

PRAYER of
CONFESSION
*Rev. Grace
Woodward*

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: Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have undone. Although you proclaimed the Kingdom of Heaven, we follow the kingdoms of the world. We seek for ourselves, and turn our backs on our neighbors. In your mercy, show us where we have strayed, forgive our error, and lead us back on right paths that glorify you and love our neighbors. We pray this for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.

(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

VIRGINIA GRACE JUSTUS

Daughter of

JOELLE and BRADLEY JUSTUS

◆ HYMN 475

Come Thou Fount

Nettleton

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Deacon Meredith Lilley

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

O For a Closer Walk

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

SECOND LESSON

John 2:13-22

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Spring Cleaning

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

◆ HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

◆ DECLARATION of
FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. 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

Passing of the Fellowship Books

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

◆ 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 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Peace I Leave with You

Matthew Glandorf (b. 1972)

POSTLUDE

These Are the Holy Ten Commandments

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

About Today's Service

About the Music: The anthem is by Charles Villiers Stanford, who left a lasting legacy of choral compositions still in common use today. The anthem “O For a Closer Walk” is based on a text by the English poet and hymnodist William Cowper (1731-1800). “So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.”

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Bradley and Joelle Justus in honor of the baptism of their daughter Virginia Grace Justus

Ushers: Dwight Smith (Captain), Judi Crowson, Nancy Kuhn, Roy Henwood, Tyler McGreevy, Paige McDermott, Alexis Williams, and Abby Wise

Punch Bunch: Please join us in the Georgetown Room following worship for Lunch Bunch hosted by Lori Shoemaker and Charlie Balaan

Children's Worship Leaders: Rev. Grace Woodward, Tim Shirk, Esther Wisdom, Margaret Frist, Joanne Tate, and Libby Wallin

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

Parts of today's liturgy were adapted from Ginny Bairby's liturgy for The Presbyterian Outlook

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Weekly Calendar

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*

Tuesday, March 5

6:30pm Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, March 10

9:30am Mission Breakfast
9:45am Nursery
10:00am Sunday School
10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
11:00am Worship**
12:00pm Punch Bunch
12:15pm New Member Conference
5:00pm Yoga*

**Event will be conducted virtually.*

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

Announcements

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: March 24th, 11:00am

Maundy Thursday: March 28th, 6:00pm

Good Friday: March 29th, 7:00pm

Flowering of the Cross: March 30th, 10am-12:00pm

Easter Sunday Services: March 31st, 9:00am and 11:00am

Easter Flowers

Would you like to donate to the beautiful floral arrangements that fill our sanctuary on Easter? Please put your donation in the marked envelopes in the pews and in the Narthex. You may also include a dedication that will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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.

Intergenerational Men's Group

The GPC Intergenerational Men's Group will be gathering at 7pm on Tuesday, March 19th at GPC to discuss this month's theme, Surrender: The Season of Lent. We will discuss the Lenten season and what it means to surrender to God. Dinner will be provided. Please reach out to Meghan Brown, Charlie Pruitt, Trey Fields, or Phil Linder if you have any questions. All are welcome.

Mission Breakfast and Seminar

GPC served more than 480 meals to neighbors who are hungry and homeless in December. The mission committee invites you to get come for breakfast to keep learning on Sunday, March 10, 9:30am. Rebecca Kellett, program director at the Georgetown Ministry Center, will speak about trends in homelessness in DC. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information.

Fish Bank Lemonade Stands Return this Lent!

On Sunday, March 17th and Sunday, March 24th, GPC Children and Youth will be hosting a Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale during Children's Church and after worship. Proceeds go to the fish banks (One Great Hour of Sharing) which supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - organizations that serve individuals and communities in need. If you are interested in participating in the Lemonade Stand or donating to the Bake Sale, please contact Pastor Meghan.

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.

Refugee Resettlement

We recently helped to settle a new family in Northern Virginia. 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.

Caring for Our Congregation

Are you interested in participating in a Meal Train for folks in the congregation who have had surgery, experienced a loss, or are welcoming a new baby? Would you like to offer rides so that older adult members might be able to join us for worship? Or bring flowers to homebound members? Please contact the Care Team (care@gtownpres.org) or Pastor Meghan to participate in caring for all members of our community.

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.

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, March 3rd at 9:45 am in the Washington Room. 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. Next week, Adult Education is invited to attend the Mission Breakfast and Seminar on Sunday, March 10th at 9:30 am in the Georgetown Room, where we are invited to learn more about the context of homelessness in DC.

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.



Connect

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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 on March 10th, 12:15-2pm. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information.

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.

This March, Communion will be celebrated during Holy Week at the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28th at 6 pm. Please join us for this event, which will include worship and a meal. All ages are welcome.

Happy Birthday!

March 3	Sean Buckley Grace Fleming
March 4	Anne Crawley
March 5	Preston Kerr Katy McBride
March 6	Michael Kennedy
March 7	Melissa Hunsiker Jack Porter
March 9	Catherine McEaddy Gibbs Rehlen Philip McGreevy

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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