
THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, February 18, 2024, 11 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE Adagio Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

WELCOME Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
 People: And also with you.

INTROIT Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

CALL to WORSHIP Leader: O Christ, out of your fullness we have received grace upon
adapted from the Book grace.
of Common Worship

People: You are our eternal hope.

Leader: O Christ, fountain of life and holiness,

People: On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions.

Leader: O Christ source of all comfort,

People: Save us Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God.

◆ HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

◆ *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: Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. 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

BAPTISM

DAVIS ULYSSES AUGER

Son of

GILLIAN *and* GREG AUGER

◆ HYMN 775

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Walk With Me

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

Deacon Trey Fields

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 25: 1-5

Pg. 554

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

I Waited For the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

Pg. 35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Too Close for Comfort

Rev. Jessica Tate

◆ HYMN 279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

St Agnes

◆ DECLARATION of
FAITH

*From A Brief Statement of
Faith of the Presbyterian
Church (USA)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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.

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

Passing of the Fellowship Books

Grant Unto Us Thy Peace, O Lord

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

◆ 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 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St Flavian

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso e Vivace

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

About Today's Service

About the Music: Today's music comes from one of the great voices in western music. Felix Mendelssohn was a pianist, organist, composer and conductor of the early Romantic Period. A grandson of the philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, he was born into a prominent German Jewish banking family. Initially raised without religion, he was later baptized as a Reformed Christian. Recognized early as a prodigy, he parents did not seek to capitalize on his talent. He performed throughout Europe and was especially well-received in Britain where he was a great favorite of Queen Victoria, whose daughter used the "Wedding March" from Mendelssohn's music for "Midsummer's Night Dream" as her wedding march, making that piece the standard for wedding processions for more than 100 years.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in celebration of the baptism of Davis Ulysses Auger

Ushers: Robert Bell (Captain), Sharon Brooke, Margaret Carvin, Jay Grauberger, Christine Rales, Jim Reese, Judith Shea, John Struble, Berry Trimble, and Libby Wallin

Punch Bunch: Please join us in the Georgetown Room following worship for Lunch Bunch hosted by the Mattison Family

Children's Worship Leaders: Pastor Meghan, Priscila Rodriguez, Katie Novaria, Kathleen Jennings, Paige McDermott, and Keshia Engwenyi

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

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 18

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

Monday, February 19

Office Closed - President's Day

Tuesday, February 20

11:00am GPC Staff Meeting

Sunday, February 25

9:45am Nursery, Adult Education
10:00am Sunday School, New Parents
Gathering
10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
11:00am Worship**
12:00pm Punch Bunch
12:15pm Young Adults Brunch
5:00pm Yoga*

**Event will be conducted virtually.*

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

Announcements

GPC New Parents Gathering!

All new and new (ish) parents are invited to a brunch and fellowship time with other parents and their children on Sunday, February 25th at 10 am in Classroom 1 on the 2nd floor. This event is primarily for parents of nursery aged children, but all are welcome. Please contact Pastor Meghan, Kate Gilchrist, Natalia Sitnikov, or Sally McLeod or more information or to RSVP.

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.

Spring Floral Arranging Class

Join us on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11:00 am in the Georgetown Room for a spring floral arranging class led by Patricia Berl. Welcome the beauty of Spring and learn to create your own stunning floral arrangement. The cost is \$60 per person, inclusive of all materials. Spots are limited! To register and pay, please email Libby Wallin at Libby.Wallin@gmail.com by March 3.

Lent Devotionals

Each Wednesday morning of the lent season, a devotional email will be sent to the congregation. These devotionals will serve as a way to reflect on scripture during the season of lent. Thank you to the Deacons who have prepared these devotionals.

Young Adult Brunch

All Young Adults are welcome to stay for a light brunch on Sunday, February 25th at 12:15 pm in the Washington Room. Come for refreshments, to meet new and old friends, and to hear what's on the calendar for Winter and Spring. Please let Pastor Meghan or Deacon Katie Strohm know if you plan to join!

Refugee Resettlement

GPC's Refugee Committee is looking forward to another busy and exciting year helping refugee families settle into the Washington, DC area. We begin Saturday, March 2 working with the Immigrant and Refugee Outreach Center (IROC) to support a new Afghan family arriving in Alexandria. We need volunteers to help move furniture and deliver household goods on that date. Please contact Committee member Steve Johnson at stc462jhnsn@icloud.com for more information and to sign up if interested. God tells us to welcome the stranger. This is a tangible way to put your faith into action this Lent.

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 March 10th. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information.

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 or Charlotte Adamo. Namaste, we hope to see you soon!

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.

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



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.

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 Pastor Meghan or Trey Fields (fieldstreyo@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

Adult Education

There will be no Adult Education this Sunday, February 18th, due to the holiday weekend. Join us on Sunday, February 25th at 9:45 am to hear about "Planning for Protraction" and the implications of protracted warfare from Dr. Iskander Rehman, Axson Johnson Institute for Statecraft and Diplomacy Postdoctoral Fellow at the SAIS.

Happy Birthday!

<i>February 18</i>	Michele Gast Judith Shea
<i>February 21</i>	Lori Martens Robert Delk
<i>February 22</i>	Barbara Nagi Claire Farver Margaret Anne Moore Molly McGill Lavin
<i>February 24</i>	Marissa Baly Simone

Daily Lectionary

<i>Monday</i>	Matthew 24:1-14
<i>Tuesday</i>	Psalms 80; 72
<i>Wednesday</i>	Amos 9:11-15
<i>Thursday</i>	Genesis 3:8-15
<i>Friday</i>	John 3:16-21
<i>Saturday</i>	Psalms 40; 67

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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