

— THE —  
GEORGETOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN  
— CHURCH —

*Sunday, September 3rd, 2023, 10 a.m.*

*23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time*

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PRELUDE                      Elegy                                      George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

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

INTROIT                      Will You Come and Follow Me                      *Scottish Melody (arr. J. Bell)*

CALL to                      Leader: We gather hoping to see God,  
WORSHIP                      **People: Here in worship, we realize we can see God in one another.**

*Read by Elinor Supple*                      Leader: We can see God when we show one another honor,

**People: When we pursue hospitality to strangers,**

Leader: When we live in harmony with one another,

**People: When we rejoice in faith and hope.**

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:** God of all, you ask us to love one another, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words. Instead of loving, we have practiced hatred. Instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing. Instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. Amen.

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 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

*Bourbon*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Elder Shelley Jennings

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

Pg. 55

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

Pg. 18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

SERMON

*Preaching the Passion in Ordinary Time*

Rev. Meghan Brown

◆ HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

*Galilee*

DECLARATION of  
FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

OFFERING and  
OFFERTORY

In Bright Mansions Above

*Traditional Spiritual  
(arr. K. Lee Scott (b. 1950))*

*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

SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION and  
GREAT  
THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*prayer continues...*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

WORDS *of* INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION *of the*  
ELEMENTS

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus      Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)  
(arr. M. Hayes)

◆ HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me      *Kelvingrove*

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

O Cross That Lifest Up My Head      Albert Peace (1844-1912)

POSTLUDE

"Final on Hyfrydol"      *JKWest*

### *About Today's Service*

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*Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from Molly Spangler's liturgy for the Presbyterian Outlook*

**About Today's Music:** The vocal soloist this morning is Emily Shallbetter, one of the section leaders in the GPC choir. She sings The tune commonly associated with "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" is titled "Hyfrydol", which was composed by the Welsh musician Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887). He wrote "Hyfrydol" when he was only 20 years old. The word "Hyfrydol" can be translated to "tuneful" or "pleasant" in Welsh, and indeed, the melody is characterized by its pleasing and memorable contours, allowing for both exuberant and reflective interpretations.

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

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

**Punch Bunch:** Please join us in the Georgetown Room following worship for Punch Bunch hosted by Shelley Jennings

**Children's Worship Leaders:** Priscila Rodriguez and Katie Novaria

**Nursery Caregivers:** Gamage Perera and Swarna Nawarantha

# Weekly Calendar

*Sunday, September 3*

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

*Monday, September 4*

Labor Day- GPC Office Closed

*Tuesday, September 5*

11:00am GPC Staff Meeting  
6:30pm Deacons Meeting

*Sunday, September 10*

9:45am Nursery  
10:00am Town Hall  
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

### Service Time Change

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

### 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.

### 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!

### Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, September 17 the Youth Group will be serving pancakes to all families with children 5th grade and younger at 10:00 am. This is our opportunity to reconnect after the summer, and kick off a fantastic year of children's and family programming. Families with children in elementary school and younger can RSVP to the pancake breakfast [here](#) so we have an accurate headcount. Singing with Ms. Regina will follow at 10:40.

### Remember Niger Film and Dinner

All are invited to come watch a documentary of the teachers striving to educate and students joyfully prepared to learn in Niger. The viewing and dinner 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](http://grownpres.org/serve).

### 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!

## 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](mailto:JDL@gtownpres.org), or drop off in her office (the church library).

## 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 September 17th at 12:15pm. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information. Visit [gtownpres.org/join](http://gtownpres.org/join) to sign up.

## Learn

[gtownpres.org/learn](http://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](http://gtownpres.org/childrens-programs).

## 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)

### 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](http://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!

## 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) or [Charlotte Adamo](mailto:Charlotte.Adamo).

Namaste, we hope to see you soon!

## 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).

### 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](mailto:info@gtownpres.org) if you would like to get involved. To support, visit [gtownpres.org/give](http://gtownpres.org/give).

## 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 10:00am.

## Daily Lectionary

<i>Monday</i>	James 2:1-13
<i>Tuesday</i>	James 2:14-26
<i>Wednesday</i>	Psalms 132; 134
<i>Thursday</i>	Mark 15:12-21
<i>Friday</i>	Mark 15:22-32
<i>Saturday</i>	1 Kings 12:1-20

## Happy Birthday!

<i>September 3</i>	Stanley Whatley Mary Anna Edwards
<i>September 5</i>	Christina Mead Rhoya Didden Charlotte Cannon Alice Bell Jimmy Goodspeed Meghan Brown
<i>September 6</i>	Tim Hunt Asa Flynn Roni Haggart Sam Grauberger
<i>September 8</i>	Daniel Wisdom
<i>September 9</i>	Francis Brooke Tyler McGreevy Courtney Stanford

# *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.



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