

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: Unlike the midwives, whose courage and fear of the Lord compels them to disobey the orders of the Pharaoh, we avert our eyes to the need of others. Comfort, fear, and uncertainty conform us to the ways of the world and we are careful not to draw too much attention. In doing so, we hurt people and creation, including ourselves. You call us to another way- a way of compassion and justice, love and service. You offer us a life of joy and grace, mercy and redemption, readily available to us when we repent and seek you and your righteousness first. We turn to you now, forgive and free us, we pray.

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

◆ HYMN 330

Our Help Is in the Name of God

Old 124th

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Deacon Leo Krusius

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 124:1-8

Pg. 633

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

We Are a Garden Walled Around

Robert Farlee (b. 1950)

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 1:8-22

Pg. 54

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pharaohs and Midwives

Rev. Jessica Tate

◆ HYMN 817

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

Dunlap's Creek

◆ THE APOSTLES'
CREED

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

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

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

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 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Lancashire

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Give Thanks for Saints of Ages Past

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

John Stanley (1712-1786)

About Today's Service

About Today's Music: Our vocal soloist this morning is Claire Iverson, a professional musician and Masters student at the Maryland Opera Studio. The anthem is a setting of a hymn text by the great 18th century hymn writer, Isaac Watts. Beautiful in its imagery of Christ as the gardener of his people: "We are a garden walled around, Chosen and made peculiar ground; A little spot enclosed by grace Out of the world's wide wilderness."

Flowers: The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God

Ushers: Karl Mattison (Captain), Doug Davies, Marianne Roos, Bill Krokowski, Lewis Mattison, Rob McLeod, and Fred Hart

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, Michele Gast, and Katie Novaria

Nursery Caregivers: Gamage Perera and Swarna Nawarantha

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 27

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

Tuesday, August 29

- 11:00am GPC Staff Meeting

Sunday, September 3

- 9:45am Nursery
- 10:00am Worship**
- 11:00pm Punch Bunch
- 5:00pm Yoga*

**Event will be conducted virtually.*

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

Announcements

Confirmation Class Starting September 2023!

All youth between 6th-12th grade are welcome to participate in Confirmation this fall and winter! Come to have a space to question, learn, and grow in your faith and learn what it means to be Presbyterian, and get to know your peers, adult mentors, and church leaders! Please reach out to Pastor Meghan to learn more or to sign up!

GPC Town Hall

Join us at the annual GPC Town Hall on September 10th at 10:00am in the Georgetown Room. We will discuss this past year at GPC and share happenings for the next year!

Calling all Builders!

Children's Ministry is looking to outfit our Sunday School classrooms with Duplos, Legos, and Magna Tiles for little builders this fall. If your family has any you have outgrown and are ready to donate, please reach out to Jennie, JDL@gtownpres.org, or drop off in her office (the church library).

Remember Niger Film Screening

All are invited to come watch a 20 minute documentary of the teachers striving to educate and students joyfully prepared to learn in Niger. The viewing will take place on September 15th at 7:00pm in the home of Camille and David Howe. Tickets are limited so get yours now at grownpres.org/serve.

Remembering Sandy Ryan

GPC member Alexandra Scheele Ryan ("Sandy") passed away on August 12, 2023. Sandy is survived by her daughter, Alexandra Ryan Weeks and her son James Ryan. A celebration of her life will be held later this year at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC.

Remembering Betty Alexander

A Celebration of Life for Betty Alexander, GPC member and mother of Liza Marshall, will take place on Friday, September 8th at 2 pm at Goodwin House Alexandria, 4800 Fillmore Avenue. A reception will follow.

Service Time Change

On Sunday, September 10th, worship services will return to a start time of 11:00am.

Worship

gtownpres.org/worship

Welcome to Georgetown Presbyterian Church, where people have gathered to worship for over 240 years. We worship each Sunday at 10:00am.

Connect

gtownpres.org/connect

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](mailto:MaryBeth.Ray@gtownpres.org) or [Charlotte Adamo](mailto:Charlotte.Adamo@gtownpres.org).

Namaste, we hope to see you soon!

Serve Punch Bunch!

We are seeking new and returning volunteers to contribute to our weekly Punch Bunch! Grab your family or some friends, take a trip to Safeway or Costco, and help us build and nourish our community in this time of fellowship. Sign-up online at gtownpres.org/connect.

You're Invited to Join a GPC Small Group!

Would you like to explore the Bible, spirituality, theology and your faith while growing in fellowship and community? We will be forming multigenerational small groups over the coming weeks. Please reach out to Pastor Meghan if you are interested in joining or leading a group!

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.



Learn

gtownpres.org/learn

Children's Programming on Sunday Morning

9:45 - *Singing with Ms. Regina*

Children of all ages are welcome to sing along with us in the chapel and parents are always invited to stay and join in.

10:00 - *Worship*

Following the Time with Children in the main worship service, our children are led out to age-appropriate children's worship. Parents of PreK-2nd graders can pick their children up from the upstairs classrooms. 3rd graders through middle schoolers are dismissed back to the main worship service or into punch bunch.

Nursery

Our church nursery is open every Sunday beginning at 9:45. You can drop off children ages 0-3, and they will receive excellent care from two of our three nursery caregivers, Deepa, Gamage, and Kumudini. gtownpres.org/childrens-programs.

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

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.

Daily Lectionary

<i>Monday</i>	Acts 26:1-23
<i>Tuesday</i>	Psalms 28; 99
<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Kings 3:1-15
<i>Thursday</i>	Mark 14:12-26
<i>Friday</i>	Acts 28:1-16
<i>Saturday</i>	Psalms 11; 63

Happy Birthday!

<i>August 28</i>	Cynthia Johnson Nicolas Santarlasci
<i>August 29</i>	Brian Boda Watts Colclough II
<i>August 31</i>	Robert Bell Foster Avery
<i>September 1</i>	David Natonski Lucy Miller Winfield Miller Hunter Brandenburg
<i>September 2</i>	Grace Cannon Jack Gillum

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.

- Masks are optional when indoors at Georgetown Presbyterian Church. Extra masks for adults and children can be found in the narthex.
- 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!

- If you need to step out, there is a room near the front doors with a television which shows the service as well as resources for small children.
- 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 two years old, nursery care is available upstairs beginning at 9:30am.
- 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. More information is available in the Order of Worship.

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.



THE
GEORGETOWN
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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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