



THE  
GEORGETOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

## WORSHIP

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

11 a.m.

PRELUDE      Intrada on “Ellacombe”      Robert Jennings Powell (b. 1932)

### WELCOME

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

**People: And also with you.**

INTROIT      Hosanna to the Son of David      Jan Bender (1909-1994)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 24*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, you mighty gates.

**All: And be lifted up, you everlasting doors.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

**All: The Lord, strong and mighty; he is the King of glory!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, let us worship God.

✠HYMN 196      All Glory, Laud, and Honor      *Valet will ich dir geben*

### 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. We praise you with our lips, and yet dishonor you with our actions. We praise only what pleases us, forgetting that following you requires the Cross. We quickly turn away when the road becomes difficult. In your mercy, forgive our sins and make right our thoughts and actions. May we receive the gracious gift of life through your son, Jesus Christ.  
(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

*After Time with Children, ages two years through 5th grade recess with leaders up the center aisle to worship. Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.*

✠HYMN 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *Ellacombe*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elder Veronica Haggart

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 2:5-11 (pg. 210)

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM God So Loved the World John Stainer (1840-1901)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:1-11 (pg. 23)

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Humility Reconsidered* Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Murray

✠HYMN 618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High *Deo gracias*

## ✠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

Marissa Baly

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

Crucifixus

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

✠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 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

*St. Drostan*

✠BENEDICTION

(Please be seated after the benediction)

RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

POSTLUDE

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable (c. 1390-1453)

**About the music:** The offertory anthem this morning is a movement from the B minor Mass by J.S. Bach. The form of the music is a passacaglia, with a descending bass line that is repeated 13 times over which the choir sings alternating, sorrowful entries of “crucifixus.” The suffering of Jesus is expressed in the chromaticism of the melodic lines and in the numerology of the 13 (a deeply imperfect number) repetitions in the bass line.

**The flowers in the Chancel** today are given to the glory of God by Laura Speer in memory of Irmgot and Gustav Kroel.

**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 the Stewardship “Thank You” Reception, hosted this week by the Stewardship 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*
- 1<sup>st</sup>-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

### **Reception to Thank You For Your Support of The 2017 Stewardship Campaign Today after Church**

Come enjoy Reformation punch, light snacks, delicious dessert, door prizes, and a "surprise performance" in gratitude for your generosity in supporting the 2017 Stewardship Campaign For God's Glory Alone (*Soli Deo Gloria*—SDG). All are welcome. If you still need to pledge, please go to [www.gtownpres.org](http://www.gtownpres.org) and click the blue "Pledge Now" icon, call the Church at 202-338-1644, or bring your pledge card to church on Sunday.

### **Maundy Thursday April 13 at 7 p.m.**

On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate the Last Supper in a joint evening meal and worship service. At 7 p.m. we gather around the table in the Georgetown Room for a simple supper and worship service as we sing, pray, and share in communion. All ages are welcome to this service.

### **Holy Week Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday – April 13**  
**7 p.m. Georgetown Room**  
Simple supper, service and sacrament

**Good Friday – April 14**  
**Noon at St. John's Episcopal**  
Ecumenical Service

**7 p.m. Sanctuary**  
Solemn service of lamentation

**Easter – April 16**  
**9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary**  
Identical festive services with choir and brass

### **Good Friday April 14 at 7 p.m.**

On Good Friday, we remember the death of Christ on the cross. It is called "good" only because of the hope we have in God's power and providence. A cross illuminated with 100 candles lights our tenebrae service. The somber prayer service concludes with each of us extinguishing a candle.

**The Ultimate Elementary  
Sunday School Experience!  
Beginning April 23**

**9:45 a.m. Praise Songs**

**10 a.m. Lesson**

“Jesus Stories” Kids PreK-5th get connected to the parables. Hear the Wise and Foolish Builders, and work with a deacon who is a city planning professor. Hear the Sower and plant a garden! Hear the Great Pearl and bring home a precious reminder of God’s gift to the world. *This program is extraordinary and not to be missed! Kids can jump in at any time. Contact Pastor Rachel for info.*

**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.

**Easter Baskets**

**Aged Woman’s Home**

**Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m. delivery**

**Assistance needed with**

Thank you to all who signed up to provide an Easter basket full of goodies for our neighbors at the Aged Woman’s Home. Please join us—if you are able—to deliver the baskets and visit with the ladies just a few blocks from GPC. You may drop your baskets off at GPC until the morning of April 15. For details regarding the visit, please contact Edit Frenyó at freditke3@gmail.com or call her at 617-230-5717.

**Adult Issues**

**9:45 a.m. in the Washington Room  
April 23**—Prof. David Little (Harvard

Divinity School, Ret.) concludes his series on “Religion and Human Rights: New Challenges” based on his recent book, *Essays on Religion and Human Rights: Ground to Stand On*.

There will be no class on Easter Sunday, April 16.

**Easter Flower Dedications**

To contribute to our Easter Flowers, please fill out a donation envelope (found in the pews) and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. The deadline for flower dedications in the Easter bulletin is **April 10**.

**Easter Brunch**

**Young Adults (20s and 30s)**

**April 16 at 12:30 p.m.**

At the home of Mary Margaret Hart (2800 Woodley Road NW). April 16, 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Mary Margaret Hart, marymargaret.hart@gmail.com.

**Leadership Intensive**

**Beginning Wednesday, May 3**

GPC’s Leadership Intensive returns on Wednesdays in May. If you want to challenge yourself and explore Christian Leadership, this is for you! Contact the pastors for more info.

**Daily Readings**

**Sunday**

**John 11:1-45**

Monday

Acts 20:7-12

Tuesday

2 Kings 4:18-37

Wednesday

Matthew 22:23-33

Thursday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Friday

Psalms 31:9-16

Saturday

Philippians 2:5-11

**Sunday**

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, April 9

- 11am Worship-Palm Sunday
- 11:15am Young Children & Worship
- 11:15am Children's Church
- 12pm Stewardship "Thank You" Reception
- 4pm G'town Sunday Dinner
- 5pm Youth Group

### Tuesday, April 11

- 9:30am Staff meeting

### Wednesday, April 12

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

### Thursday, April 13

- 7pm Maundy Thursday meal and service

### Friday, April 14

- 7pm Good Friday service

### Sunday, April 16 Easter

- 9am Choir rehearsal
- 9:15am Nursery opens
- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Young Children & Worship
- 10:30am Punch on the Porch
- 10:40am Easter egg hunt
- 11:15am Worship
- 11:15am Young Children & Worship
- 12:15pm Punch on the Porch
- 4pm G'town Sunday Dinner

### Regular Sunday Morning Schedule (April 23 thru May 21, 2017)

- 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery opens
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Issues
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Chapel
- 10 a.m. Elementary Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Worship

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## Happy Birthday

- April 9 Drury Crawley  
Evangeline Vaagenes
- April 11 Avery Hinzman  
Ralph Voltmer
- April 12 Mark Willey
- April 13 Barton Holmes  
Eleanor Schinnerer
- April 14 Andrew Jones  
Brian Sumner
- April 15 Diane Carvin
- April 16 Maria Dooner  
Donald Gibson



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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