



Welcome to
Georgetown Presbyterian Church
September 16, 2018

“Blessed to be a Blessing”

“I will bless you . . . So that you will be a blessing.”
Genesis 12:2

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10:00 am Service

Welcome One Another, as Christ Welcomes You

Romans 15:7

Welcome and Community Sharing

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Let us greet each other in the name of Christ.

Prelude

Prelude au “Aurelia”

Dixon

Morning Prayer

Elder Cindy Joseph

***Introit**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (vs. 1)

Hymnal #698

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

***Call to Worship**

John 1, selected verses

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

People: and the Word was God.

Leader: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

People: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Leader: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

People: **And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory;**

Leader: the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

People: **The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of Life.

People: **Amen.**

Behold, Now is the Day of Salvation

2 Corinthians 6:2

***Hymn of Praise** *The God of Abraham Praise* Hymnal #16

Faith Sharing with Children

***Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God,

You call us, and we resist. You lead us and we go our own way. You love us, and we harden our hearts. We qualify our sins with excuses. We comfort ourselves by passing judgement on others. We limit our compassion. We close our ears to cries which are inconvenient. We settle for tradition rather than discipleship. Forgive us Lord. Free us from ourselves and renew our spirits, that we may share the blessings you pour upon us and become the church and the people you call us to be

~ Silent Meditation. We pray in silence as we stand in community. ~

**Hear Our Prayer, O Heavenly Father* Chancel Choir

(Over for Assurance of Pardon and response.)

*Assurance of Pardon

*** Congregational Response** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (vs. 2) Hymnal #698

**Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
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So We Proclaim; So We Believe

1 Corinthians 15:11

Narrative Lesson Genesis 12:1-9 O.T. Page# 9

Leader: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem *Seek Ye First* Amy & Finnley Sheridan

Sermon Blessed to Be a Blessing Reverend Williams

or

Living Between "A Heap of Ruins" and "the House of God"

Be Doers of the Word; Blessed in the Doing

James 1:22, 25

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All those who seek to know Christ are welcome at this, Christ's table.

The Preparation *We Remember You* Hymnal #690

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People & **The Lord's Prayer** (found on the inside back cover of hymnal)

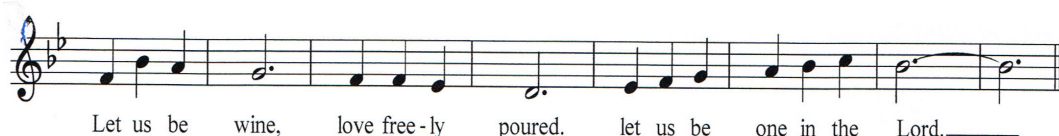
Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

All who seek a relationship with Christ are invited to come forward to share this spiritual feast. In preparation, ask God to open your heart to those actions which, through the work of the Holy Spirit, will deepen your intimacy with Christ. Please take a piece of bread from the plate and dip it into the cup, partaking immediately. **The cup contains unfermented grape juice.**

The Banquet ~ We come to Christ's Table of Grace, Forgiveness, and Renewal

An appropriate response to the Elder's words as you receive the elements is "Amen" which means, "Let it be so." Using a common loaf and cup symbolizes our unity in Christ. If coming forward is difficult, you will have the opportunity to be served in the pew. All ages are invited to the table, for this is where the community is nourished in a way none of us fully understand. The Pastor will be available near the door for those who wish a personal moment of prayer in addition to or in place of the elements.

The Sending Prayer *Let Us Be Bread*



Receiving God's Tithes & Our Gifts

Our offerings are not returned to the front of the sanctuary, but leave the sanctuary, symbolizing their use beyond church walls.

- Offertory *God is Love* Rodriguez
- *Hymn of Dedication *Blessed Are the Called Ones* Insert
- *Benediction
- *Benediction Response *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (vs. 3) Hymnal #698

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt;
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
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- Postlude *A Cheerful Trumpet* Harris

Worship Notes

Change! All people go through changes in life. In fact, change is the very evidence of life. Some change is joyfully anticipated. Some change is unwanted and fearful. Some change is thrust upon us suddenly. Some change happens so gradually we hardly notice until it is past. Yes, to live is to experience change. God surely calls us to many changes in life. Yet not all change is from God. So what does "change" mean to God's people? How do we live faithfully in a world that never seems to stop spinning. In the next few weeks, we will look at change from the biblical background of six stories from the Hebrew Scriptures. These stories from the past will invite us to look toward God's promised future. Together, let us seek our Lord among the changes ahead.

WE WELCOME AMY BAKER-SHERIDAN AND HER DAUGHTER FINNLEY to our service this morning. Although Pastor Mike and Linda met Amy and Finnley during a rousing "Beauty & the Beast" bar scene with Possum Point Players, Amy is actually a Secondary Literary Specialist with the Indian River School district. Both Amy and Finnley have had many stage roles both musical and dramatic and we are grateful they will sharing their talents with us this morning.

PRAYER REQUESTS: to be included on our prayer sheet, we ask that all prayer joys and concerns be written out for accuracy. Please continue to share verbal requests in worship, but after, follow up you joys & concerns in writing. Keep our page current by updating your requests monthly. Prayer forms are located on the Foyer Table or on wall outside the sanctuary entrance.

Community News ~ September 16, 2018

DURING OUR FELLOWSHIP GATHERING TODAY, Elder Harry Fletcher, a Licensed Funeral Director with Pippin Funeral Home and Pastor Mike Williams will share information on Pre-Planning both Funeral and Memorial Services. Forms and handouts will be available.

WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE! Our Worship Leader is Cindy Joseph. Please register your attendance in the black pads. Guests are asked 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.

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 on our web page and members will find a password protected worshiping community directory.

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OUR FALL PROGRESSIVE DINNER WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH. You may meet the Pastor at the church at 3:45 pm or go directly to the first stop at 4:00pm. A sign up form is located near the front of the sanctuary.

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLES OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY. Members and guests are invited to take one to use daily.

Worship Leaders and Staff

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

1 Quinn Matz	2 Jerry Wolfe	6 Beth Smith
13 Michael Garvilla	18 Reginald Johnson	19 Rehana Ayub
19 Scarlett Illian	20 Karen Berry	21 Bill Celander
22 Imran Mall	24 Bobby Gulab	25 Beth Garvilla
25 Carol Celander	26 Kasher Gulab	27 Madison Culley
28 Amin Mall	28 Austin Mall	29 Sharon Hubbard
30 Haley Perry		

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
The GPC Chime Choir	Music Ministry
Mr. William Taylor	Clerk of Session
Mr. Lee Turek	Treasurer
Mr. Theo Lawrence (Endowment Fund) & Dr. Bobby Gulab	Assistant Treasurers
Mrs. Beth Garvilla	Church Office
Ms. Mari Ellyn Hellard	Emergency Shelter Director

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

01 Mike & Karen Berry (1990)	8-9 Alex & Maryann Donnan
25 Robert & Barbara Chudakewich (2010)	

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)

2018 Committee on Nominations: Richard Hubbard, Rukhsana Gulab, Amanda Matz, Paul Vanella, Dora George

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.

A SCRAPBOOKING AND CARD MAKING CROP will be held in Tunnell Hall on Friday, **October 5th** (6pm-2am) and Saturday, **October 6th** (7am-4pm). Suggested donation for this 17 hour event is only \$35. Food and drinks are included. For more information, phone Michele Fletcher at 249-0262 or email her at mkchele@aol.com



COPIES OF THE LIST OF ITEMS REQUESTED FOR THE EMERGENCY SHELTER are available in the Food Cart. Our Shelter has been open throughout the stormy weather of the past week, averaging 12 guests per night. Your support makes a difference!

COMING OCT. 3-24, our fall edition of **“WEDNESDAY AT THE WELL!”** Dinner 5:30 - 6:00pm; Classes and Hand Chime Rehearsal at 6:00pm; dismissal at 7:00pm followed by Chancel Choir Rehearsal.