

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 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1, 2, 3)

Veni Emmanuel

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

Deacon Victoria Pedrick

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Advent Imposter Syndrome

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

◆ HYMN 93

Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

OFFERING *and*
OFFERTORY

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

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

How Beautiful Upon The Mountains

John Stainer (1840-1901)

◆ HYMN 105

People Look East

Besançon

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Alfred Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

About Today's Service

About Today's Music: The anthem is by John Stainer (1840-1901). Knighted in 1888 by Queen Victoria for his services to church music, Stainer had a storied career as an organist, choral director and professor of music. "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains" is based on a text from Isaiah 52:7, and was first published in 1880. The Advent text reads: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

Advent Readers: Eaddy Holmes, Katie Krokowski, Will Krokowski, Carter Yost, and Megan Yost

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

Ushers: Rick Del Sontro (Captain), Lucy Coble Joyce, Veronique Dupont, Eric Durbin, Kristin Froehle, Claire Hunn, Catherine Johnson, Bryan Scott, Michele Tate Wilson and Jimmy Wilson

Punch Bunch: Please join us in the Georgetown Room following worship for Punch Bunch hosted by the Scott Family

Children's Worship Leaders: Rev. Jessica Tate, Priscila Rodriguez, Liza Boyd, Esther Wisdom, Joanne Tate

Nursery Caregivers: Gamage Perera and Swarna Nawarantha

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 3

- 9:00am Officer Training
- 9:45am Nursery
- 9:50am Confirmation Class
- 10:00am Children's Sandwich Making
- 10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
- 11:00am Worship**
- 12:00pm Congregational Meeting, Punch Bunch
- 5:00pm Yoga*

Tuesday, December 5

- 11:00am GPC Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 6

- 7:30pm Advent Bible Study*

Sunday, December 10

- 9:45am Nursery
- 9:50am Confirmation Class
- 10:00am Pageant Rehearsal
- 10:30am Mission Market
- 10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
- 11:00am Worship**
- 12:00pm Mission Market, Punch Bunch
- 5:00pm Yoga*

**Event will be conducted virtually.*

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

Announcements

Christmas Flower Dedications

Donate to our advent and Christmas flower fund. Use the special envelopes in the pews and drop your donation in the offering plate before Christmas Eve. You may also choose to include a dedication written on the envelope.

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. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica if you are interested in helping.

Advent Bible Study

Join the GPC Pastoral Staff for a Virtual Advent Study. Exploring God's gifts of peace, justice and joy: An Advent Study on Isaiah. Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 pm during December.

-The Gift of Peace: Swords into Plowshares- Wednesday, December 6th with Pastor Jessica

-The Gift of Justice: The Peaceable Kingdom- Wednesday, December 13th with Pastor Camille

-The Gift of Joy: The Desert Shall Rejoice and Blossom- Wednesday, December 20th with Pastor Meghan

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 0981 2098

Passcode: 319891

Mission Market

We will be open for business on December 10th at 10:30 am! Join us before AND after the 11:00 am service for some Christmas shopping to support our mission partners. See you soon for some charitable holiday shopping!

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

Blue Christmas Service at National Cathedral

Tuesday, December 19th at 7 pm.
You are invited to join Pastor Meghan and GPC Member Katy McBride for a Blue Christmas service. "We remember the One who shares our burdens, who shows us the way to the Light, and who journeys the way with us-At a time of year when so many experience feelings of grief, loss, and hardship, this service of prayer, music, and reflection invites us into hope and healing." Join Meghan and Katy beforehand for dinner at Two Amy's at 5:30 pm or meet them at the Cathedral at 6:45 pm. All are welcome.

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

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.

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.



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@gtownpres.org), or [Charlotte Adamo](mailto:CharlotteAdamo@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.



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)

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!

December 4	Abby Meyers
December 5	Jim Harff Benjamin Berger Campbell Blackford
December 7	Charlie Marshall Leigh Sterchi
December 8	Laura Simmons Jonda McFarlane Stephanie Scott
December 9	Kristen O'Brien Margaret Clair

Daily Lectionary

Monday	Psalms 19; 150
Tuesday	Nehemiah 2:1-20
Wednesday	Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday	Matthew 15:29-39
Friday	Psalms 48; 4
Saturday	Revelation 19:1-10

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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