



THE  
GEORGETOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

## WORSHIP

January 15, 2017

Second Sunday after Epiphany

11 a.m.

PRELUDE                      Prelude on “Be Still”                      Dave Evans (b. 1957)  
arr. A. Grote

### WELCOME

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION TRIP                      Tory Gentry

INTROIT                      God Is Gone Up with a Shout                      Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

CALL TO WORSHIP                      *from Psalm 96*

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

**All: Tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, for great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; let us worship God.

✠HYMN 4                      Holy God, We Praise Your Name                      *Grosser Gott, wir loben Dich*

### 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: *(over)*



✠Please stand or sit.

*As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone and no flash photography during the service.*

**People:** We confess to you, in the presence of our neighbors, that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not followed your commandments, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have been afraid when you called us to be bold, and selfish when you called us to give. We have not believed in your world-changing power, or your life-changing love. In your mercy, forgive our sins, amend our ways, and restore us to everlasting life.  
(Silent prayer)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** Friends, believe the Good News.

**People:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

✠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

*After Time with Children, ages two years through 5th grade recess with leaders up the center aisle to worship. Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.*

✠HYMN 666 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright *Puer nobis nascitur*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Clerk of Session Roy Henwood

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Job 1:6-12 (pg. 498)

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM The Lord Is My Shepherd John Rutter (b. 1945)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 2:18-25 (pg. 251)

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Stepping Up: More than Grit* Rev. Christopher Chatelaine-Samsen

✠HYMN 226 There in God's Garden *Shades Mountain*

## ✠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

Prayer Focus: MLK Day

## 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.

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY O Rest in the Lord Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)  
Lindsey Grebeldinger-Stewart, alto

✠DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God, #607*) *Old Hundredth*

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

✠HYMN 268 Crown Him with Many Crowns *Diademata*

✠BENEDICTION (Please be seated after the benediction)

RESPONSE May The Grace Of Christ Our Savior John Carter (b. 1930)

POSTLUDE Grand Plein Jeu on "Deo gracias" 15th-c English melody  
arr. Mary Bennett (b. 1954)

**About the music:** The anthem this morning is a setting of Psalm 23 by British composer John Rutter. This well known and loved piece is a movement from Rutter's Requiem. The 23rd Psalm has been frequently set to music by composers throughout the centuries. Rutter's setting is particularly effective at painting the text with music, as it winds from peaceful pastures, to shadowed valleys and finally to the glory of the house of the Lord.

**The flowers in the Chancel** today are given to the glory of God.

**The ushers for January** are Alex Bullock, Captain; Elizabeth Avery, Karl Mattison, Lewis Mattison, Russell Porter, David Roll and Nancy Roll.

**Today after the service** visitors and members are cordially invited to join us in the Georgetown Room for Lunch Bunch, hosted this week by Ashley Mattison.

**Assisted listening devices** may be found at the back of the sanctuary. Each device comes with a headset, but you may bring your own from home.

**Readings** are from the New Revised Standard Version translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated. Blue Bibles may be found at the end of each pew.

### **Children's Ministries**

During the service, Children's Worship continues after *Time with Children*.

- 2s-Kindergarten grade, escorted by leader upstairs to the West Worship Room for *Young Children & Worship*
- 1<sup>st</sup>-5th grade, to Chapel for *Children's Church*

YCW children should be collected upstairs by their parents immediately after the service. Children's Church dismisses into the Georgetown Room. All children are welcome to remain with their families in the service and age-appropriate worship bags are available in the narthex.

### **January Sermon Series**

#### **Stepping Up: Peter, Jude and You**

After Christmas, what's next? How do we respond to a God who lived among us? In January, we'll explore that question with a sermon series about "stepping up" in faith, inspired by our all-church Bible study on 1 & 2 Peter and Jude.

<b>January 1</b>	Seek Truth
<b>January 8</b>	Live Differently
<b>January 15</b>	Endure Suffering
<b>January 22</b>	Show Mercy

## WELCOME

Our congregation has been welcoming members and visitors to worship on the Lord's Day since March 16, 1780.

If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to introduce yourself to one of the pastors or speak with an usher if you have any questions.

If you are looking for a church home and would like to talk with one of the pastors, please fill out the fellowship pad in the pew today or call the church office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Member Conferences

**Thursday, February 2, 6 – 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 11, 9 a.m. – noon**

Join us at one of our next two New Member Conference to review the basics of Christianity and the Reformed Tradition, discuss what Presbyterians believe, and learn how this all comes together at GPC. New members will be introduced to the congregation on **Sunday, February 19**. For more information or to sign up, please email the church office at [mec@gtownpres.org](mailto:mec@gtownpres.org).

### Adult Issues

**Sundays at 9:45 a.m.**

**Washington Room**

**Religion in Asia**

**January 22, 29 and February 5**

Rev. Sathianathan Clarke, Professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, discusses "Learning from the Wisdom of Religions of Asia: Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism" in a three-week series.

### The 237th Annual Meeting of The Georgetown Presbyterian Church

is hereby called for **Sunday, January 29, 2017**. The meeting will convene following the 11 a.m. service for the following purposes:

To receive the Annual Report for 2016

To vote on the recommended changes to the pastors' terms of call

To elect Trustees of the Corporation, and

To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting

By order of the Session:

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Murray, Moderator

Roy M. Henwood, Clerk of Session

**Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak  
To Preach at GPC**

**January 29 at 11 a.m.**

Dr. Boesak is a South African clergyman who was a leader in the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa alongside Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu. A former president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, he is still active in that organization.

**2017 Chancel Flower Donations**

If you would like to contribute to the **Chancel Flowers in 2017**, please fill out a donation sheet (located in the narthex) and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

**Young Adult (20s and 30s) Events**

**Volunteer for MLK Day**

**Monday, January 16, 1-3 p.m.**

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel (5701 Marinelli Road). Please email Crystal Espie at [crystal.espie@gmail.com](mailto:crystal.espie@gmail.com) for more information and to RSVP.

**Breakfast and Presentation on  
“The Reformation and the  
Struggle for Justice”**

**Dr. Allan Boesak**

**Saturday, January 28 9 a.m.**

National Presbyterian Church (4101 Nebraska Ave. NW). Please RSVP to [mhill@reformedinstitute.org](mailto:mhill@reformedinstitute.org) to attend this free event.

**Dinner and Discussion with  
visiting preacher Dr. Blount  
Saturday, March 4**

at the home of Tracy Davis and Ralph Voltmer (1815 24th St. NW). Mark your calendars for this exciting opportunity to talk with Dr. Blount, the president of Union Presbyterian Seminary. RSVP to [zoe.ellen.williams@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.ellen.williams@gmail.com).

**Call for Shelter Volunteers  
Dinner or Knitting!**

The floating Winter Shelter will be at GPC from February 19 to March 12. Sign up on our website to provide one of the nightly meals for this important ministry and have some fellowship with our unhoused neighbors. Also if you can crochet, knit, quilt, or sew, we invite you to make a scarf or hat to give to the men and women participating in the shelter. This project is led by members of the former knit/crochet group led by Shelley Jennings. It's a one-time commitment, and can be done together or in your own home. Contact: Shelley at [shelleycjennings@gmail.com](mailto:shelleycjennings@gmail.com).

**Georgetown Saturday Suppers  
and Sunday Dinners**

Thank you to those of you who make the meals at GPC and Mt. Zion UMC a success! Each meal serves about 70 of our DC neighbors struggling with homelessness and food insecurity. Our next meal to host at Mt. Zion is on Saturday, January 28. Please sign up on our website.

**Tables of Eight**

Enjoy old friends and get acquainted with newer GPC folks. Open to all: singles, couples, young and young-at-heart, members and friends. The more, the merrier! Just two Saturday evenings (**February 4 and March 18, 2017**). No need to sign up for both dates, only those you can attend. Contact: Judi Crowson at (202) 333-1603 or [jdcrowson@verizon.net](mailto:jdcrowson@verizon.net).

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, January 15

- 11am Worship  
11:15am Young Children & Worship  
11:15am Children's Church  
12pm Lunch Bunch  
4pm Yoga  
4pm G'town Sunday Dinner

### Monday, January 16

- MLK Birthday – GPC offices closed  
10am-2pm Youth Service Day at New York Ave. PC  
1-3pm Young Adult Work Day

### Tuesday, January 17

- 9:30am Staff meeting

### Wednesday, January 18

- 7pm Officer Training

### Friday, January 20

- Inauguration Day – GPC offices closed

### Sunday, January 22

- 9am Choir rehearsal  
9:15am Nursery opens  
9:45am Children's Music in Chapel  
9:45am Adult Issues  
10am Sunday Morning Bible  
11am Worship  
11:15am Young Children & Worship  
11:15am Children's Church  
12pm Lunch Bunch  
12pm Children's Ministry meeting  
4pm Yoga  
4pm G'town Sunday Dinner  
5pm Youth Group

## Daily Readings

- Sunday** John 1:29-42  
Monday Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28  
Tuesday Isaiah 53:1-12  
Wednesday Matthew 9:14-17  
Thursday Isaiah 9:1-4  
Friday Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
Saturday 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
**Sunday** Matthew 4:12-23

## Church Staff

### Senior Pastor

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## Happy Birthday

- January 16 Mary Bernabucci  
Frances Gray Farver  
January 17 Colin Ladd  
Barry Phelps  
January 19 Maxwell Ebie  
Henry Sumner  
January 20 Sara Ebie  
January 21 Martha Hoagland  
January 22 Mark Coldren  
Scott Leachman  
Neal Petersen



Georgetown Presbyterian Church is a founding member and supporter of the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington.

## OUR HISTORY

The Georgetown Presbyterian Church began in 1760 as a small group of worshipers and organized into a church in 1780 under the eminent Stephen Bloomer Balch, Revolutionary War soldier and pupil of religious leader John Witherspoon. It was the first Presbyterian Church in what was to become modern-day Washington, DC, and is the oldest DC church of any denomination with an unbroken ministry. Until long after the national capital was established, many of Washington's baptisms, weddings and funerals were solemnized in our church. People of all denominations worshiped with us, including many leaders of the young republic.

In 1782 our congregation erected the first – and for many years the only – Protestant church building in Georgetown. Additions were made in 1794 with Thomas Jefferson among the contributors. A rare charter, still in effect, was granted in 1806 to “the Presbyterian Congregation in George Town” by an act of Congress signed by President Jefferson. In 1810 our seal, with its seven stars and Bible, was given to the church by the superintendent of the Mint. In 1821, President Monroe laid the cornerstone for the beautiful Bridge Street building which was moved fifty years later to our present site, where President Grant laid the cornerstone. This is the building which we have since restored and in which we now worship.

Our church pioneered in both the religious and cultural life of this community. In 1781, Dr. Balch became headmaster of the Columbian Academy to which George Washington sent his nephews and wards, and later a school for girls was founded. Dr. Balch wrote the first book published in the District of Columbia and he helped found the first public library. Out of our church and under Dr. Balch's broad-minded leadership, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches were established in Washington and Maryland.

Our church bell tolled all day when President Washington died. In our church George Washington Parke Custis, grandson of Martha Washington and father-in-law of Robert E. Lee, delivered a speech on Napoleon's defeat. Memorial services for President William Henry Harrison were conducted here in 1841. During the Civil War, our building became a hospital for both Union and Confederate soldiers, including casualties from the Second Battle of Manassas and the Battle of Fredericksburg. In these and in other ways, this church identifies with the history of the nation it continues to serve.

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