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GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
— CHURCH —

Sunday, November 12, 2023, 11 a.m.

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

PRELUDE Aria Joel Martinson (b. 1960)

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

MINUTE *for* STEWARDSHIP The McLeod Family

INTROIT I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

CALL to
WORSHIP Leader: Now to the One who is able to keep you from falling,
 People: and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of
From Jude 1:24-25 **his glory with rejoicing,**
 Leader: to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 People: be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time
 and now and forever.
 Leader: Let us worship God.

◆ HYMN 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe Den Herren*

◆ *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 Lord, too often there is a far distance between what we say and what we do. When we place burdens on others to lessen our own, restore us to right relationship with one another. When we care more about appearance than substance, teach us again to follow your ways. When we seek power or influence for its own sake, remind us that we follow a Messiah who humbled himself so that we might have 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. Jessica Tate

◆ HYMN 403

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Elder Tracy Davis

FIRST LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

O Thou Sweetest Source

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 23:1-12

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Honorifics 101

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

◆ HYMN 450	Be Thou My Vision	<i>Slane</i>
◆ 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 <i>of the</i> 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 <i>and</i> OFFERTORY <i>Passing of the Fellowship Books</i>	Andante	Charles Wood (1866-1926)
◆ 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 <i>of</i> THANKSGIVING		
COMMISSIONING <i>of</i> DEACON JILLIAN KUTNER		
◆ HYMN 353	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	<i>Solid Rock</i>
◆ BENEDICTION		
RESPONSE	The Aaronic Benediction	Healey Willan (1880-1968)
POSTLUDE	Fugue in C Major	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

About Today's Service

About Today's Music: The choral anthem, and offertory for solo organ were composed by Charles Wood, an Irish composer and teacher. His students included Ralph Vaughan Williams at Cambridge and Herbert Howells at the Royal College of Music. The anthem, "O Thou Sweetest Source" is based on a hymn text by Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) a German Protestant minister and hymn writer.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Laura Speer in memory of Gustav and Irmgot Kroel

Ushers: Gerardo Martinez (Captain), Hery Adrianasy, Gillian Auger, Jack DiMatteo, Mary Margaret Hart, Shelley Jennings, Matt Lavin, Casey Nolan, Priscila Rodriguez, Nat Semple, Gopal Shangari, and Laura Welch

Punch Bunch: Please join us in the Georgetown Room following worship for Punch Bunch hosted by Laura Speer

Children's Worship Leaders: Rev. Jessica Tate, Esther Wisdom, Tim Shirk, Katie Novaria, and Jessie Sterchi

Nursery Caregivers: Gamage Perera and Swarna Nawarantha

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 12

- 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, November 14

- 11:00am GPC Staff Meeting
- 8:00pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, November 16

- 6:30pm Session Meeting

Saturday, November 18

- 5:00pm Young Adult Friendsgiving

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**Event will be conducted virtually.*

***Both virtual and in-person options will be available.*

Announcements

Save the Date for the St. Nick's Dinner!

Join us on Saturday December 2nd, 5:00pm to 7:30pm at GPC for the annual St. Nick's Dinner to kick off the season of Advent! Come enjoy Christmas festivities and fellowship with GPC friends!

For the kids: Crafts and a visit with Santa!

For the adults: Wine and Fellowship

For everyone: Dinner and Carols!

GPC Young Adults Friendsgiving

Saturday, November 18th at 4:30 pm. Please join us for a time of fellowship as we celebrate the holidays together. Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy and Drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert! Hosted by Priscila Rodriguez and Gerry Martinez.

Georgetown Ministry Center Dinners

GPC is joining with the Georgetown Ministry Center and other local churches to prepare and serve hot meals for approximately 40 guests during the fall and winter months. GPC's dates are November 27-December 1, December 4-8, and December 11-15. Stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica if you are interested in helping.

Advent Readers

Children's Ministry is looking for Advent readers and candle lighters for our worship services over the four Sundays in Advent. If your child in grades K-12 is interested in reading, please reach out to Deacon Louise Sumner, louise.sumner@gmail.com Children will practice their reading in the sanctuary on the Sunday before they read during the worship service.

Christmas Pageant Casting

We're looking for children young and old to join in the tradition of GPC's Christmas Pageant! This year's pageant will take place on Christmas Eve during the 11:00am service. Our 8:00pm Christmas Eve service will also have opportunities for our older youth to read and participate. Please use the Google Form sent out in the Children's Min newsletter to sign up.

Mission Market

Mark your calendars for December 10th for the annual GPC Mission Market! Join us after the 11:00 am service for some christmas shopping to support our mission partners. See you soon for some charitable holiday shopping!

Mission Shopping

Join the Mission committee for a Costco run on behalf of one hundred Excel Academy families on the Monday before Thanksgiving! We will meet at the Crystal City Costco at 10am on Monday, November 20th, to buy pantry items for a Thanksgiving basket. Then we will head over to the school to divide up food into individual bags for the families. On Tuesday morning we will also need volunteers at the school to add fresh greens, sweet potatoes and apples from a farmer co-operative to the bags. If you can join us for either day, please email Marianne Roos at mroos@travois.com. Thanks!

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

Advent Bible Study Save The Date

Join us for a Virtual Bible Study on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 pm during the season of Advent. Wednesday, December 6 Led by Pastor Camille, December 13 Led by Pastor Jessica, December 20 Led by Pastor Meghan.

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)

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.

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@gtownpres.org) or [Charlotte Adamo](mailto:Charlotte.Adamo@gtownpres.org). 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. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information.

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.



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.

Happy Birthday!

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| <i>November 12</i> | John Francis
Harper Pollock |
| <i>November 13</i> | Oliver Krusius |
| <i>November 14</i> | Kevin Scott
Daniel McAtee
Eryn Straun
Paul Saulski
Natalia Sitnikov |
| <i>November 15</i> | Bayard Stroh
Jenna Faude |
| <i>November 16</i> | Edward Hart |

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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