



THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

WORSHIP

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday after Epiphany

11 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on “Houston” Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)
arr. R. Te Velde

WELCOME

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

People: And also with you.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Francis Brooke, Jr.

INTROIT Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

Melvin West (b. 1930)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Micah 6:8

Leader: He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

All: and what does the Lord require of you

Leader: but to do justice, and to love kindness,

All: and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: Let us worship God.

✧HYMN 31 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Monkland

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: Lord, we confess that we have sinned both by our actions and by our inaction. Instead of going to the world you have called us to, we have retreated into comfortable places. We have spoken ill of those who are not like us, and acted with disregard for those we do not agree with. In your mercy, forgive us. Remind us of our kinship with the whole human family, reconciling us to each other and to you. Forgive our sins, and lead us into 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 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me *Toplady*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elder Jimmy Wilson

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (pg. 555)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM In What Torn Ship Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Jude 17-25 (pg. 265)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Stepping Up: Walking Each Other Home* Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Murray

✠HYMN 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Houston*

✠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 *Laudate Dominum* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Mary Claire Sullivan, soprano

✠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 826 *Lift High the Cross* *Crucifer*

✠BENEDICTION (Please be seated after the benediction)

RESPONSE *Day By Day* Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D minor* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

About the music: The anthem this morning is a choral motet written by Washington DC based composer Daniel Gawthrop. It is a setting of a poem by the metaphysical poet John Donne (1573-1631) in which Donne compares the journey of life to a sea voyage. The short poem is packed full of beautiful and thought provoking imagery and was a favorite of GPC's former Director of Music, John Lintner.

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 Mildred Grant and Laura Welch.

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*
- 1st-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.

January 1	Seek Truth
January 8	Live Differently
January 15	Endure Suffering
January 22	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.

Adult Issues

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Washington Room

Religion in Asia

January 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."

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.

**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.

Young Adult (20s and 30s) Events

**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 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.

**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 crochet, knit, quilt, or sew, we invite you to make a scarf or hat to give to one of our shelter guests. It's a one-time commitment, and can be done together or in your own home. Contact: Shelley at shelleycjennings@gmail.com.

Homelessness Survey

Georgetown Ministry Center is seeking volunteers on the night of January 25 for DC's annual "Point in Time" count of our city's homeless population. This census helps the city government and service providers (like GMC) better understand and meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness. Volunteers will count from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., and will meet for an orientation and training at 9 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, email ccs@gtownpres.org to sign up.

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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 22

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

Wednesday, January 25

7pm	Officer Training
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Sunday, January 29

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	Congregational meeting
12:15pm	Lunch Bunch
4pm	Yoga
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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.

Daily Readings

Sunday	Matthew 4:12-23
Monday	Ephesians 5:6-14
Tuesday	Philippians 2:12-18
Wednesday	Luke 1:67-79
Thursday	Micah 6:1-8
Friday	Psalm 15
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Sunday	Matthew 5: 1-12

Happy Birthday

January 22	Mark Coldren Scott Leachman Neal Petersen
January 24	Crystal Espie
January 25	Emily Schlesinger
January 26	Ozette Francis
January 27	Alexander Berrang
January 28	Margaret Carvin Anderson Lunsford
January 29	Laura Blood Jennifer Hillman



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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