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GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
— CHURCH —

Sunday, October 29, 2023, 11 a.m.

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

PRELUDE	Arrival of the Queen of Sheba	George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
WELCOME	Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. People: And also with you.	
MINUTE <i>for</i> STEWARDSHIP		Elder Lisa Baly
INTROIT	Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether	Harold Friedell (1905-1958)
CALL <i>to</i> WORSHIP <i>from Psalm 111</i>	Leader: Praise the Lord! People: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Leader: The works of God's hands are faithful and just; People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. Leader: Let us worship God.	
◆ HYMN 307	God of Grace and God of Glory	CWM Rhondda

◆ *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, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness. 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 688

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Morecambe

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Deacon Casey Nolan

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

O Clap Your Hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Tale of Tenderness

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton

◆ HYMN 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

◆ 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

Fünff-stimmigte Blasende Music

Johan Pezel (1639-1694)

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 363

Rejoice the Lord is King!

Darwall's 148th

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

God Be in My Head

Lorayne Coombs (1919-1998)

POSTLUDE

Concertato on 'All Creatures Of Our
God and King'

Vaclac Nelhybel (1919-1996)

About Today's Service

About Today's Music: We welcome the DC Brass Quintet to our worship this morning. They are William Hernandez, horn; Christian Marple, trombone; Abner Márquez, trumpet; Julia Tsuchiya-Mayhew, trumpet; Josias Ventura, tuba. The anthem “O Clap Your Hands” is by English composer Vaughan Williams and dates from around 1920. This festive anthem is typical of Vaughan Williams’ ceremonial works for the church. The joyous mood of the text is capitalized upon in a setting of extroverted jubilation.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Laura Speer in memory of Frederick and Gladice Speer

Ushers: Liza Marshall (Captain), Huw Davies, 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 Durbin-Dupont family and Katy McBride

Children's Worship Leaders: Rev. Meghan Brown, Priscila Rodriguez, Kathleen Jennings, Katie Novaria, and Liza Boyd

Nursery Caregivers: Gamage Perera and Swarna Nawarantha

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Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton

Jonathan Lee Walton, Ph.D., is a social ethicist and religious educator known for engaging American evangelical traditions. On January 1, 2023, he became the 8th president of Princeton Theological Seminary.

He is the author of two books, *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World*, Westminster John Knox Press, and *Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism*, NYU Press. Prior to becoming president of Princeton Seminary, he served as the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church at Harvard University and as dean of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University. Welcome President Walton!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 29

- 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*

Tuesday, October 31

- GPC Staff Retreat-Office Closed
- 8:00pm Men's Weekly Bible Study

Sunday, November 5

- 9:45am Nursery
- 9:50am Confirmation Class
- 10:00am Sandwich Making for GMC
- 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

Sandwich Making for GMC

Please join us next Sunday, November 5, to pull on some disposable gloves and help us prepare turkey and cheese and peanut butter and honey sandwiches. There are jobs for people of all ages, and children are invited to attend and participate with their families. If you can are able to drop the sandwiches off in Georgetown on Monday morning, November 6, please let Jennie know.

Stewardship 2024: Sharing God's Story

Please show your appreciation for your many blessings, and your dedication to this Church with a Stewardship gift for 2024. We ask everyone to participate, especially those who have not given before. If you are particularly blessed this year, please increase your intent. The Bible asks us to joyfully give thanks to God. Let us also be joyful givers so we can continue to "Share God's Story." Please fill out the intent card in the pews and return it to the offering plate or fill out the online intent form at gtownpres.org/stewardship.

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

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 our two nursery caregivers, Gamage Perera and Swarna Nawarantha. gtownpres.org/childrens-programs.

Connect

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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!

Requests for Prayers

Scan here or visit gtownpres.org/connect to fill out the care and support form. Responses will go directly to the GPC Care Committee. Thank you for helping us care for yourselves and the broader GPC community.



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.

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



Daily Lectionary

<i>Monday</i>	Jeremiah 44:1-14
<i>Tuesday</i>	Psalms 66; 23
<i>Wednesday</i>	Revelation 1:4-20
<i>Thursday</i>	Revelation 4:1-11
<i>Friday</i>	Psalms 37; 7
<i>Saturday</i>	Matthew 13:10-17

Happy Birthday!

<i>October 29</i>	Claire Gillum Nico Bell
<i>October 30</i>	Catherine Elwell
<i>October 31</i>	Stephanie Marrs Lauren Scott
<i>November 1</i>	Jade Shirk Matt Goodspeed
<i>November 4</i>	Wendy Wilson Bob Goffe

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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