



THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

WORSHIP

February 26, 2017

Transfiguration Sunday

Ordination and Installation of Officers

11 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude on "Slane" Frank Bohnhorst (1923-1956)

WELCOME

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

People: And also with you.

MINUTE FOR GUEST PREACHER Shelley Jennings

INTROIT Lord, We Praise Thee Peter Mathews (b. 1944)

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 71*

Leader: In you, O Lord I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

All: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

All: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Let us worship God.

HYMN 412 God Reveal Your Presence *Arnsberg*
(Choir sings verse 1; Congregation stands and sings verses 2 and 3)



☒ Please stand or sit.

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

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:

All: **My Lord and God, do not abandon me; remember my need, for many evil thoughts and horrid fears trouble my mind and terrify my soul. How shall I pass through them unhurt? How shall I break their power over me? You have said, 'I will go before you, and will humble the proud upon earth. I will open the gates of the prison.' Do, O Lord, as You have said, and let Your coming put to flight all wicked thoughts. It is my hope and my comfort that I can turn to You in all my troubles, put my trust in You, call upon You in my heart, and wait Your comfort in patience.**

-Adapted from a prayer by Thomas à Kempis (d. 1471)

(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

✠HYMN 735 I Need Thee Every Hour *Need*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elder Crystal Espie

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 24:12-18 (pg. 78)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 19)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Hard of Hearing* Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Murray

✠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.

OFFERING

(Passing of the Fellowship Books)

OFFERTORY Gracious God, Reveal Thy Will Unto Me

Jean-Baptiste Lully (1632-1687)

✠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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders

Steve Hopkins
 Cynthia Farrell Johnson
 Jennie Lopez
 John Schuhart

Deacons

Claire Gillum
 Catherine Johnson
 Ed Lewis
 Margaret Matavich
 Mary Beth Ray
 Lauren Wright

VOWS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Focus: Congregational Leaders

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.**

❖BENEDICTION (Please be seated after the Benediction)

RESPONSE May the Lord Bless and Keep You Melvin West (b. 1930)

POSTLUDE Choral No. 3 in A Minor César Franck (1822-1890)



About the music: The hymn text “Be Thou My Vision” has its origins as a traditional Irish hymn dating from as early as the eighth century. It was translated by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), a writer, journalist and scholar of Old Irish. Since 1927, this text has most often been sung to the tune named “Slane” and we will sing it that way as the final hymn of today’s service. For the anthem, the choir will also sing this text to a new tune by English composer Bob Chilcott.

The flowers in the Chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our newly-installed Elders and Deacons.

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 a reception honoring our new classes of Elders and Deacons, hosted by the 2016 Nominating Committee.

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.

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

NEXT WEEK

The Rev. Dr. Brian Blount

Resurrection and the Walking Dead

What do Christians mean when they affirm the "resurrection of the body"? Is this anything like the zombie apocalypse? What difference does resurrection make anyway?

9:30 a.m. Lecture on "Resurrection and the Walking Dead"

11 a.m. Dr. Blount sermon on the "Resurrection Sign"

12 p.m. Free bbq lunch and discussion
More info: gtownpres.org/guest-preacher

Ash Wednesday

March 1, 2017

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Prayer and the imposition of ashes will be available in the chapel.

7 p.m. Our Ash Wednesday service will be in the sanctuary. Join us for one or both of these opportunities to mark the beginning of Lent.

Judges Rule!

Elementary Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Chapel

March 5 Samuel: A Judge Who Finds a King
Katie Novaria as Hannah,
Samuel's mother

"¿Question Mark?"

Lenten Youth and Adult Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark raises tough questions and avoids easy answers. Join us for the season of Lent.

Session 1: This Changes Everything

Session 2: The Plot Thickens—
Conflict and Controversy

Session 3: With Friends Like These . . . The Disciples

Session 4: Shh! Jesus's Secret Identity

Session 5: The Crucifixion in Mark

Session 6: When Words Fail—
The Resurrection

Sunday Morning Bible

Sundays at 10 a.m.

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 23

Wednesday Morning Bible

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5

Midweek Bible

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

Young Adult (20s and 30s) Events
Fat Tuesday Feast
Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m.
3881 Porter S., NW, #D298
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Join the feast and discussion about Lent. Gumbo/jambalaya, New Orleans drinks and King cake for dessert! RSVP to margaret.mataavich@gmail.com.

Dinner and Discussion with
visiting preacher Dr. Brian Blount
President, Union Seminary
Saturday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Mozart's Sacred Music
March 19 at 11 a.m.

Our service that Sunday will feature the sacred music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Known primarily as a composer of secular opera, symphonies and other instrumental music, Mozart's vast output also includes a great quantity of service music for the church, from his Mass settings to his church sonatas. A consort of instruments, choir and vocal soloists will present a sampling of this exquisitely-crafted music.

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 GPC is on Sunday, March 12. Please sign up on our website.

Young Children and Worship
Workshop

Saturday, April 15, 9-2

YCW is one of the most transformative ministries in our church. For kids and leaders alike, it opens hearts and minds up to the wonder of the story of Jesus. The workshop is for those who want to learn more. OPEN TO ALL. Capped at 15. RSVP to Rev. Vaagenes.

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.

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.

Prayer Chain

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 26

- 11am Worship—Officer Installation
11:15am Young Children & Worship
11:15am Children's Church
12:15 pm Reception for New Members
4pm G'town Sunday Dinner
6:30-8:15pm Youth Group

Tuesday, February 28

- 9:30am Staff meeting

Wednesday, March 1

- 10am Bible Study
11am Imposition of Ashes
7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Saturday, March 4

- 6:30pm Young Adult Dinner

Sunday, March 5

- 9am Choir rehearsal
9:15am Nursery opens
9:45am Children's Music
9:30am Lecture—Dr. Brian Blount
11am Worship—Dr. Brian Blount
Lord's Supper
11:15am Young Children & Worship
11:15am Children's Church
12pm BBQ lunch & discussion
4pm Yoga
4pm G'town Sunday Dinner
5pm Youth Group

Daily Readings

- Sunday Matthew 6:24-34**
Monday Deuteronomy 32:1-14
Tuesday 1 Kings 17:1-16
Wednesday Isaiah 66:7-13
Thursday Exodus 24:12-18
Friday Psalm 2
Saturday 2 Peter 1:16-21
Sunday Matthew 17:1-9

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Happy Birthday

- February 26 Douglas Miller
Mary Beth Ray
February 27 Margaret Matavich
February 28 Leo Krusius
March 1 Lynne Seekamp
March 2 Sandy Ryan
Jessica Sterchi
March 3 Sean Buckley
Grace Fleming
Ann Harris
March 4 Anne Crawley
March 5 Betty Alexander
Preston Kerr
Katy McBride



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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