



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:** Merciful God, long ago you made a covenant with your people. And they broke it. And so you wrote it on their hearts. You write it on our hearts. And yet we break that covenant everyday, in small ways and big ways. Center us again in your word. Make us to set aside all riches, and power, and productivity. Turn our hearts to you once again. Fix our lives on your ways. 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. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

BAPTISM

*performed by*

*Rev. Cliff McLeod*

MILLIE MARGARET McLEOD

*Daughter of*

*SALLY and ROBERT McLEOD*

◆ HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

*Bunessan*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Elder Kim Sperduto

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

King of Glory, King of Peace

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

SECOND LESSON

John 12:20-26

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

SERMON

*Wishing to See Jesus*

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

◆ HYMN 329

God is Our Refuge and Our Strength

*Winchester Old*

◆ 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

*Passing of the Fellowship Books*

Prelude on 'Abridge'

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

◆ 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 212

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

*Martyrdom*

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Go Into the World

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

POSTLUDE

Prelude

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

# *About Today's Service*

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**About the Music:** The choral anthem this morning is by Harold Friedell, an American composer and church musician who's career achievements included a teaching appointment at Juilliard and St. Bartholomew's Church in New York, then one of the centers of Episcopal church music. The anthem is a setting of a hymn text by English poet George Herbert (1593-1632), a prolific hymn writer who's texts have appeared in the hymnals of many denominations, including our own.

**Flowers:** The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Sally and Rob McLeod, dedicated to Sally's parents Sally and Lee Atwater

**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 Cynthia and Steve Johnson to celebrate the end of the stewardship season

**Children's Worship Leaders:** Pastor Jessica, Casey Nolan, Kathleen Jennings, Jessie Sterchi, and Jaime Hart

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

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# Weekly Calendar

*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, Lemonade Stand  
5:00pm Yoga\*

*Tuesday, March 19*

11:00am GPC Staff Meeting  
6:30pm Intergenerational Men's Gathering  
Mission Committee Meeting  
7:00pm

*Thursday, March 21*

6:30pm Session Meeting

*Saturday, March 23*

9:00am Young Adults Hike and Lunch

*Sunday, March 24*

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

## Fish Bank Lemonade Stands Return this Lent!

This 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.

## 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](http://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.

## **Join GPC Young Adults for a Hike and Lunch!**

Join us on Saturday, March 23rd, we'll hike Ravens Rock Trail in Bluemont, VA. Meet at the trailhead at 9:00AM (for those needing to carpool from the church, reach out directly). There is parking available at a commuter lot across the street from trailhead. The hike is about 3 hours and we'll have lunch together at Bear Chase Brewing. RSVP by March 19th to [lattie.reddochr@gmail.com](mailto:lattie.reddochr@gmail.com) or [bboda@att.net](mailto:bboda@att.net).

## **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](mailto:care@gtownpres.org)) or Pastor Meghan to participate in caring for all members of our community.

## **Worship**

[gtownpres.org/worship](http://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.

## **Give**

[gtownpres.org/give](http://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](http://gtownpres.org/give) or scan the QR code below.

To give of your time and talents, visit [gtownpres.org/timeandtalents](http://gtownpres.org/timeandtalents).



## **Connect**

[gtownpres.org/connect](http://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 May 19th. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information.

### **Requests for Prayers**

Scan here or visit [gtownpres.org/connect](http://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.



## **Serve**

[gtownpres.org/serve](http://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](http://gtownpres.org/connect).

## Learn

[gtownpres.org/learn](http://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](mailto:fieldstreyo@gmail.com)) to be added to the list.

## Happy Birthday!

<i>March 17</i>	Lewis Mattison Carl Leubsdorf Palmer Lopez Cameron Scott Marigold Banks Mizna Kanafani
<i>March 18</i>	Jill Fri Liza Marshall Shannon Wilson Reed Sterchi
<i>March 19</i>	Drew Marrs
<i>March 20</i>	David Johnson Libby Wallin
<i>March 21</i>	Betty Fisher Liza Boyd Charlie Smith Gopal Shangari
<i>March 22</i>	Nikolai Sitnikov Beau Brewer
<i>March 23</i>	Fiona Metelski

# *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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