



THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

WORSHIP

February 12, 2017

Baptism

11 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale on “Hamburg” Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
arr. D. Schelat

WELCOME

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

People: And also with you.

INTROIT I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law
of the Lord.

**All: Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with
their whole heart,**

Leader: who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

All: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

Leader: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
Let us worship God.

✧HYMN 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*

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 against you and against one another in thoughts, words, and actions. We hide your saving love and grace from one another, when instead you call us to be light and salt. We are half-hearted followers, denying your power by our inaction. Yet you call us without ceasing. Open our ears to hear your call, so we may receive your grace, and follow you all our lives.
(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

BAPTISM GEORGE BRICKELL KNAPP

SON OF

MISSYE AND BRIAN KNAPP

Kids recess up the center aisle to Young Children and Worship (2s-Kindergarten). Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.

✠HYMN 482 Baptized in Water *Bunessan*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elder Susan Bell

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (pg. 206)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (pg. 174)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Choose Your Own Adventure

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Murray

✧HYMN 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

✧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.**

TESTIMONY

Dr. John Marshall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Sicut cervus

Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

✧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 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

✧BENEDICTION

(Please be seated after the benediction)

RESPONSE Peace I Leave with You Matthew Glandorf (b. 1969)

POSTLUDE Toccata Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)



About the music: The choral anthem reflects on the role of the church and what brings us together in worship. Harold Friedell’s “Draw Us In The Spirit’s Tether” provides a quiet poetic and musical description of this purpose and a hope that “all our meals and all our living” might be sacraments that drive us to care, help, and give as true disciples. The offertory, by the great Italian Renaissance composer Giovanni Palestrina is a Latin setting of Psalm 42: 1, “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.”

The flowers in the Chancel today are given in loving memory of Mary Kay Spink, a GPC member for nearly 50 years, who served in this church as a deacon, an elder, and in many other capacities.

The baptismal font wreath is given today by Missye and Brian Knapp in celebration of the baptism of their son, George Brickell Knapp.

The Red Carnations in memory of Rip Williams are donated to GPC for Valentine’s Day by the Sylvia and Rip Williams Charitable Foundation.

The ushers for February are Robert Bell, Captain; Matthew Banks, Sharon Brooke, Margaret Carvin, Matthew Espie, Christine Rales, Gibbs Rehlen and Berry Trimble.

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

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 the baptism.

- 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 are available in the narthex.

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

Guest Preacher on Resurrection Sunday, March 5

The Rev. Dr. Brian Blount will be our latest Distinguished Guest Preacher. Dr. Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, will deliver a lecture at 9:30 a.m. on "Resurrection and the Walking Dead," followed by the sermon at the 11 a.m. service. Copies of his book, *Invasion of the Dead: Preaching Resurrection*, will be sold for \$10 in the narthex on February 5, 12, and 26.

Adult Issues Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Washington Room February 19 and 26

Adrian Vaagenes, Princeton Seminary grad, speaks on the Bible and Flannery O'Connor.

Georgetown Saturday Suppers and Sunday Dinners

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, February 25. Please sign up on our website.

Judges Rule!

Elementary Sunday School February 12-March 5

9:45 a.m. Chapel

February 12 Fierce Lady: Judge Deborah Jumps into Battle!

Mary Margaret Hart as Deborah

February 19 Guerrilla Judge Gideon Gets the Job Done

Gonzalo Ferro as Gideon

Kids make welcome bags for the night shelter guests

February 26 Strong Samson's Blind Spot

Sheldon Ray as Samson

March 5 Saumel: a Judge who finds a King

Katie Novaria as Hannah,
Samuel's mother

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! One more Saturday evening this year, **March 18, 2017**. Contact: Judi Crowson at (202) 333-1603 or jdcrowson@verizon.net.

Young Adult (20s and 30s) Events

Winter Shelter Volunteers

February 19 6:30 p.m.

Young Adults each bring a dish and then share dinner and fellowship with our guests. Please email matthew.espie@gmail.com to learn more and sign up to bring a dish.

Fat Tuesday Feast

Tuesday, February 28 6:30 p.m.

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Join the feast and discussion about Lent. Gumbo/jambalaya, New Orleans drinks and King cake for dessert! RSVP to margaret.mataovich@gmail.com.

Dinner and Discussion with visiting preacher Dr. Brian Blount President, Union Seminary Saturday, March 4

At the home of Tracy Davis and Ralph Voltmer (1815 24th St. NW). RSVPs: zoe.ellen.williams@gmail.com.

Prayer Chain

Want to pray for others? Have a prayer request? Email prayerchain@gtownpres.org

Lunch Bunch Volunteers needed!

It's easy, it's fun, and it's for you. Each week volunteers put together simple lunches for the congregation. Come and join us after church! To find out more on what goes into hosting, see gtownpres.org/serve/hospitality.

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.

2017 Chancel Flower Donations

There are many available openings in the flower schedule in the coming months. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by contributing to the Chancel Flowers, please fill out a donation sheet (located in the narthex) and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Crying Room and Nursery

If your baby needs a place to make a bit of noise and stretch out, we have a professionally-staffed nursery upstairs or, if you prefer, the crying room is located adjacent to the narthex where the service can be viewed on a TV screen. A bottle warmer and toys are available and changing stations are in both restrooms. If you have questions, the ushers will be glad to help you.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 12

11am Worship –Knapp Baptism
11:15am Young Children & Worship
11:15am Children’s Church
12:15 pm Lunch Bunch
12:15pm Youth Group
4pm Yoga
4pm G’town Sunday Dinner

Tuesday, February 14

9:30am Staff meeting

Wednesday, February 15

7pm Officer Training

Thursday, February 16

6:30pm Session meeting

Sunday, February 19

7am Winter Shelter moves in
9am Choir rehearsal
9:15am Nursery opens
9:45am Children’s Music in Chapel
9:45am Adult Issues
10am Sunday Morning Bible
11am Worship-New Members
11:15am Young Children & Worship
11:15am Children’s Church
12pm Lunch Bunch
4pm Yoga
4pm G’town Sunday Dinner
5pm Youth Group

Daily Readings

Sunday **Matthew 5:21-37**

Monday Exodus 20:1-21
Tuesday James 2:1-13
Wednesday Proverbs 2:1-15
Thursday Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Friday Psalm 119:33-40
Saturday 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,
16-23

Sunday **Matthew 5:38-48**

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Happy Birthday

February 12 Lauren Craft
Julie Goffe
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February 13 Lyndsay Taylor
February 14 William Kennedy
Kent Stevens
Grace Yang
February 15 Alex Bullock
Courtney Lunsford
Daniel O’Brien
Esther Lynne Wisdom
February 16 Tomás Ferro
February 17 Ashley Berrang
February 18 Michele Gast



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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