

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, we confess that time and time again, we have done what is evil in your sight. Through our actions and inactions, we've made mistakes and missteps. We have hurt people and wounded creation. We have chosen our ways over yours. And when the sum of what we have done and what we have not done adds up to evil in your sight, we ask you to turn us towards goodness. Forgive our past, and shape our future that we might build your kingdom here. In the name of Christ, we pray. 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 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Deacon Aaron Davis

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

'Tis the Season

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

◆ HYMN 638

O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

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◆ 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

I Will Give Thanks Unto Thee, O Lord

Gioachino Antonio

Rossini (1792-1868)

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

PRESENTATION *of*
NEW MEMBERS

SITHEMBILE CHITHEMGA

KEISHA ENGWENYI

WILLIAM HOWLETT

DIANA JORDAN

SARAH and ALEX MERRITT

CHIP and STEPHANIE SCOTT

FLEET and ADRIENNE WHITE

◆ HYMN 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Marion

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE	O Give Thanks Unto the Lord	Eric Thiman (1900-1975)
POSTLUDE	Toccata on 'Marion'	Albert Travis (b. 1940)

About Today's Service

About Today's Music: The choral anthem this morning is the third movement from Cantata, BWV 79, composed and first performed by Johann Sebastian Bach in October 1725. It was popular during this time for composers to write what are now called "Chorale Cantatas" which incorporated text and tunes from popular hymns (chorales) of the time. In this way, the listeners, hearing complex musical settings could identify words and text more familiar to them. Starting with his second annual cycle of cantatas, Bach wrote almost exclusively in this genre of cantata.

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

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 the Children's Ministry Team

Children's Worship Leaders: Pastor Meghan, Esther Wisdom, Jessie Sterchi, Jaime Hart, and Liza Boyd

Nursery Caregivers: Gamage Perera and Swarna Nawarantha

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 19

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*

Monday, November 20

1:00pm GPC Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

8:00pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

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

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.

A Special Called Meeting
of the
Presbyterian Congregation in Georgetown
Washington, DC
is hereby called for Sunday, December 3, 2023.
The meeting will convene after the 11 a.m.
worship service for the following purpose:
To hear a report from the Nominating
Committee and to elect a slate of new Elders
and Deacons and members of the Nominating
Committee.

By order of the Session:
Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe, Moderator
Liza Marshall, Clerk of Session

Advent Readers

We hope that many of our GPC children will want to participate in this year's Advent reading and candle lighting. This GPC tradition is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation's children to participate in worship during one of the most special times of year.

Please email Deacon Louise Sumner (Louise.sumner@gmail.com) if your children are available on the date scheduled for their age range:

December 3: 9th-12th graders

December 10: 6th-8th graders

December 17: 3rd-5th graders

December 24: K-2nd graders

Readers should plan to attend a short rehearsal session immediately following worship on the Sunday before their reading.

Mission Market

We will be open for business on December 10 at 10:30 am! 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!

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.

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

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!

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.

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

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!

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.



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)

Give

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 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 19</i> | Eaddy Holmes
Prater Sterchi
John Sumner |
| <i>November 20</i> | Margot McGreevy |
| <i>November 22</i> | Jennie Gromoll |
| <i>November 23</i> | Ginny Snider
Joelle Justus
Lulu Campbell |
| <i>November 24</i> | Ginny Leachman |
| <i>November 25</i> | George Sumner |

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.



THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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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