

THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, October 1, 2023, 11 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE Prayer René Vierne (1878-1918)

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

MINUTE *for the* PRAYER TEAM Megan Brew

INTROIT Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

CALL to
WORSHIP Leader: We've come to worship God,
 People: Who loved us before we were born,
 Leader: Who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
 People: Whose presence never leaves us,
 Leader: And whose love for us never ceases.
 People: This is our God. Let's worship together!

◆ HYMN 407 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers *Nun Danket All und Bringet Ehr*

◆ *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: Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You have shown us what is good, but we remain enthralled by evil. You have offered us abundance, but we are satisfied with fleeting pleasures. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Word cut away all that is false and open hearts to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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 29

O God, You Search Me

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PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Deacon Louise Rogers Sumner

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 139:1-14

Pg. 639

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

Pg. 12

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People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

An Invitation to Rest

Rev. Meghan Brown

◆ HYMN 312

Take Us As We Are, O God

Endless Feast

DECLARATION of
FAITH

*From the PC(USA)
Brief Statement 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

Passing of the Fellowship Books

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee, O Lord

William Henry Harris
(1883-1973)

◆ 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

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd (1543-1623)

◆ HYMN 848

Trust in God

Song 13

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Amen

William Byrd (1543-1623)

POSTLUDE

Finale

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

About Today's Service

About Today's Music: The anthem is from the pen of William Byrd, one of the greatest of Renaissance composers. His early career was marked with some run-ins with the musically conservative Puritans but in 1572, he was appointed to the prestigious post of "Gentleman of the Chapel Royal." Queen Elizabeth was more moderate, fond of elaborate ritual, conditions that enabled Byrd to stretch his wings compositionally and explore the richness of polyphony.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage yesterday of Lattie Reddoch and Brian Boda

Ushers: Liza Marshall (Captain), Tracy Davis, Ralph Voltmer, Steve Johnson, Cynthia Johnson, Jane Lewis, John Marshall, Bill McDermott, Mary Mintz, Cameron Giles, and Russell Scott

Punch Bunch: Please join us in the Georgetown Room following worship for Punch Bunch hosted by the Prayer Team to celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of the GPC Prayer Team

Children's Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe, Esther Wisdom, Kathleen Jennings, Casey Nolan, and Jessie Sterchi

Nursery Caregivers: Gamage Perera and Swarna Nawarantha

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 1

- 9:45am Nursery
- 9:50am Confirmation Class
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:40am Singing with Ms. Regina
- 11:00am Worship**
- 12:00pm Punch Bunch
- 4:00pm Blessing of the Animals
- 5:00pm Youth Group
- Yoga*

Tuesday, October 3

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

Wednesday, October 4

- 7:30pm Psalms Bible Study (Virtual)*

Thursday, October 5

- 6:30pm Young Adult Kick-Off

Sunday, October 8

- 9:45am Nursery
- 9:50am Confirmation Class
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:40am 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

Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals service will be held on Sunday, October 1st at 4:00 pm. Bring your pets to a brief outdoor service in the courtyard. Then remain for mingling with other pet lovers and treats for your furry friends.

Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise, GPC's children's singing group, will rehearse in the chapel at 10:40 on Sunday, 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.

Nominations for New Class Officers

The Nominating Committee invites recommendations for candidates to the new Class of Elders and Deacons that begins January, 2024. Please submit your nomination of a member of the Congregation, or a self-nomination, by completing the Nominating forms available in the sanctuary - or the online form at gtownpres.org/committees. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, October 15th. Contact the nominating team chair, Roy Henwood, with any questions.

Worshipping with Infants

One of the ways we live into our baptismal vows is to welcome babies and their parents into our midst with true hospitality. As such, we are refreshing the Bride's Room to be ready for our youngest families who may need to step out of the service from time to time. We are seeking the following items for that space to reduce our shopping list: bottle warmer, disposable nursing pads, nursing pillow, diaper changing pad, wipes, newborn and infant diapers, and an infant seat. If you have any of these, please bring them to Jennie's office during the week or on a Sunday morning by October 1st. Thank you!

GPC Young Adult Kick off

Thursday, October 5th from 6:30-8:30 PM.
Come for Dinner, Drinks, and Discussion in the home of Sheldon and Mary Beth Ray. Together, we'll explore our values-both individual and group-as a foundation for discerning who we are, where we are, and what we want to become. Mary Beth, an International Coach Federation PCC-level leadership coach, will help facilitate our discussion. Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Meghan if you plan to attend! Pastor Meghan will follow up with a list of values to guide our conversation. We look forward to seeing you- forming new friendships, rekindling old friendships, and exploring and deepening our faith together.

Weekly Men's Bible Study

You're invited to participate in a small group for men of all ages. Each week we will dedicate time to Biblical study and discussion, sharing developments in our spiritual lives, and prayer. The group will meet weekly on Tuesday nights at 8 pm at Warner Lamar's house: 1518 Caroline Street NW. Please contact Warner (ewarnerlamar@gmail.com) or Pastor Meghan for more information.

Psalms: Bringing Our Whole Self to God

The writers of the psalms brought all their emotions to God: their joys and sorrows, their hopes and fears, their anger, their guilt, their wonder. Reading the psalms gives us confidence that God hears us when we feel the same. This Virtual Bible study continues every Wednesday until October 25. We'll reflect on Psalm 103 on September 27th. All are welcome-each week is a stand alone study on a Psalm-so join us for some or all sessions! Contact facilitators Esther and Alan Wisdom or Pastor Meghan to join.

Multi-generational Women's Small Groups

You're invited to join a small group for women of all ages. Together, groups will explore their faith through Biblical study, while also growing in fellowship and prayer. Groups will meet regularly on a bi-weekly basis starting in the next few weeks Please contact Pastor Meghan if you are interested in joining a group.

Worship

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.

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.

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

Caring for Wounded Warriors. Next Sunday, Adult Education will host the Rev. Adam Tietje, a U.S. Army chaplain who served in Afghanistan. He will discuss the challenges of providing pastoral care to soldiers who were wounded physically and spiritually in America's recent conflicts. Join us in the Washington Room at 9:45 a.m., or on Zoom.

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) or [Charlotte Adamo](mailto:Charlotte.Adamo). Namaste, we hope to see you soon!

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 Saturday, Oct 28, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

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To give of your time and talents, visit gtownpres.org/timeandtalents.



Happy Birthday!

October 1 Kuang Chiang
Judi Crowson
October 2 George Cary
October 3 JP Tyson
October 5 Sue Jennings
Jack Lavigne
October 6 Sara Dimmick

Daily Lectionary

Monday Corinthians 7:25-31
Tuesday Psalms 36; 7
Wednesday Matthew 7: 13-21
Thursday Matthew 7: 22-29
Friday 2 Kings 19:1-20
Saturday Corinthians 10:1-13

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