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**GEORGETOWN**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
— CHURCH —

*Sunday, September 17th, 2023, 11 a.m.*

*25th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

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PRELUDE                      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah                      Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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

MINUTE FOR ADULT EDUCATION    Will Quinn

INTROIT                      Lord, We Praise Thee                      Peter Mathews (b. 1944)

CALL to  
WORSHIP                      Leader: The LORD is my strength and my might,  
   **People: and God has become my salvation;**  
*from Exodus 15*                      Leader: this is my God, who I will praise,  
   **People: and I will exalt God.**  
   Leader: Let us worship God

◆ HYMN 662                      Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies                      *Ratisbon*

◆ *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:** Merciful God, in you we see a new way to live, full of compassion, joy, and wholeness. Yet we struggle to follow you: we are quick to judge and slow to confess. We are quick to find fault in others and ourselves. We focus on the wrong things. We squander your gifts. We ignore your Word and avoid your will. Have mercy on us, God. Renew us with love and courage and grace that we might move closer to the person you call us to be. 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. Jessica Tate

◆ HYMN 417

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

*Southwell*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Deacon Will Quinn

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 103:1-13

Pg. 613

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

O Taste and See

Richard DeLong (1951-1994)

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

Pg. 67

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

SERMON

*Mud on the Tires*

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

◆ HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*CWM Rhondda*

◆ 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

Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

*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 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Hyfrydol*

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

A Blessing

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

POSTLUDE

CWM Rhondda

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

## About Today's Service

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**About Today's Music:** The anthem this morning, "O Taste and see" is a composition by American composer, Richard DeLong based on Psalm 34:8. DeLong has a national reputation as a choral composer with a wonderful gift for creating fresh and appealing melodic lines. For many years he served as Director of Music for St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Plano, Texas.

**Flowers:** The flowers in the chancel today are given in honor of Kara VanderKamp and the work of Remember Niger

**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, Priscila Rodriguez, Liza Boyd, Brian Stocker, and Jessie Sterchi

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

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# Weekly Calendar

*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\*

*Tuesday, September 19*

- 11:00am GPC Staff Meeting

*Thursday, September 21*

- 6:30pm Session Meeting

*Saturday, September 23*

- 9:00am Walking Group

*Sunday, September 17*

- 9:45am Nursery
- Confirmation Kick-Off
- 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

### 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 at GMC on Monday, September 25, please reach out to let Claire Hunn or Jennie Lopez know.

### 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](http://bit.ly/gpcbaseball) but will be seated together. All are welcome to attend! Contact Lauren Fish ([lauren.e.fish@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.e.fish@gmail.com)) for more details.

### 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. Join us in the Washington Room after the worship service today if interested.

### Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise, GPC's children's singing group, will begin rehearsals for our fall performance next Sunday, September 24. We will rehearse in the chapel at 10:40 on Sunday, September 24, October 1, 8, and 15, to prepare to perform on October 15. Joyful Noise is open to all children who want to participate. Please plan to join us for as many rehearsals as possible so you are ready to sing.

### 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.

## 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.

## Connect

[gtownpres.org/connect](http://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](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? Small Groups are kicking off in the next few weeks. Please reach out to Pastor Meghan if you are interested in joining a group!

## 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.

*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](mailto: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](http://gtownpres.org/childrens-programs).

## 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).

## 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).



## Daily Lectionary

<i>Monday</i>	Matthew 4:1-11
<i>Tuesday</i>	Matthew 4:12-17
<i>Wednesday</i>	Psalms 48; 4
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15
<i>Friday</i>	2 Kings 1:2-17
<i>Saturday</i>	Psalms 56; 149

## Happy Birthday!

<i>September 17</i>	Jolene Blozis Dave Jackson
<i>September 18</i>	Lydia Caroline Lansing Teddy McDermott
<i>September 19</i>	Nicole Larson
<i>September 20</i>	Meredith Hill Jane Flynn
<i>September 22</i>	Austin Cannon Becca Crawley Alex Crawley William Hadden
<i>September 23</i>	Debbie McFadden Sharon Gibson Conrad Martens

# *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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