



THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

WORSHIP

April 23, 2017

New Member Sunday

11 a.m.

PRELUDE Christ lag in Todesbanden Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

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

People: And also with you.

MINUTE FOR REFORMATION 2017

Deacon Mary Beth Ray

INTROIT I Was Glad when They Said unto Me Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from 1 Corinthians 15

Leader: In fact Christ has been raised from the dead,

All: the first fruits of those who have died.

Leader: For since death came through a human being,

All: the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being.

Leader: For as all die in Adam,

All: so all will be made alive in Christ.

Leader: Let us worship God.

✦HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Llanfair



✦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 to you and before our sisters and brothers that we have sinned. Though we have experienced the good news of the resurrection, yet we live as though death has the final word. Though we have been called and equipped by you, yet we stand aside and hope somebody else will step forward. By your power, help us to live in to the new life to which you call us day by day. Help us to be resurrection people.**
(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 257 The Risen Christ *Woodlands*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elder Jennie Lopez

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9 (pg. 250)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM Joy Is Come 14th-cent. German melody
arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 (pg. 119)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Out from the Bunkers* Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Murray

✠HYMN 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun *Duke Street*

✠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

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

This Joyful Eastertide

Dutch carol

arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

✠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

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Do you believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
and do you confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?*

QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT

Do you promise to join regularly with your fellow Christians in worship on the Lord's Day?

Do you promise to be faithful in reading the Bible and in prayer?

Do you promise to give a fitting proportion of your time, talents, and money for the Church's work in the world?

Do you promise, depending on the grace of God, to profess publicly your loyalty to Jesus Christ, to serve him in your daily work, and to walk in his ways all the days of your life?

QUESTION TO CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these brothers and sisters in faith, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's Church?

DECLARATION, BLESSING AND WELCOME

✦HYMN 363 Rejoice, the Lord Is King *Darvall's 148th*

✦BENEDICTION (Please be seated after the benediction)

RESPONSE Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord Melvin West (b. 1930)

POSTLUDE Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



About the music: If the choral anthem and offertory sound like they have a tinge of Christmas to them, it's not a mistake. The carol tunes for the festive seasons of Christmas and Easter were often interchangeable, with Easter texts being set to noel tunes.

The flowers in the Chancel today are given by Anna and John Schuhart in memory of the Virginia Tech 32 whose lives we will always remember. Ten years of missing them all.

The ushers for April are Rick Del Sontro, Captain; Karla Address, Robert Amanfu, Tim Chapin, Lucy Coble, Catherine Johnson, Ian McDonald, Will Quinn, Michele Tate Wilson and Jimmy Wilson.

Today after the service visitors and members are cordially invited to join us in the Georgetown Room for a reception honoring our new members.

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.

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.

Reformation@500

On October 31, 1517, a poor German monk named Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Church, sparking discussion of reform of the Roman Catholic Church which led to the Protestant Reformation and changes in theology, world history, art, music and culture. What does that mean for us now? Please join us for a variety of events to celebrate: sermons, Bible studies, lectures, discussions, a movie, a gallery tour and even a sing-along! Dr. Bruce Douglass kicks off the celebration in Adult Ed on May 7, 14, and 21 (see Adult Ed announcement on next page). For more information on other Reformation events, see handouts in the narthex or go to www.gtownpres.org.

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

Adult Ed in April and May

9:45 a.m. in the Washington Room

April 30 "A Week in Niger: Education in a Dusty Country" Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen and others just back from Niger, show pictures and discuss their visit to one of GPC's major mission outreach efforts.

May 7-21 "Revisiting our Roots: The Protestant Reformation 500 Years Later." GPC's observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation begins with a three-part series presented by Dr. R. Bruce Douglass, Director of the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington.

May 7 Antecedents to the Reformation, Luther's Pioneering Initiative and the Fallout;

May 14 The Catholic Response (the Jesuits, Council of Trent, etc.);

May 21 The Rise (and Splintering) of Protestant Christianity

New Member Conference

Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m. – noon

Join us at our next 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, June 25**. For more information or to sign up, please email the church office at mec@gtownpres.org.

The Kingdom of God Is Like...

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel

Our next amazing kids program begins next Sunday! Hands-on fun, stories, and real-life application helps the gospel take root in the hearts and minds of our youngest members.

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, April 29. Please sign up on our website.

Leadership Intensive

Wednesdays in May, 7-9 p.m.

Not for the faint of heart! Take the next step in your faith journey. Push yourself to serve others and God in new and deeper ways. Enrollment limited. Contact Rev. Vaagenes for information.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 23

11am Worship-New Members
12pm New Member Reception
4pm Gtown Sunday Dinner
4pm Yoga
5pm Youth Group

Tuesday, April 25

9:30am Staff meeting

Wednesday, April 26

7:30pm Bible Study

Thursday, April 27

6:30pm Session meeting

Saturday, April 29

4-6pm G'town Saturday Supper

Sunday, April 30

9:30am Nursery opens
9:45am Christian Education
11am Worship
12p.m. Lunch Bunch
3pm Yoga
4-6pm G'town Sunday Dinner
5pm Youth Group

Happy Birthday

April 23 Edward Emes
 Karl Mattison
April 24 Katie Novaria
April 25 Anabeth Guthrie
 Elinor Supple
 Zoe Williams
April 26 Lynn McDonald
 Peter Thompson
April 27 Thomas Kennedy
 Bob Sole
 Robert Sterchi
April 28 Nancy Kuhn
April 29 Susan Bell
April 30 Marilouise Avery
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Daily Readings

Sunday **John 20:1-18**
Monday Colossians 3:5-11
Tuesday Exodus 15:1-18
Wednesday Matthew 28:1-10
Thursday Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Friday Psalm 16
Saturday 1 Peter 1:3-9
Sunday **John 20:19-31**



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 worshippers 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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