



THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

WORSHIP

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent

Baptism

11 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on Eventide Charles H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

WELCOME

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

People: And also with you.

INTROIT Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord Thomas Mudd (c. 1560-c. 1632)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

All: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: Let us worship God.

✧HYMN 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet



✧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:

People: Lord, we confess our sins and our sinful nature to you. We are half-hearted, hiding your selfless love behind walls of fear and distrust. We have become alienated from you and from the world you created, turning inward on ourselves instead of outward to one another. In your mercy, forgive our sins and amend our ways. May we receive your pardon with both gladness and conviction.

(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 CHARLOTTE JUNE CANNON

DAUGHTER OF

LYNN AND BIGGS CANNON

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

✠HYMN 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy *Restoration*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Jimmy Wilson

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 12:1-4a (pg. 10)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Wash Me Thoroughly

Samuel Wesley (1810-1876)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 2:19-23 (pg. 2)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

When Faith Means Leaving

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Murray

✧HYMN 836

Abide with Me

Eventide

✧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

Zoe Williams

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

O Divine Redeemer
Evelyn Tsen, soprano

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

✧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 330 Our Help Is in the Name of God *Old 124th*

✧BENEDICTION (Please be seated after the benediction)

RESPONSE O Holy Father, Infinite in Mercy Giovanni Palestrina
(1525-1594)

POSTLUDE Fanfare on “Olivet” Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
arr. D. Blackwell



About the music: The anthem this morning, Samuel Sebastian Wesley’s “Wash Me Thoroughly” is one of the classic choral anthems from Victorian England. Wesley was born in London to a musical family. His father, Samuel Wesley and grandfather Charles were both prolific composers of church music. The anthem “Wash Me Thoroughly” was composed around 1840.

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

The ushers for March are Martin Crowson, Captain; Judi Crowson, Roy Henwood, Maria Jimenez, Jesus Jimenez, Nancy Kuhn, Drew Marrs, Stephanie Marrs, Donna McGreevy, Tyler McGreevy, Alex Pollock and Victoria Tigwell.

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

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 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

Mozart's Sacred Music

March 19 at 11 a.m.

Our service next 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing

From Lent 1 to Palm Sunday join us in giving and prayer with the OGHs "sharing calendar," available in the entryway. Get interactive with our mission partners at pcusa.org/oghsmap.

Young Adult (20s and 30s) Dinner Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner and discussion on the Refugee Crisis with Edit Frenyó at the home of Tory Gentry (460 L St. NW). RSVP to tory.gentry@gmail.com or via the Paperless Post invitation.

Supplies for Niger

Thank you for your support for the six members of our mission trip: Alice Bell, Robert Bell, Tory Gentry, Kathleen Jennings, Michele Wilson, and Rev. Chatelaine-Samsen. We are still raising funds with our "Many Hands Make Light Work" fundraiser in the Georgetown Room.

Additionally, we have space in our luggage to take needed school supplies. Please consider bringing some items on the list below to the church by **Wednesday, March 22**.

Thank you!

- Children's books in French
- Index cards
- Markers and crayons
- Small sports equipment (ex. Frisbees, jump ropes)

GPC Flower Ministry Message

During Lent, the Chancel flowers incorporate more branches and greens to honor this period of austerity and simple reflection. With Easter comes the Resurrection message and bright flowers.

Adult Issues

March 19 Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen and members of the Niger Mission Trip team discuss plans for the forthcoming trip to Niger with our mission partner, *Remember Niger*, as well as some of the broader issues regarding international mission.

March 26 John Schlageter, Executive Director, Bethlehem University Foundation discusses “Hope in a Land of Conflict: The Story of Bethlehem University, the Only Christian University in the Holy Land.”

“¿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’ 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 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

Midweek Bible

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

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

Easter Flower Workshop

Saturday March 25

10 a.m.–noon

Join Flower Committee chair, Patricia Berl, in the Georgetown Room to design beautiful Easter baskets to take home with you. No experience is necessary, but space is limited. Please register with Patricia at patricia.n.berl@gmail.com or 202-306-1521 or call the church office by **March 17**.

2017 Stewardship Campaign

We’re pleased to report that we now have 163 pledges and \$607,107 toward our goals of 200 pledges and \$640,000. Many thanks to you who have already made your gift for “God’s glory alone” as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. S.D.G. We ask that those of you still considering your pledge, mail or bring it to the church, email it to bookkeeper@gtownpres.org, go online at gtownpres.org, or call 202-338-1644. Your giving is essential to our growing ministries at GPC. Please make your commitment today!

Young Children and Worship Workshop

Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 12

- 11am Worship-Cannon Baptism
11:15am Young Children & Worship
11:15am Children's Church
12pm Lunch Bunch
12:15pm Reformation Program
Planning meeting
12:30pm Mission Committee meeting
4pm Yoga
4pm G'town Sunday Dinner
5pm Youth Group

Wednesday, March 15

- 10am ¿Question Mark? Bible Study
7:30pm ¿Question Mark? Bible Study

Sunday, March 19

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

Happy Birthday

- March 13 Richard Lawson
March 14 Roy Henwood
Eric Hord
Megan Yost
March 17 Cristian Lopez
Lewis Mattison
March 18 Jill Fri
Liza Marshall
Shannon Wilson
March 19 Kayla Cook
Richard Marrs

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Daily Readings

- Sunday** **Matthew 4:1-11**
Monday Hebrews 2:10-18
Tuesday Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Wednesday Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28
Thursday Genesis 12:1-4a
Friday Psalm 121
Saturday Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Sunday **John 3:1-17**



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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