

THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, September 10th, 2023, 11 a.m.

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

PRELUDE	Adagio (from Partita on St Anne)	Paul Manz (1919-2009)
WELCOME	Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. People: And also with you.	
INTROIT	I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me	Eric Thiman (1900-1975)
CALL to WORSHIP	Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's people. People: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture. Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Leader: Let us worship God	
◆ HYMN 638	O Come and Sing Unto the Lord	<i>Irish</i>

◆ *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 — Your desires for us are good. Your commandments are clear. Your path is inviting. We try to follow and yet we fail. We are unfaithful. We are selfish. We take more than we need. We do not bear responsibility for the well-being of others. Teach us, again, please God. Turn us away from the dread of disgrace. Lead us back to your ways. Give us life. Amen.
(silence)

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

◆ HYMN 394

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

Elder Karl Mattison

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 119:33-40

Pg. 627

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Edward T. Chapman
(1902-1981)

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Pg. 169

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Be In the Game

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

◆ HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St Anne

◆ 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

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket alle Gott

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Peace I Leave with You

Matthew Glandorf

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
(arr. V. Fox)

About Today's Service

About Today's Music: The anthem this morning is a setting of a poem by English poet George Herbert (1593-1633), a contemporary of Shakespeare and Milton. "Let all the world in every corner sing" is from *The Temple*, and it appeared in the section "Christian Life" under the title "Antiphon (I)." "*The Temple*" (1633) had 20,000 copies printed by 1679, practically unheard numbers for its time.

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 Jessica, Jessie Sterchi, Katie Novaria, Casey Nolan, and Kathleen Jennings

Nursery Caregivers: Gamage Perera and Swarna Nawarantha

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 10

- 9:45am Nursery
- 10:00am Town Hall
- 11:00am Worship**
- 12:00pm Punch Bunch
- 5:00pm Yoga*

Tuesday, September 12

- 11:00am GPC Staff Meeting

Friday, September 15

- 6:00pm Remember Niger Dinner and Film Night

Sunday, September 17

- 9:45am Nursery
- 10:00am Pancake Breakfast
- 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

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 at bit.ly/gpcpancake so we have an accurate headcount. Singing with Ms. Regina will follow at 10:40.

Sandwich Making

GPC is glad to support the guests at Georgetown Ministry Center by providing sandwiches, which will be served at the drop-in center during the week. Please join us for sandwich making in the Georgetown Room at 10 am on Sunday, September 24. All ages are welcome! If you are able to drop off the sandwiches on Monday, September 25, please reach out to let Claire Hunn or Jennie Lopez know.

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 from 12:15-2:00pm. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information. Visit gtownpres.org/join to sign up.

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 sales end today so get yours now at grownpres.org/serve.

YCW Volunteers

With the start of a new school year, Young Children and Worship (YCW) is looking for new volunteer greeters and storytellers for our PreK through second grade children. Greeters and Storytellers serve during the worship hour when their schedules allow, sometimes once a month, sometimes more. If you are interested in working with GPC children, and would like to be trained in this Montessori-based form of worship, please reach out to Liza Boyd or Jennie Lopez.

Play Ball!

Join in the end of summer fun with a GPC day at the ballpark! DC East Circle invites you out to the ballgame for the Nats last game of the season, Sunday 9/24 at 1:35pm. GPC has a reserved set of seats that can be purchased here: bit.ly/gpcbaseball but will be seated together. All are welcome to attend! Contact Lauren Fish (lauren.e.fish@gmail.com) for more details.

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:MaryBethRay@gmail.com) or [Charlotte Adamo](mailto:CharlotteAdamo@gmail.com).

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!

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.

Confirmation Class: Confirmation class runs weekly from September through February for interested Youth in sixth grade and up. Class is led by Pastor Meghan at 10:00 am in the Youth Room.

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 Jennie to be added to the list (JDL@gtownpres.org)

Nursery

Our church nursery is open every Sunday from 9:45am-12:15pm. 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.

Adult Education

Next Sunday, Adult Education resumes with Kara VanderKamp, who will discuss the work of the Remember Niger Coalition to support the education of Nigerien children. Join us at 9:45am in the Washington Room or on Zoom! (Meeting ID: 832 4436 8712 //Passcode: 457026)

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.

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.

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.



Daily Lectionary

<i>Monday</i>	1 Kings 13:1-10
<i>Tuesday</i>	Philippians 1:12-30
<i>Wednesday</i>	Philippians 2:1-11
<i>Thursday</i>	Matthew 2:13-23
<i>Friday</i>	Psalms 142; 65
<i>Saturday</i>	Psalms 138; 98

Happy Birthday!

<i>September 10</i>	Vicki Pedrick
<i>September 11</i>	Jim Rabenhorst Kate Ausbrook
<i>September 12</i>	John Stanford Christine Lavin Carter Yost
<i>September 13</i>	Abby Inglefield Peter Hinman
<i>September 14</i>	Tracy Davis
<i>September 15</i>	Chandler Smith Finlay Murray
<i>September 16</i>	Jessica Bowman

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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