



Sunday, December 24, 8 p.m.

Christmas Eve

PRELUDE	Carol of the Bells	<i>Ukrainian Carol</i> (arr. Felipe Garibaldi)
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 140	Once in Royal David's City <i>Verse 1 is sung by a soloist, join in singing verse 2</i>	<i>Irby</i>
LIGHTING <i>of the</i> ADVENT WREATH		
WELCOME	Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. People: And also with you.	
INTROIT	Adam Lay Bounden	Thomas Gibbs
OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Meghan Brown

◆ *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 *for* ILLUMINATION

Rev. Meghan Brown

FIRST LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

Pg. 59

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Angel Gabriel

Basque Carol

arr. Richard Shephard

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe

◆HYMN 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es Ist Ein' Ros'

POEM

First Coming by Madeline L'Engle

Rev. Jessica Tate

*He did not wait till the world was ready,
till people and nations were all at peace.
He came when the Heavens were unsteady,
and prisoners cried out for release.*

*He did not wait for the perfect time.
He came when the need was deep and great.
He dined with sinners in all their grime
turned water into wine. He did not wait*

*till hearts were pure. In joy he came
to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.
To a world like ours, of anguished shame
he came, and his Light would not go out. cont...*

*He came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of the Word Made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!*

ANTHEM

Still, Still, Still

Austrian Carol

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.

CALL for the OFFERING

Rev. Jessica Tate

OFFERTORY

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish Carol

◆ DOXOLOGY

*Third verse of "What
Child Is This"*

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

PRAYER of DEDICATION and PASSING the PEACE

◆ HYMN 122

Silent Night, Holy Night
Verse 1 is sung by a soloist, join in singing verses 2-4

Stille Nacht

◆ CHRISTMAS GREETING and BENEDICTION

◆ HYMN 134

Joy to the World

Antioch

About Today's Service

The Christmas flowers, greens, and fraser fir decorating the church today were given to the glory of God by:

- Shelia, Scott, Laine, and Wilson Holman in memory of Robert Wilson Barr
- Ann Hunt and Family in memory of Steve Hunt
- Cynthia Farrell Johnson in memory of Arthur and Linnet Farrell
- Margaret Webber Carvin in memory of Barbara Carvin and Diane Webber Johnson
- John and Liza Marshall in memory of Charles and Betty Alexander
- Erin Collier in memory of Florence Schulte
- James Ferguson in memory of Vichitchan Liansi
- The Flynn Family in celebration of our great-grandma, "Nan"
- Maggie Garrett in memory of Peggy Garrett
- Ann Leonard Wilson and Charles Leonard in memory of our father, Stephen Leonard
- Lisa and Mike Baly in honor of our family
- Alexander and Natalia Sitnikov in memory of Frances Soreth and Lyudmila Sitnikova
- Tracy Davis, Ralph, and Stokley Voltmer in memory of Ralph and Dory Voltmer and Jim Davis
- John Struble in honor of Amy, David, and Mary Dasira Struble
- Roy Henwood and Nancy Kuhn in memory of our parents
- Cynthia and Steve Johnson in memory of Ruth and Ralph Johnson
- Jennifer and Leo Krusius in memory of Peter Krusius
- Jennifer and Leo Krusius in memory of Susan Lee
- Josh and Eliza Pitcock and Katie Seaman in honor of Eliza's grandparents
- Jaime and P.J. Hart in honor of Aunt Nancy Baish
- Bill Krokowski in memory of John and Carol Krokowski
- Will Krokowski in memory of Albert Rutherford
- The McDermott Family with joy!

Ushers: Huw Davies, Margaret Howe, Palmer Lopez, Finlay Howe, Inez Saavedra, Lucia Saavedra, George Sumner, Henry Sumner, and John Sumner

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 24

- 10:15am Nursery
- 11:00am Worship** - Pageant
- 12:00pm Christmas cookies on the porch
- 8:00pm Worship** - Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed

Sunday, December 31

- 10:15am Nursery
- 10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
- 11:00am Worship**
- 12:00pm Punch Bunch

**Event will be conducted virtually.*

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

Announcements

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.

Celebration of Jennie Lopez

Mark your calendars and please join us on February 4th after the service to celebrate Jennie Lopez and all that she has done as our Children's Ministry Director.

Thank you to all GMC Extends Volunteers

Thank you for embodying the best of Christian faith by helping show hospitality and feed our neighbors who are hungry and without homes. In the past three weeks we served more than 480 meals and had more than 130 volunteers to make it possible. Thank you GPC.

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.

New Years Services

Join us for worship December 31 to reflect on the transition into the new year. On January 7th in worship, we will celebrate Epiphany, the honoring of the Light of Christ in our lives, and enjoy Kings Day festivities in Punch Bunch.

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

Saturday Suppers are back inside! 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.

Connect

gtownpres.org/connect

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 January 21st. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information. Visit gtownpres.org/join to sign up.

Serve Punch Bunch!

We are seeking new and returning volunteers to contribute to our weekly Punch Bunch in 2024! Grab your family or some friends, take a trip to Safeway or Costco, and help us build and nourish our community in this time of fellowship. Sign-up online and find helpful resources for hosting at gtownpres.org/connect.

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.



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)

Happy Birthday!

December 25 Chuck Schilke
Ellora Quinn
Alex Cary
Philip Linder
December 26 Esther Wisdom
December 27 Paige McDermott
December 29 Cathy Sterling
December 30 Ann Hunt
Chase Lubbock
Kendall Hopper

Daily Lectionary

Monday John 5:30-47
Tuesday Luke 1:5-25
Wednesday Luke 1:26-38
Thursday Isaiah 31:1-9
Friday Psalms 102; 148
Saturday Psalm 114

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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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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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