

FOR THIS IS WHAT THE
SOVEREIGN LORD SAYS:
"I MYSELF WILL SEARCH
FOR MY SHEEP AND
LOOK AFTER THEM.
AS A SHEPHERD LOOKS
AFTER HIS SCATTERED FLOCK
WHEN HE IS WITH THEM,
SO WILL I LOOK AFTER MY SHEEP.
I WILL RESCUE THEM FROM
ALL THE PLACES WHERE THEY
WERE SCATTERED ON A DAY
OF CLOUDS AND DARKNESS."

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GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
203 N. BEDFORD ST.
GEORGETOWN, DE 19947
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Welcome

Please take every precaution to keep yourself safe as you worship inside: Use hand sanitizer, cover your mouth and nose, and maintain physical distance from others who are not members of your household, even as you leave worship.

A leader will sing the words to our hymns. You are invited to hum along, but please not sing, even though you wear a mask. The words to the music and the scripture are printed for your reflection. You should not need to handle a hymnal or a Bible.

Announcements

Rev. Tom

Prelude

Sallie Horner

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

"Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless king though all eternity."

Invocation

Rev. Tom

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

C: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

L: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

C: **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

C: **And his courts with praise!**

Opening Hymn

Darrell and Vicki Moore

"All Hail The Power of Jesus Name!"

1. All hail the power of Jesus name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen see of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Faith Sharing with Children

GIVING THANKS

There was a time when people wrote letters to one another.

One of the most common of which was the thank you letter. Fewer and fewer people are using letters. Most people use email or text messages to stay in touch, and with our busier than ever schedules, who has time to sit down and write an actual letter? It's getting harder and harder to find stationery for sale, but there are still people who use it in spite of changing communication habits and technology. These people still know the importance of a handwritten letter.

There's nothing like a handwritten note of thanks to show just how much someone appreciated a gift. Stationery may be old-fashioned and out-of-date to some people, but giving thanks is never out of date. When someone does something nice for you, you should thank them, be it verbal or written. And when the Lord blesses you, you should take the time to thank him.

Giving thanks isn't a time-consuming difficult thing. We simply close our eyes and say Lord, thank you for your blessings. You know what he's done for you so thank him specifically for every blessing and never forget what he's done for you.

Pray after me: **Dear God, I am writing you a verbal letter to thank you for all the blessings you send my way. I miss them, sometimes, but if I really pay attention, I will see them. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Rev. Tom

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Just and righteous God, you have set Christ on your right hand and crowned him as Lord of all. However, even though we claim to be believers, we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We are more inclined to give allegiance to the powers of this world, because it seems easier, and fail to be governed by justice and love. Forgive us, in your great mercy, and lift us to acclaim him as ruler of all, *Silent prayer or meditation.*

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Tom

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?
 Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
 Christ reigns in power for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a
 new creation. Know that you are forgiven and be at
 peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Response

Darrell and Vicki Moore

"This is a Time to Remember"

*This is a time to remember the greatness of the Lord;
 and He has so faithfully led us as promised in his Word;
 He has so bountifully given his grace like freshening rain;
 He has so lovingly pardoned made us whole again.*

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Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Tom

Scripture Lesson**Ezekiel 34: 11-16** ^{NIV}

¹¹For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.

¹²As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

¹³I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

¹⁴I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord.

¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"I Myself Will Seek"

Rev. Tom

Response

"We Will Glorify" Darrell and Vicki Moore

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb,

We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

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Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

From *The Confession of 1967*, §9.33

In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Rev. Tom

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Darrell and Vicki Moore

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King
adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph
evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Rejoice in glorious hope for Christ the Judge shall
come
To gather all his saints to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

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Benediction

Rev. Tom

Organ Response

Sallie Horner

COMMUNITY NEWS**Children and Youth Sunday School**

Children are welcome to join our virtual Sunday School class today at 10:00 via Zoom. The **new** Zoom login is

<https://zoom.us/j/91768311050?pwd=Tm5NYVF6ZnM0V3Z6UkVoMzRMbnVRUT09>

Meeting ID: 917 6831 1050 Password: November

Beth Illian leads the class in November and Sharon Lawrence in December using Matthew 25 passages.

Youth. Join Sharon Lawrence via Zoom on Monday evenings at 8:30 pm for a devotional time. Your household has been sent a permanent link. Hope you can join us.

Christian Growth for Adults

Gospel of John

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rehoboth led by Pastor Shannon Smythe would love to have our GPC congregation join in a study of the Gospel of John on Zoom which is meeting from 10-11:30am on Wednesdays through mid-December. Study materials available for download.

Topic: Bible Study John's Gospel, part 2

Next Time: Nov. 11, 2020 10 AM Eastern (US and Can.)

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Join Zoom Bible Study:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88959156364?pwd=SzJZNUMwWm5LL0lwNVhlbzNrNk01UT09>

Meeting ID: 889 5915 6364, Passcode: 008366

The study is published through the UCC. To purchase the study:

<https://www.thepilgrimpress.com/products/john-listen-up-bible-study-series-bennett-and-floyd>

Praying the Psalms

Westminster also invites us to join a midweek group that meets on Tuesdays at 11 AM for about 30 minutes. Shannon guides the group through praying the Psalm from the previous Sunday using a kind of *lectio divina* and sharing process.

Every week on Tue, until Dec 1, 2020, 5 more occurrences.

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Join Zoom Praying the Psalms

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/368683852?pwd=cFpCbIUrUkxFSFN0dkhBK1VSWDFZZz09>

Meeting ID: 368 683 852; Passcode: 626910

Manse Renovations

Donations are needed to continue the Manse renovation work. Please consider donating:

- \$150.00 Window Treatments for one room - approximately \$150.00 Ten (10) sponsors needed
- \$800.00 Sunroom Ceiling Repair
- \$400.00 Sunroom Paint/Stain-estimate
- \$1,200.00 Washer & Dryer (will accepted nearly new)
- \$5,000.00 Office Heat/Air estimate

First Fruits Cart

Thanks to everyone who brought donations, we took 4 bags of groceries to the Wesley Methodist Food Pantry. Next giving opportunity December 6.

Let Your Light Shine!

Joseph Hellard, age 15 (son of Mari Ellyn Hellard) along with a neighborhood friend have started their own candle business. They will donate a portion of the proceeds to GPC's Code Purple Shelter. Candles are \$15 each. Please remember to pray for our homeless each time you light your candle.



Contact Mari Ellyn to purchase 302-390-1629.