

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING - AGAIN!

"HE WITHDREW FROM THEM AND WAS CARRIED UP INTO HEAVEN"

LUKE 24:51

WELCOME TO

GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 13, 2018

## Georgetown Presbyterian Church

May 13, 2018

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Service

### This Changes Everything ~ Again!

"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies."

From an Ascension Day homily, Augustine of Hippo (AD 354 - AD 430)

### On the First Day of the Week, at Early Dawn . . .

Luke 24:1

Welcome and Community Sharing

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!    **People: And also with you!**

Prelude

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Setting by A. Lovelace

Morning Prayer

Elder Peggy Hallowell

**\*Introit & Call to Worship**

*Lord of the Dance*

Hymnal #118

Verse 1 - Unison (Refrain)

Verse 2 - Men

Verse 3 - Women (Refrain)

Verse 4 - Choir (Refrain)    Verse 5- Unison (Refrain)

\*The Ascension of Jesus

Luke 24:44-52 & Acts 1:10-11

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* (Verses 1 & 3)    Hymnal #323

*Though returning to his throne, still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!*

**Praying with our Children**

Pastor & Congregation

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession (Unison followed by Silent Prayer)**

O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of All Life,

**How I want to bask in your Glory. How I want to feel your intimate presence within me. How I want to live in expectant anticipation of your promised return. And yet, I find myself continually pulling away from you. You see Lord, I am so unworthy that I must protect myself. For surely, your Glory will reveal all my faults. For surely, I can hide nothing from your heavenly view. For surely, my wavering faith will not allow me to join you.**

**Forgive my fears O Savior. Remind me of your unfailing grace and everlasting love. Lift me up, that I too may ascend beyond the limits of this world as I turn my life toward you. But even as you lift me toward heaven, send me into the world as your witness, marked with your seal, empowered by your Spirit, and called to share your grace and love . . .**

~ *Silent Meditations. We pray in silence as we stand in community.* ~

Leader: Sustained by your Resurrection Power, we pray in Christ's name,

People: Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

\***Congregational Response** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (Vs. 3) Hymnal #496

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?**

Luke 24:5

Narrative Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

Pew Bible N.T. Page #186

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem

*May The Mind of Christ My Savior*

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Of the Same Mind - Really?

Rev. Michael Williams

**Then Peter Went Home, Amazed at What Had Happened.**

Luke 24:12

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism**

**Benjamin (Benny) McCabe**

Born June 22, 2017

Son of Brian & Lisa McCabe

Presentation of Benjamin

Vows of the Parents ~ Vows of the Congregation

Christ's Act of Baptism in the Church

Introduction of Benny to the Church

**\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed**

Hymn of Celebration *Come, Be Baptized* Hymnal #676

**Receiving God's Tithes & Our Gifts**

Offertory

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Setting by S. Keeney

\***Doxology**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal #147

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayers of the People / **Lord's Prayer**

Inside cover of hymnal

\***Hymn of Dedication**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

Hymnal #723

*For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us ...*

\*Benediction & Response *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*  
(Charles Wesley's original stanzas from 18<sup>th</sup> Century)

Hymnal #323

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!**  
**To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!**  
**Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!**  
**Re-ascends his native heaven, Alleluia!**

**Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia;**  
**Raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia.**  
**There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia;**  
**Find our heaven of heavens in thee, Alleluia.**

Postlude *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!* Setting by Burkhardt

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### ***Community News ~ May 13, 2018***

**WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!** Our Greeters are **Jim & Cathy Martin**. Our Worship Leader is **Elder Peggy Hallowell**. Please register your attendance in the **black pads**. Guests are invited to include contact information if desired. For information about joining our fellowship, please speak with the pastor or call the church office at 856-6842.

**WE HAVE LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** available for those who might be more comfortable using larger type. If an additional bulletin is needed, please ask.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORMS** are located in an acrylic holder outside the sanctuary and on the table outside the office. You may place request forms in the offering plate, give them to the pastor or drop them by the office. **PLEASE UPDATE US ON YOUR PRAYER REQUEST SITUATIONS.**



Visit our **FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEB PAGE** regularly for continuing information about our church. Every week our Bulletin is posted on the GPC web page found at: PresChurch.com - a link to our Facebook page is also there.

**THIS TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM IN TUNNELL HALL.** Georgetown Police Lieutenant Tom Tyndall will lead a workshop concerning **CIVILIAN ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPARATION AND RESPONSE**. From schools to churches to restaurants, in today's world, institutions must consider appropriate preventative security measures and individuals must know how to react if an active shooter event or other emergency should occur nearby. Lt. Tyndall will help us learn what to do before, when and after professional help arrives. There is no cost and you are encouraged to invite others to attend as well. Reservations are suggested: email [office@georgetownpres.com](mailto:office@georgetownpres.com) or call the church office at 856-6842.

**SESSION WILL MEET THIS MONDAY EVENING, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>** at 7pm in Tunnell Hall.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed the week of May 21-25th

### **Judean MarketPlace**

What: GPC's Summer Bible School  
When: July 9-12 (Mon-Thurs) 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Needs: "Tribal Parents" (Lead 6-8 children through the evening),  
"Shopkeepers" (crafts - materials provided) & "Romans"  
Support Staff (food, recreation, photos, registration, etc)

MarketPlace is a joyful hands-on experience that invites children to journey through the lively setting of a Judean town set in the time of Jesus' ministry. Special visits with musicians, storytellers and the Rabbi fill out the experience. Registration for children begins in June.

**WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD OUR "RISE UP AGAINST HUNGER" MEALS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ZAMBIA** in Southern Africa to a ministry that focuses on caring for the countries large number of orphans.

**MUSIC COMPANIES REGULARLY SEND US DEMO VERSIONS OF ANTHEMS DONE BY PROFESSIONAL CHOIRS** hoping that we will purchase the music. A number of those demo CDs are in our library. Please feel free to take one or more home to enjoy.

## Pentecost Sunday is May 20th!

**PENTECOST IS COMING!** On May 20th we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as described in Acts 2:1-4; a day often considered the “birthday” of the church. Consider wearing bright “flaming” colors to represent the fiery power of the Spirit to worship on the 20<sup>th</sup>. You are also encouraged to bring spring flowers and potted plants to decorate the sanctuary in red, yellow and orange colors. Our children will be begin the service processing with banners & flags. If you would like you child(ren) to participate, please have them in the sanctuary by 9:30am.

## Baccalaureate Sunday is June 10th!

**A BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY** is a service of worship in celebration of and thanksgiving for lives dedicated to learning and wisdom. Since the 15th century, the church has celebrated Baccalaureate service in recognition that the pursuit of learning honors God’s gift of our capacity to teach, learn and share knowledge from generation to generation. We are compiling a list of GPC graduates for our Baccalaureate Celebration. Members of GPC graduating from High School, College, Graduate or Technical/Military Schools in 2018 (or late 2017) will be recognized in worship. In addition, we would like to list any graduates that are family members of our worshipping community in our bulletin. Please contact the church office at 302-856-6842 or email us [Office@GeorgetownPres.com](mailto:Office@GeorgetownPres.com)

**CHURCH-WIDE WORK AFTERNOON, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> FOLLOWING WORSHIP.** We will be working on inside projects. Lunch will be provided.

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING MAY BIRTHDAYS: (\*Celebrating 80+ years)

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|----|---------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 5  | Mary Deroo    | 11 | McKenzie Davis | 12 | Felicia Perry   |
| 23 | Ashley Joyner | 25 | Anaya Mall     | 28 | Carol Ann Stone |
| 29 | Musa Ayub     | 30 | Amber Mall     | 30 | JoAnn Taylor    |
| 31 | Brian McCabe  |    |                |    |                 |

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING MAY ANNIVERSARIES:(\*Celebrating 50+ years)

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|----|---------------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 21 | Richard & Sharon Hubbard (2000) | 26 | Ron & Diana Snyder (1983)    |
| 27 | Asim & Sumbal Gulab (2006)      | 29 | Mike & Linda Williams (1971) |

## Georgetown Presbyterian Church

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### Worship Leaders and Staff

- The Reverend Michael Williams ..... Pastor
- Mrs. Linda C. Wolfe ..... Director of Music
- Mrs. Sallie Horner ..... Co-Director of Music
- The GPC Chancel Choir ..... Music Ministry
- Mr. William Taylor ..... Clerk of Session
- Mr. Lee Turek ..... Treasurer
- Mr. Theo Lawrence & Dr. Bobby Gulab ..... Assistant Treasurers
- Mrs. Beth Garvilla ..... Church Office
- Ms. Mari Ellyn Hellard ..... Emergency Shelter Director

### Session Elders and Commissioned Deacons

Elders serve on the Session for 3 year terms; Deacons are Commissioned for Specific Ministries.

- CLASS OF 2018: Peggy Hallowell, Darrell Moore, Lidle Stone, Bill Taylor.
- CLASS OF 2019: Bob Chudakewich, Rukhsana Gulab, Richard Hubbard, Chris Umsted
- CLASS OF 2020: Michele Fletcher, Earnest Gulab, Mari Ellyn Hellard, Amin Mall.
- DEACONS: Joe Booth (Personnel), Dora George (Hospitality), Sharon Hubbard (Prayer), Justin Illian (Mission), Vicki Moore (Worship), Carol Ann Stone (Bereavement), Linda Williams (Mission)

The mission of Georgetown Presbyterian Church is to lead people to a deep and continuing relationship with Christ as we seek to become more Christ-like ourselves.