



The Dawn of Redeeming Grace

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

Georgetown Presbyterian Church
Lighting the Candle of Peace

"Who knows? Perhaps you have
come to royal dignity for such a time as this . . ."
Esther 4:14

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10:00 am Service

THE SEASONS OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY help us remember the promises and the faithfulness of God. **ADVENT**, which means "coming," is the four week period before Christmas day. **CHRISTMAS** is a twelve day celebration followed by **EPIPHANY**, which, through the story of the "wise men," opens our eyes to deepest meaning of God's presence among us. For the faithful, Advent is more than a run-up to the busyness and excitement of Christmas Day. Advent is a time of taking stock of our relationship with Christ and a time of strengthening our spiritual roots. Our worship theme during this special time is "The Dawn of Redeeming Grace." In a time of darkness and uncertainty, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany offer us a chance to steady our souls and behold the promise, the story and the expectation.

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 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* setting by E. Childs

Morning Prayer Elder Chris Umsted

***Introit** *Call to Light* *Chancel Choir*

O come, O come, Emmanuel. Come to our hearts and in our presence dwell.

We wait in hope for peace once again. Return to us the joy of Bethlehem.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come in love, our darkness to dispel.

Behold, Now is the Day of Salvation

2 Corinthians 6:2

Be Doers of the Word; Blessed in the Doing

James 1:22, 25

Celebrating God's Blessings

Members, friends and guests with birthdays, anniversaries or special days to celebrate in December are invited to come forward for a blessing and prayer.

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Gifts

Offertory *Hark, the Glad Sound* setting by W. Held

*Doxology *Doxology* Tune: *Veni Emmanuel*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heaven-ly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayers of the People / **The Lord's Prayer** (Inside back cover of hymnal)

*Hymn of Dedication *Canticle of the Turning* Insert
"From a silent night to the blazing light of a dawn that is coming soon."

*Benediction & **Benediction Response** Iona Community, Scotland

Leader:	The Cross . . .	People:	We shall take it.
	The Bread . . .		We shall break it.
	The Pain . . .		We shall bear it.
	The Joy . . .		We shall share it.
	The Gospel . . .		We shall live it.
	The Love . . .		We shall give it.
	The Light . . .		We shall cherish it.
	The Darkness . . .		God shall perish it!

Postlude *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* setting by G.W. Cassler

Congregational Meeting

Election of Elders

Worship Notes

THIS YEAR'S CHOIR CANTATA, "*Candles & Carols*" will be spread over the entire Advent season, with movements sung during the lighting of our Advent Wreath each Sunday. **The Cantata features music and orchestration by Mark Hayes with narration and additional carol lyrics by Pamela Martin.** This Cantata is a Candlelight Advent Journey that celebrates the traditional themes of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE. The choir will also perform the Cantata in its entirety for Ellendale United Methodist Church on the evening of December 23rd. This year, the Cantata materials were given as a gift in memory of dedicated choir member Stephen Kasperski.

OUR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS THEME this year is "*The Dawn of Redeeming Grace.*" This is a phrase from the beloved carol, "Silent Night! Holy Night!" which was first sung 200 years ago this Christmas Eve. **What does this phrase say to you?**

Community News ~ December 9, 2018

TODAY - THE SESSION HAS CALLED A MEETING of the congregation for the purpose of electing four elders to the session class of 2021 and one Elder to the class of 2019. The meeting will be convened following worship this morning. **The Committee will place in nomination; (class of 2021) Sharon Lawrence, Linda Wolfe, Darrell Moore, Chris Hilliard and (class of 2019) Beth Garvilla.**

WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE WORSHIPING WITH US THIS MORNING! Our Worship Leader is **Chris Umsted.** **ALL MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO SIGN THE COMMUNITY FORM IN THE BLACK BOOKS.** Guests are welcome to include contact information if desired. For information about joining our fellowship, speak with the pastor or call the church office at 856-6842. You may visit our Web Page - PresChurch.com - for continuing information about our congregation.

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEB PAGE regularly for continuing information about Georgetown Presbyterian Church. Every week our Bulletin is posted on the web page. Our page is found at: **PresChurch.com** and includes a link to our FaceBook page.

YOU ARE INVITED TO POST PRAYER REQUESTS on our Prayer Board at the bottom of the stairs leading from the Sanctuary. Please update your concerns regularly. On the 1st Sunday of the Month (communion) Sunday, the prayers are taken from the board and brought to the Communion Table. Those less than 30 days old are returned to the board.

~ Advent/Christmas Schedule ~

ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will be held 7:00pm and 11:00pm. The 7pm service will involve our children; the 11 pm service will include the Lord's Supper and be a bit more meditative in nature. Both services will include Congregational Candle Lighting and a guest soloist. Special Note: We placed an order for a gentle snow fall to occur at the end of each service.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING FAITH CARDS FOR 2019 have been mailed out to members and friends. Please prayerfully consider your support of GPC's ministries and return your card, either by placing in the offering plate or mailing into the church office by or on December 16th when our estimates will be dedicated in the service. Additional cards are available on the table outside the church office. Estimating one's financial gifts for the coming year is a spiritual discipline as well as a help to the Elders as they prepare our 2019 budget.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE meets after worship today in the library and THE SESSION WILL MEET MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 7:00 PM IN TUNNELL HALL.

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE CHURCH HALLWAY. Members and guests are invited to take one to use daily.

YOU MAY PICK UP YOUR 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES FROM THE TABLE located in the main parking lot hall. Envelopes were prepared for those who are part of our worshipping community. If you would like to be assigned an envelope, please let the church office (856-6842) know. Using the envelopes or including your envelope number on your check helps our weekly counters with their work.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES>(*Celebrating 50+)

14 Earnest & Jamila Gulab (1974) 14 Ashley Joyner & Ted Proseus (1996)
19 Joe & Margie Booth (1981) 23 Bill & Carol Celandar (1967)

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

3 Joshua Choudhary 4 Ben Barron 19 Justin Gulab
19 Joe Smith 24 Justin Illian 27 Richard Hubbard
28 Shawnee Armstrong-Hilliard

NOTE: THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES OR SPECIAL OCCASIONS IN DECEMBER are invited to come forward today to received a personal prayer and blessing.

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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

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.

