



THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

Youth Sunday

11 a.m.

PRELUDE Voluntary in D George Dyson (1883-1964)

WELCOME Elson Bankoff, Stokley Voltmer

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

People: And also with you.

INTROIT Ten Commandments
 GPC Children Singers and Music Leader, Regina Andrade

After the singing, all children up through kindergarten recess up the center aisle to "Young Children and Worship." There is no "Children's Church" today for older kids. Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 89* Elizabeth Boatwright

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

All: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever,

All: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Leader: Let us worship God.

✠HYMN 826 Lift High the Cross *Crucifer*



✠Please stand or sit.

Please turn off your cell phone and no food, drink or flash photography during the service.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Becca Crawley

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: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

(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 ADULTS

Lauren Mattison and Elizabeth Horan

MUSIC MEDITATION

Sweet Prospect

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

During the music, we invite you to pray silently and then tie the rope segment from your bulletin to that of your neighbor's. An usher will take your pew's segment when completed.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Chris Howe

FIRST MEDITATION

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Daniel Wisdom

✠HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

Lord of the Dance

SECOND MEDITATION

2 Corinthians 3: 1-6

Stokley Voltmer

THIRD MEDITATION

Deuteronomy 31:8

Sophie Spurduto

✠HYMN 69

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am

About the music: The offertory this morning is a well-known movement from *Elijah*, an oratorio by German composer Felix Mendelssohn. The recit and aria come early in the first part of the oratorio. It is sung from the perspective of the prophet Obadiah who implores Israel to seek God with all their hearts.

The flowers in the Chancel today are given by the families of our youth in honor of the Youth Group and their leadership team of Tory Gentry, Sarah Hartley, Brett Voyles, Grace Wenzel, and Rev. Rachel Vaagenes.

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's youth ushers are Elizabeth Horan, Michael Horan and Grant Welch.

Today after the service visitors and members are cordially invited to join us in the Georgetown Room for a reception honoring our youth and our graduating seniors, Sophie Sperduto and Grant 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 to plug in. Please let the ushers know if you have any problems.

Children's Ministries

During the service, Children's Worship continues after the introit. Kids through kindergarten will be escorted by leader upstairs to the West Worship Room for *Young Children & Worship (YCW)*

YCW children should be collected upstairs by their parents immediately after the service. All children are welcome to remain with their families in the service and age-appropriate worship bags are available in the narthex.

Today's Youth Participants in Worship

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| Elson Bankoff | Christopher Howe |
| Elizabeth Boatwright | David Jimenez |
| Stuart Campbell-Jourdan | Lauren Mattison |
| Kakie Colclough | Sophie Sperduto |
| Becca Crawley | Stokley Voltmer |
| Elizabeth Horan | Grant Welch |
| Michael Horan | Daniel Wisdom |

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 May

9:45 a.m. in the Washington Room

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

Children's Ministry Volunteers

It takes a village to raise these amazing kids who have put their faith into action today leading our worship service. Every Sunday morning, 50+ children come through our doors needing programming support. Nursery overflow help, Young Children in Worship Greeters, Sunday school story tellers, teachers or Encounter leaders . . . all kinds of roles and time commitment levels. The Children's Ministry team is in the Narthex today to answer your questions about helping and to collect names and interests for our 2017-2018 program scheduling. Please sign-up today!

Leadership Intensive

Wednesdays in May, 7-9 p.m.

Beginning May 3

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.

The Kingdom of God Is Like... Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel

Our terrific kids program includes hands-on fun, stories, and real-life application that help the gospel take root in the hearts and minds of our youngest members.

Young Adult Brunch
Sunday May 7th at 12:30 p.m.

Young Adults (20s & 30s)
brunch and Presbyterian 101
Conversation at the home of
Tracy Davis and Ralph Voltmer
(1815 24th St. NW). RSVP via
Paperless Post invitation or to
Zoe Williams at
zoe.ellen.williams@gmail.com.

Reformation@500
May-November 2017

Join us for a variety of events to
mark the birth of the Protestant
Reformation: 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 the previous page). For more
info on other Reformation
events, pick up a handout in the
narthex or go to the homepage
slider at www.gtownpres.org.

**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 May 14. Please sign up on our
website.

Beyond “I’m Right, You’re Wrong”
Listening Past Our Politics

May 20, 2017, 5-7 p.m.

Join your fellow GPC friends for
wine and a workshop with Dr.
Angela Huebner. We will learn
techniques to find common ground,
build trust, and keep talking. RSVP’s:
Mbray4526@gmail.com.

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.

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, April 30

11am Worship-Youth Sunday
11am Young Children in Worship
12pm Punch Bunch
4pm Gtown Sunday Dinner
4pm Yoga

Tuesday, May 2

9:30am Staff meeting
6:30pm Deacons meeting

Wednesday, May 3

10am Bible Study
7pm Leadership Intensive
7:30pm Bible Study

Sunday, May 7

9:30am Nursery opens
9:45am Christian Education
11am Worship-Lord's Supper
11:15am Children's Worship Programs
12p.m. Lunch Bunch
4pm Yoga
4-6pm G'town Sunday Dinner
5pm Youth Group

Happy Birthday

April 30 Marilouise Avery
Ryan Navarro
May 1 Rebecca Lustig
David Roll
Alice Smith
May 3 Sheila Holman
Noushin Howe
May 5 Martin Crowson
Lori Shoemaker
May 6 Bradley Justus
May 7 Margaret Blackford
Margaret Wisdom

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Daily Readings

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| Sunday | John 20:19-31 |
| Monday | Judges 6:36-40 |
| Tuesday | Jonah 1:1-17 |
| Wednesday | Matthew 12:38-42 |
| Thursday | Acts 2:14a, 36-41 |
| Friday | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 |
| Saturday | 1 Peter 1:17-23 |
| Sunday | Luke 24:13-35 |



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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