

THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 11 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE The Good Shepherd Dale Wood (1934-2003)

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

INTROIT Let None That Wait On Thee Dale Wood (1934-2003)

CALL to WORSHIP Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
from Psalm 90 **People: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
 Leader: So teach us to count our days,
 People: that we may gain a wise heart.
 Leader: Let us worship God.

◆ HYMN 49 The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

◆ *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: Savior God, the public spectacle of the cross calls us to account. We hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to speak of you. We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim. Your story saves, yet we keep it to ourselves. Forgive our reticence of faith. Forgive the ways we fail to serve as public witnesses. Help us be your candlelight, held high to set the world aglow.

(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. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

BAPTISM

CAROLINE COLEMAN HAWKINS

Daughter of

COLEMAN *and* TOM HAWKINS

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

Deacon Katie Strohm

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 22:23-31

Pg. 552

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

Pg. 44

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Disturbing News from Jesus

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

◆ HYMN 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deo Gracias

◆ DECLARATION of
FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

Pray That Jerusalem

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

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

PRESENTATION of NEW MEMBERS

◆ HYMN 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Bourbon

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant

Don McAfee (b. 1935)

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Lëon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

About Today's Service

About the Music: The choral anthem this morning is by British composer Philip Wilby who is well-known in Britain as a composer of music for choir, and for brass band. The anthem is a setting of a text from John 14:15-18. Wilby's setting is beautiful, with a lilting melody and harmonically rich accompaniment.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in celebration of the baptism of Caroline Coleman Hawkins

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 Alex and Sarah Merritt, and Adrienne and Fleet White

Children's Worship Leaders: Pastor Meghan, Priscila Rodriguez, Paige McDermott, Tim Shirk, Esther Wisdom

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

Parts of today's liturgy are written by Teri McDowell Ott for the Presbyterian Outlook

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Weekly Calendar

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*

Tuesday, February 27

- 11:00am GPC Staff Meeting

Sunday, March 3

- 9:45am Nursery, Adult Education
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 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

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.

GPC Small Groups

Are you interested in joining an intergenerational women's small group focused on study, fellowship, and prayer this spring? If so, please reach out to Pastor Meghan or Deacon Piper Akol for more information.

Join the Intergenerational Men's Ministry for dinner and discussion on Tuesday, March 19th from 6:30-9:00 pm in the Washington Room. More details to follow, but please reach out to Pastor Meghan, Jay Grauberger or Warner Lamar for more information.

Young Adult Brunch

All Young Adults are welcome to stay for a light brunch today, 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.

Refugee Resettlement

Join the GPC Refugee Committee Saturday, March 2 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. Additionally, you can purchase an item for the apartment on a registry we have set up for the family. Please visit gtownpres.org/refugees to check it out. God tells us to welcome the stranger. This is a tangible way to put your faith into action this Lent.

In Our Father's House

Allan Williams, husband of member Ginny Luster, died of February 11th. The service for the family will be held in Virginia in March. Please keep Ginny and Allan's family in your prayers.

Mission Breakfast and Seminar

March 10, 9:30am. GPC served more than 480 meals to neighbors who are hungry and homeless last December. The mission committee now invites you to come to breakfast and to get more context for those dinners as we learn about homelessness in DC. More details to come. Reach out to Pastor Jessica for more information.

Georgetown Saturday Suppers Needs New Leadership

Want to put your faith into action and feed the hungry? We need individuals to share leadership and coordination of GPC's once-a-month commitment to serving a hot meal to neighbors in need. We have one person already in place and need 1-2 more! If you are interested, be in touch with Pastor Jessica (jet@gtownpres.org) to learn more. A huge thank you to Laura and Leland Jones for coordinating GPC's service over the recent years.

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!

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

Join us for Adult Education this Sunday, February 25th at 9:45 am to hear about "Planning for Protraction" and the implications of protracted warfare from Dr. Iskander Rehman, Ax:son Johnson Institute for Statecraft and Diplomacy Postdoctoral Fellow at the SAIS. Next Sunday, March 3rd, we'll have the chance to get to know our new Parish Associate, the Rev. Grace Woodward, and learn about her bi-vocational work in law and ministry.

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.

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.

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.



Happy Birthday!

- February 25* Brian Proett
Claire Buckley
Sophie Buckley
Joanne Tate
- February 26* Mary Beth Ray
Danielle Turner Marshall
- February 27* Henry Knapp
- February 28* Leo Krusius
Ella Boyd
Huw Davies
- March 2* Jessie Sterchi
Chip Scott

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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