

THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, April 7, 2024, 11 a.m.

First Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE Christ Lag in Todesbanden Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME Leader: Christ is Risen!
 People: Christ is Risen indeed!

INTROIT O Praise God in His Holiness Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

CALL to WORSHIP Leader: The Lord hears us when we call
 People: Come, let us put our trust in God.
 Leader: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness
 People: Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!
 Leader: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls
 People: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

◆ HYMN 235 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing *O filii et filiae*

◆ *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: ...Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world;

People: Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck and when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, or when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

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. Meghan Brown

◆ HYMN 256

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

Kedron

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Deacon Aran Clair

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 16:5-11

pg. 547

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

John 20:19 -31

pg. 119

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Blessed Are the Doubters

Rev. Margaret Kibben

◆ HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

◆ DECLARATION of
FAITH

*From the Book of Common
Worship*

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

OFFERING and
OFFERTORY

Passing of the Fellowship Books

Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing

Austin Lovelace
(1919-2010)

◆ 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

INVITATION and
GREAT
THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them to the lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

DISTRIBUTION of the
ELEMENTS

Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

◆ HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

◆ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Behold, God is My Salvation

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

POSTLUDE

In Dir Ist Freude

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

About Today's Service

THE REVEREND DOCTOR MARGARET GRUN KIBBEN

CHAPLAIN, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REAR ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY (RETIRED)

On January 3, 2021, Chaplain Margaret Grun Kibben was sworn in as the 62nd Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives, having served as a chaplain for over 30 years in the Navy and Marine Corps. Born and raised in Warrington, Pennsylvania, Chaplain Kibben graduated from Goucher College and received both her Master of Divinity and her Doctor of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. Chaplain Kibben has served as a Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace and holds a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

In addition to Princeton Theological Seminary's Board of Trustees, Dr. Kibben serves on the boards for the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence, the World War II Foundation, and the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. Dr. Kibben is a faculty associate for Arizona State University's School of Politics and Global Studies

Margaret is married to Lieutenant Colonel Timothy J. Kibben, USMC (Retired). They reside in Alexandria, Virginia. Margaret enjoys cycling, swimming, gardening, cooking, and reading.

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

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

Lunch Bunch: Please join us in the Georgetown Room following worship for a special "Build Your Own Meatball Lunch" with options for vegetarians and Gluten Free, hosted by Laura Speer

Children's Worship Leaders: Rev. Jessica Tate, Priscila Rodriguez, Libby Wallin, Jaime Hart, and Jennifer Krusius

Nursery Caregivers: Gamage Perera, Swarna Nawarantha, and Udeni Passaramudalige

Part of today's liturgy have been adapted from Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle's liturgy for the Presbyterian Outlook

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 7

9:45am Nursery, Adult Education
10:00am Sunday School
10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
11:00am Worship**
12:00pm Lunch Bunch
5:00pm Yoga*

Tuesday, April 9

11:00am GPC Staff Meeting
6:30pm Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, April 14

9:15am Nursery
9:30am Faith and Media Panel
10:00am Sunday School
10:45am 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

Next Sunday, April 14th, we will welcome guest preacher Don Lincoln:

Don Lincoln is a retired PC(USA) pastor whose 40+ year career included 22 years as lead pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester, PA. Don has been active in Donegal Presbytery and has served in several roles in the national church, including General Assembly staff for over thirty years. Don has been a member of several national PC(USA) boards, and is currently on the Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Women's Small Groups

Are you interested in joining an intergenerational women's small group focused on study, fellowship, and prayer this spring? If so, please reach out to Pastor Meghan or Deacon Piper Akol for more information.

GPC Intergenerational Men's Ministry

Are you interested in joining with men of all ages in study, mission and fellowship? Upcoming events include, serving Saturday Supper together on Saturday, April 27th and a dinner and discussion on Tuesday evening, May 28th. Please reach out to Jay Grauberger or Warner Lamar for more information.

Pastoral Sabbatical

Pastor Camille is away on sabbatical March 18th to June 10th. Please reach out to Pastor Meghan or Pastor Jessica for pastoral care and to the church office for other inquiries.

Thank You from Remember Niger!

Remember Niger is thrilled that GPC helped to exceed the goal of finding sponsors for 40 students during the 40 days of Lent. Nationwide 53 new students now have sponsors. GPC was an important part of this, signing up to sponsor 14 of those students. In total, GPC members and families are making it possible for 57 children in Niger to receive an education. Thank you for your support!

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

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.

Georgetown Saturday Suppers

The last Saturday of every month, GPC members meet at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church to serve a hot dinner to 45-60 neighbors who are hungry. We need 10-12 volunteers every last Saturday of the month. 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.

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 Pastor Meghan or Trey Fields (fieldstreyo@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

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 May 19th. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information.

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.



Happy Birthday!

<i>April 7</i>	Beatrice Brooke
<i>April 8</i>	Hannah Diaz
<i>April 9</i>	Dru Crawley
	Katie Proett
	Bille VanMeter
<i>April 11</i>	Ralph Voltmer
	Avery Hinzman
<i>April 12</i>	Mark Willey
	Kristin Froehle
	Isora Clair
	Maggie Knauff
<i>April 13</i>	Barton Holmes

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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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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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