

THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 11 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE	Prelude, Fugue & Variation	César Franck (1822-1890)
WELCOME	Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. People: And also with you.	
INTROIT	Kyrie on “Neander”	<i>Neal Campbell</i>
CALL to WORSHIP <i>from Psalm 62</i>	Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, People: for my hope is from God. Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation. People: I shall not be shaken. Leader: Trust in God at all times, O people. People: God is a refuge for us.	
◆ HYMN 360	Christ Is Coming!	<i>Unser Herrscher</i>

◆ *You are invited to stand*

As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone and refrain from flash photography during the service.

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: God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh. We have gotten comfortable in our categories: haves and have-nots, makers and takers, bigots and bystanders, the perpetrators and the innocent, us and them, The worthy and the worthless. We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries. Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call us again, and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news. 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. Jessica Tate

BAPTISM

ELEANOR HOPE MERRITT

Daughter of

SARAH and ALEX MERRITT

◆ HYMN 170

You Walk along Our Shoreline

Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Deacon Casey Nolan

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 1:1-6, 11-17, 2:1, 10

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Be Ye Followers Of God

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

It's (Not) a Big Fish Story

Rev. Jessica Tate

◆ HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove◆ DECLARATION of
FAITH

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by our siblings in Christ, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.

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.

OFFERING and
OFFERTORY

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

The Agincourt Song

(arr. Antony Baldwin (b. 1957))

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

◆ HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE	Pax Dei	C. Whitney Coombs (1859-1940)
POSTLUDE	Praeludium in C Major	Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

About Today's Service

About the Music: The anthem this morning, "Be Ye Followers of God" is by American composer Leo Sowerby. Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1895, Sowerby was largely self-taught, learning harmony and music theory from a textbook at age 11. He would go on to become the leading composer of American church music during the first half of the twentieth century.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Alex and Sarah Merritt in honor and memory of Eleanor's great-grandparents

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 hosted by Kevin Scott

Children's Worship Leaders: Jennie Lopez, Esther Wisdom, Kathleen Jennings, Jessie Sterchi, and Brian Stocker

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

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from liturgy written by Stephanie Sorge for The Presbyterian Outlook

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 21

- 9:45am Nursery
- 9:50am Confirmation Class
- 10:00am Sunday School, Adult Education
- 10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
- 11:00am Worship**
- 12:00pm Punch Bunch
- 12:15pm New Member Conference
- 5:00pm Yoga*

Tuesday, January 23

- 11:00am GPC Staff Meeting

Sunday, January 28

- 9:45am Nursery
- 10:00am Sunday School, Adult Education
- 10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
- 11:00am Worship**
- 12:00pm Punch Bunch
- 5:00pm Yoga*

**Event will be conducted virtually.*

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

Announcements

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 Liza Boyd and/or Pastor Meghan to let us know which training you plan to attend.

Celebration of Jennie Lopez

Mark your calendars and please join us on February 4th at 10:00 am (before the worship service) to celebrate Jennie Lopez and all that she has done as our Children's Ministry Director.

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.

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.

Intergenerational Men's Group

The Intergenerational Men's group will reconvene the evening of Tuesday, January 30th in the Georgetown Room for dinner and fellowship. We will gather for dinner and fellowship at 7:00 p.m. and reconvene for group discussions at 8:00 p.m. The discussion topic will be "Recognizing God's Call: What does God want us to do and how do we hear from God?" While the group is organized for and about men, all are welcome. Please contact Warner Lamar, Jay Grauberger or Pastor Meghan for more information.

A Special Called Meeting of the
Presbyterian Congregation in Georgetown
Washington, DC
is hereby called for Sunday, February 4, 2024.

The meeting will convene after the 11 a.m.
worship service for the following purposes:

To receive the Annual Report for 2023;
To vote on the recommended changes to the
Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor's terms of
call;
To elect Trustees of the Corporation; and to
transact any other business that may properly
come before the meeting.

By order of the Session:

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe, Moderator
Liza Marshall, Clerk of Session

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

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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 today after the 11:00 am service.
All are welcome to join!

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.



Join Us For Yoga Online Sundays at 5 pm!
Sunday morning worship is great for your soul-
why not add Sunday evening yoga to care for
your mind and body? Join your GPC friends for
an hour of easy flow yoga and breath work with
certified instructor Charlotte Adamo. Classes
are on Zoom and cost \$25 each (payable by
Venmo or check). Charlotte sees the best in
everyone, and she meets you where you are,
offering prompts for beginners, and challenges
for the more advanced. For more info, feel free
to email [Mary Beth Ray](mailto:MaryBeth.Ray@gtownpres.org), or [Charlotte Adamo](mailto:Charlotte.Adamo@gtownpres.org).
Namaste, we hope to see you soon!

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

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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)

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



Daily Lectionary

<i>Monday</i>	Thessalonians 5:1-11
<i>Tuesday</i>	Luke 21:5-19
<i>Wednesday</i>	Psalms 25; 110
<i>Thursday</i>	Matthew 21:1-11
<i>Friday</i>	Matthew 21:12-22
<i>Saturday</i>	2 Peter 1:12-21

Happy Birthday!

<i>January 22</i>	Mark Coldren Scott Leachman
<i>January 23</i>	Charlie Balaan
<i>January 24</i>	Crystal Espie
<i>January 25</i>	Emily Schlesinger Yury Metelski
<i>January 27</i>	Alex Berrang Charlie Berrang

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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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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