

THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, March 10, 2024, 11 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

INTROIT We Wait and Hope for the Lord Dale Wood (1934-2003)

CALL to WORSHIP Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good and God's love
From Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22 endures forever.
 People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from
trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the
west, from the north and from the south.
 Leader: Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love and for God's
wonderful works to humankind.
 People: Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the Lord's
deeds with songs of joy.
 Leader: Let us worship God.

◆ HYMN 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me *Toplady*

◆ *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: Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show the fullness of your love for all people.

(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

ARDEN BELLOWS QUINN

Daughter of

ELLORA *and* WILLIAM QUINN

◆ HYMN 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Kingdom

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

Deacon Alan Wisdom

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

Pg. 154

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)
(arr. J. Carlton)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Lengthening of Days

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

◆ HYMN 649

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace◆ 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

Chorale Prelude on "Quem Pastores"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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 224

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

About Today's Service

About the Music: The choral anthem this morning was originally a motet (set to a different text) by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, an Italian composer of the late Renaissance period. He came of age in 16th century Europe when “polyphony” was a dominant style of composition. Polyphony is characterized by a musical texture of simultaneous lines of melody that interact with each other with a skillful blend of independence and harmony. No one musical line is more important than another.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given with great joy and deep gratitude by the Quinn and Bellows-Berthet families and in loving memory of Arden's grandfather John and sisters Astrid and Grace.

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 Punch Bunch hosted by the Hospitality Committee

Children's Worship Leaders: Pastor Meghan, Liza Boyd, Jessie Sterchi, Margaret First, Brian Stocker, and Amy Hopper

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

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from Baron Mullis' liturgy for The Presbyterian Outlook

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Weekly Calendar

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*

Wednesday, March 13

- 11:00am GPC Staff Meeting

Saturday, March 16

- 11:00am Flower Arranging Class

Sunday, March 17

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

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.

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.

Stewardship Celebration

Please join us for Punch Bunch on March 17th to celebrate the end of the 2024 stewardship campaign! Thank you to all who have given their "intent" for the year. If you have not yet pledged your support, please do so at gtownpres.org/stewardship. Your gift matters: any size will make a difference in our church and in our community.

Fish Bank Lemonade Stands Return this Lent!

Next 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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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!

<i>March 10</i>	Juniper Banks
<i>March 11</i>	Elizabeth Jackson Chuck Gnaedinger Stuart Campbell
<i>March 12</i>	Nicole Davis RJ Martin
<i>March 13</i>	Rick Lawson
<i>March 14</i>	Roy Henwood Kristiina Liuksila Megan Yost

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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