



THE  
GEORGETOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

# WORSHIP

May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

11 a.m.

PRELUDE                      Marche                                      Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)  
from "Music for a Musical Clock"

## WELCOME

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

**People: And also with you.**

INTROIT                      Psalm 69, 13, 14                                      Franz Joseph Haydn

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 118*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

**All: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

✦HYMN 645      Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above                      *Mit Freuden zart*

## 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 by what we have done and by what we have refused to do. We say “yes” to your call with our lips, and “no” with our actions. On Sunday we give you praise, but on Monday we put ourselves first. We are double-minded, torn between our own interests and those of others. In your mercy, help us to be of one mind. May our commitment to you be ever-present, and may our love for you extend to all your children.  
(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 370 This Is My Father’s World *Terra beata*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elder Cynthia Farrell Johnson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 7:55-60 (pg. 130)

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM The Heavens Are Telling Franz Joseph Haydn  
From “Creation”

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14 (pg. 112)

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Trust Me* Rev. Rachel Landers Vaagenes

✠HYMN 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised *Angel’s Story*

## ✠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

Michele Wilson

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      Now Heaven in Fullest Glory Shone      Franz Joseph Haydn  
from "Creation"  
Andre Darvasan-Stanciu, baritone

✠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 39      Great Is Thy Faithfulness      *Faithfulness*

✠BENEDICTION      (Please be seated after the benediction)

RESPONSE      Psalm 69:16-17      Franz Joseph Haydn

POSTLUDE      Praeludium in G, BWV 568      J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**About the music:** The choral music this morning is by Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn. Next to Mozart, he is considered one of the chief composers of the period known as “classical” characterized by music of melodic, gallant style, contrasted to the contrapuntal music of the prior baroque period. The anthem and offertory are from one of his most well-known sacred works, the oratorio “Creation” based on the creation story found in Genesis.

**The flowers in the Chancel** today are given to the glory of God by Ginnie Luster in memory of her mother, Catharine Christie Dann.

**The ushers for May** are Cristian Lopez, Captain; Nancy Benzing, Gillian Frey, Mildred Grant, Mary Margaret Hart, Shelley Jennings, Jennie Lopez, Deborah McFadden, Nat Semple, Laura Welch, and Marjorie West.

**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 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Circle.

**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, 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

### Adult Ed

**9:45 a.m. in the Washington Room**

**May 21** "Revisiting our Roots: The Protestant Reformation 500 Years Later."

GPC's observance of the 500th

Anniversary of the Protestant

Reformation continues with a series

presented by Dr. R. Bruce Douglass,

Director of the Reformed Institute of

Metropolitan Washington on "The Rise

(and Splintering) of Protestant Christianity."

**Families—Save the Date!**

**May 21 at 10 a.m.**

**GPC Parents' Café**

**School's out!**

Come and enjoy our final parents' café of the program year. Coffee, treats, and tricks to keep your kids in the spirit over summer break.

**Bible Sunday, 11 a.m.**

Our 1st, 5th, 9th, and 12th graders will receive their Bibles during the service. Email [RLV@gtownpres.org](mailto:RLV@gtownpres.org) if your child will not be in church that Sunday.

### 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](mailto:Mbray4526@gmail.com).

### Children's Ministry Volunteers

It does indeed take a village to raise

our amazing kids. 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. If you

have questions or would like to

volunteer in Children's Ministry,

please contact Pastor Rachel at

[rlv@gtownpres.org](mailto:rlv@gtownpres.org) or call the

church office.

## **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.

## **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! On May 21, Dr. Bruce Douglass speaks in Adult Ed about the Reformation's effects on Christianity 500 years later. (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](http://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 Mt. Zion is on May 27. Please sign up on our website.

## **Daily Readings**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 10:1-10</b>
Monday	Ezekiel 34:17-23
Tuesday	Hebrews 13:20-21
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23:1-8
Thursday	Acts 7:55-60
Friday	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Saturday	1 Peter 2:2-10
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 14:1-14</b>

## **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](mailto:mec@gtownpres.org).

## **Save the Date!**

## **Sunday School Café Family Picnic June 11, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Home of Anna and Bailey Edwards  
Come celebrate another wonderful year of nursery, children, and youth programming with a backyard party. RSVPs: [b.bailey.edwards@gmail.com](mailto:b.bailey.edwards@gmail.com).

## **Curious about the Heritage Room?**

It will be open after worship for about an hour every Sunday in May. Come and have a look.

## **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.

## **Boxtops for Education**

Remember, GPC collects "Boxtops for Education" for Excel Academy. Please bring your Boxtops and leave them in the basket in the narthex.

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, May 14

11am Worship  
11:15am Children's Worship Programs  
12pm Lunch Bunch  
4pm G'town Sunday Dinner

### Tuesday, May 16

9:30am Staff meeting

### Wednesday, May 17

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

### Thursday, May 18

6:30pm Session meeting

### Saturday, May 20

5-7pm Listening Session

### Sunday, May 21

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

## Church Staff

### *Senior Pastor*

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## Happy Birthday

May 14 Anna Schuhart  
Thomas Tucker  
Andrew Work  
May 15 Mary Margaret Hart  
May 17 James Close  
Charlotte Mattison  
Nancy McCulloch  
Asher Stroh  
May 19 Mary Ellen Cain  
Holt Farver



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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