conducted virtually.*

***Both virtual and in-person options will be available.*

Announcements

Celebration of Jennie Lopez

Mark your calendars and please join us on February 4th after the service to celebrate Jennie Lopez and all that she has done as our Children's Ministry Director.

YCW Volunteers

YCW is looking for more volunteers in 2024! We welcome parent and non-parent volunteers to our group of greeters and storytellers. GPC will offer a Zoom training led by Emma Marshall on Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, and an in person training with YCW veteran and elder Katie Novaria on Sunday, January 28 from 12:15 - 2:15 pm, with lunch provided. Please email Jennie to let her know which training you plan to attend.

Stewardship 2024: Sharing God's Story

Please show your appreciation for your many blessings, and your dedication to this Church with a Stewardship gift for 2024. We ask everyone to participate, especially those who have not given before. If you are particularly blessed this year, please increase your intent. The Bible asks us to joyfully give thanks to God. Let us also be joyful givers so we can continue to "Share God's Story." Please fill out the intent card in the pews and return it to the offering plate or fill out the online intent form at gtownpres.org/stewardship.

Young Adult Dinner and Outing

Thursday, January 11, 2024 5:15 pm Dinner at Founding Farmers and Distillers (600 Massachusetts Avenue NW) then 7 pm Rabbi Sharon Brous Talk at Sixth and I. In The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World, Rabbi Sharon Brous—named America's #1 Most Influential Rabbi by Newsweek and The Daily Beast—makes the case that the spiritual work of our time, as instinctual as it is counter-cultural, is to find our way to one another in celebration, in sorrow, and in solidarity. GPC has purchased a block of 12 tickets for \$22 each. Email Pastor Meghan for more information!

*This event is specifically for Young Adults in the congregation, but all are welcome to join!

Joyful Noise Rehearsals!

Joyful Noise will sing the introit during the worship service on Sunday, February 4, and we invite all GPC children in PreK and up to sing with us. Please make sure you attend singing time with Ms. Regina for a majority of the rehearsal dates: Sunday, January 7, 14, 21, 28, and February 4. All rehearsals are in the chapel at 10:40.

Worship

gtownpres.org/worship

Welcome to Georgetown Presbyterian Church, where people have gathered to worship for over 240 years. We worship each Sunday at 11:00am.

Serve

gtownpres.org/serve

Sign Up to Be a Greeter

You may have noticed the smiling faces of GPC's greeters, volunteers who welcome members and visitors each Sunday with a friendly word and a warm handshake (or elbow bump!). This is a great way to meet people in the congregation and help bring warmth and community to our congregation. To volunteer for this fun and important role, visit gtownpres.org/connect.

Georgetown Saturday Suppers

Saturday Suppers are back inside! The last Saturday of every month, GPC members meet at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church to serve dinner to 30-60 neighbors who are hungry. The move inside means a return to seated suppers and hot food. It also means a jump from 4-5 volunteers to 10-12 volunteers every last Saturday. Email info@gtownpres.org if you would like to get involved. To support, visit gtownpres.org/give.

Learn

gtownpres.org/learn

Children's Programming on Sunday Morning Education Hour 10:00 - 11:00 am

Sunday School: Children ages 3-5 - fifth grade are invited to attend as often as you are able at 10:00 am in the third floor classrooms. The Sunday School teachers will walk children down to the chapel for singing at the end of class.

Singing with Ms. Regina: Children of all ages are welcome to sing along with us in the chapel beginning at 10:45. Parents are invited to stay and sing together.

Confirmation Class: Confirmation class runs weekly from September through February for interested Youth in sixth grade and up. Class is led by Pastor Meghan at 10:00 am in the Youth Room.

Worship Hour 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Young Children and Worship: Following the Time with Children in the worship service, children in PreK-2nd grade are led upstairs to participate in this Montessori-based worship program. Parents should plan to walk upstairs to pick their children up from the classrooms.

Children's Church: Following the Time with Children in the worship service, children in 3rd - 5th grade are led to the chapel to participate in age-appropriate worship, led by one of our pastors and Ms. Regina. Children are dismissed back to the sanctuary or to punch bunch when Children's Church is over.

Youth Group

Youth Group meets a couple of Sunday evenings each month. If you're interested in receiving emails about youth group programming, please reach out to Jennie to be added to the list (JDL@gtownpres.org)

Connect

gtownpres.org/connect

New Member Conference

Interested in joining GPC? Learn more about membership and what it means to be a Presbyterian at our next New Member Conference on January 21st. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information. Visit gtownpres.org/join to sign up.

Serve Punch Bunch!

We are seeking new and returning volunteers to contribute to our weekly Punch Bunch in 2024! Grab your family or some friends, take a trip to Safeway or Costco, and help us build and nourish our community in this time of fellowship. Sign-up online and find helpful resources for hosting at gtownpres.org/connect.

Requests for Prayers

Scan here or visit gtownpres.org/connect to fill out the care and support form. Responses will go directly to the GPC Care Committee. Thank you for helping us care for yourselves and the broader GPC community.



Give

gtownpres.org/give

Your gifts enable the mission and ministry of this church. To manage a current pledge or make a one-time gift, visit gtownpres.org/give or scan the QR code below.

To give of your time and talents, visit gtownpres.org/timeandtalents.



Daily Lectionary

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| <i>Monday</i> | Matthew 20:1-16 |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | 1 Peter 2:11-25 |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | Zephaniah 3:1-13 |
| <i>Thursday</i> | Psalms 26; 130 |
| <i>Friday</i> | Isaiah 24:14-23 |
| <i>Saturday</i> | Matthew 20:17-28 |

Happy Birthday!

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| <i>January 7</i> | Helen Davies |
| <i>January 8</i> | Jaime Hart Sophie Sperduto |
| <i>January 11</i> | Peter Address Samantha Gilman |
| <i>January 12</i> | Laura Yost |

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Serving Our City, United in Christ

Welcome to the Georgetown Presbyterian Church

If you are here for the first time, we extend a special welcome to you. Please take a moment to read through the bulletin which contains important information for the life of this congregation.

- Ushers are wearing red lapel tags and are in the back of the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask them.
- Please join us after worship for refreshments and fellowship in the Georgetown Room.

Children are always welcome!

- Worship bags are available for children who wish to stay in the worship service. Children can pick these up under the bench in the Narthex, and return them after church
- For our youngest children through three years old, nursery care is available upstairs beginning at 9:45am.
- After the Time with Children in the service, children can remain with their families or exit the Sanctuary with our Children's Worship leaders to continue age-appropriate worship. Please feel free to escort your children to their classroom to meet the leaders.

Navigating the Service

- Stars ♦ indicate when you are invited to stand if you are able.
- Bold text indicates that the congregation says this together, in one voice.
- Hymns can be found in the purple hymnals. Bibles are located at the end of the pews. Large print hymnals are available in the back of the Sanctuary.
- We receive communion once a month, and all are welcome.



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GEORGETOWN
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The Georgetown Presbyterian Church has been a steadfast presence in our nation's capital since 1780, ministering to generations of Washingtonians, serving our city, united in Christ. For more of our history, visit gtownpres.org/us/history.

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