



**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 1997**

November 30, 2025

**INDICATES THAT THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND IF ABLE; OTHERWISE PLEASE STAY SEATED; THE SPIRIT WILL BE WITH YOU EITHER WAY.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

PRELUDE

“PRELUDE ON HYFRYDOL!”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

MICHELE FLETCHER, WORSHIP LEADER

I was delighted when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
That we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s path.
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

“COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS”

#153

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

GPC GARDENERS

PAT ABMEYER, SHARON LAWRENCE, LORETTA ROGERS

Reader 1: The prophet Isaiah calls us from the past to imagine the future when God’s reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God shall judge between nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

All: Today we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God’s reign has come and is coming among us.

Reader 2: Amidst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the theme of hope shines brightly, illuminating the path for believers as they embark on their Advent journey. Hope, a fundamental tenet of the Christian faith, serves as a beacon of light, guiding us through moments of uncertainty and despair. As the first theme of Advent, hope symbolizes the eager anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promises and the coming of the Messiah.

Advent Prayer: "Loving God, as we light the first Advent candle of hope, we ask for your presence to fill our hearts and homes. May the hope of Christ's coming bring light to our darkness and renew our spirits. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

*** HYMN**

"WHEN GOD IS A CHILD"

#165, v 1

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*UNISON*)

Merciful God, in a world of quick fixes and fast answers, we confess that we forget how to wait. We have rushed past your voice and ignored your promises. We have filled the silence with noise instead of listening for your coming. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hope and teach us to watch again for You, through Jesus Christ, our Coming Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sing . . . ; shout aloud . . . ! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart . . . ! The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD . . . is with you; never again will you fear any harm. "The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:14-15, 17

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE*“GLORY BE TO THE FATHER”**

#734

*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. Amen.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**FIRST READING****ISAIAH 2:1-5** (NRSV)

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FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH*A VISIT FROM ISAIAH**AUSTIN GULAB***HYMN****“WHEN THE POOR ONES”**

#624

SECOND READING**MATTHEW 24:36-44** (NRSV)

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SERMON**“TO SEE BEYOND SEEING”***REV. BARBARA MACFIE****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are an Advent people, a people of hope. For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God’s promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed. Even so, we are not a naive people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives. But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end. The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be. And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"OUR HOPE IS IN EMMANUEL"

CHOIR

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"HERE I AM TO WORSHIP"

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

*DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

*CLOSING HYMN

"O COME, O COME EMMANUEL"

#154

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"JUBILATE"

Join us for *Coffee with Friends* after worship today.

Welcome Barbara Bayers! Thank you for sharing your talent with us!

Advent Wreath making in Tunnell Hall! Plan to stay!

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – December 14th
after worship. The congregation will vote the election of Elders for
the Class of 2028 and the Board of Deacons.

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Our Hope is in Emmanuel.

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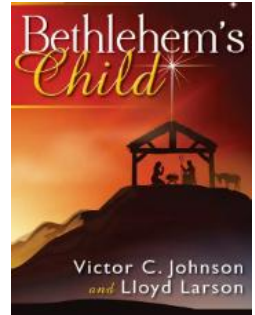
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?

12/1	Shelter Open through March 15
12/4	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
12/9	Deacons’ Meeting @ 11 a.m. in Gathering Room Session Meeting @ 7 p.m.
12/10	Carols of Many Nations @ 3:30 p.m. Princeton, New Jersey
12/11	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
12/17	Not Just for Lunch Bunch 12 Noon at Baywood
1/6	Epiphany 1 p.m. Informal brunch & Communion Service at Manse
1/13	Deacon’s Meeting @ 11 a.m. in the Gathering Room Session Meeting @ 7 p.m.
1/20	Mobile Food Pantry 11-1 p.m.

Opportunities to WORSHIP

Continue your prayers for Georgetown Presbyterian Church, its leadership and the community at large.

Cantata preparation continues each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the music room until December 21 when we'll be offering it in worship. Plan to join us to learn songs that tell the life changing story and ring in your heart all through the holiday season.



11/30	<i>First Sunday in Advent – Delight in Hope</i> Worship @ 10 a.m. Advent Wreath Making in Tunnell Hall <i>Coffee with Friends</i> after worship
12/7	<i>Second Sunday in Advent – Delight in Peace</i> Worship @ 10 a.m. – <i>Praise Sunday</i> <i>Coffee with Friends</i> after worship
12/14	<i>Third Sunday in Advent – Delight in Joy</i> Worship @ 10 a.m. Congregational Meeting after Worship <i>Fellowship Hour after worship with Pot Luck Lunch</i>
12/21	<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent – Delight in Love</i> Worship @ 10 a.m. Cantata: Bethlehem's Child <i>Coffee with Friends with Caroling at the Manse</i>
12/24	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 5:00 p.m. -- Family Worship 10:00 p.m. -- Candlelight & Communion Worship

Opportunities to GROW

Advent Wreaths



TODAY, join us in Tunnell Hall to make an Advent wreath for your home! The GROW team will provide, live greens, clippers, wire, hot glue guns, and Advent booklets to take home.

Advent Devotionals

We have available an Advent devotional that GROW would like to share with you. Let us know if you would like a hard copy to take home or sent to you via email. The devotional "Draw Near" by Terri Ott comes from the Presbyterian Outlook. This offers you a time to breathe in God's love and prepare for the coming of Christ.



Sunday School

Each week following "Faith Sharing" all children up to grade 6 are invited to gather for Sunday School in the Christian Education wing. Worship bags are also available in the front hallway if your children would like to stay in worship with you. The FIRST SUNDAY of each month, Worship will be led by YOUTH leaders. All school age children will participate in Worship on this Communion Sunday. However, a Nursery class will be provided for preschoolers every week.

Opportunities to SERVE

Mobile Food Pantry

Mark your calendar: *January 20, 2026, from 11-1 p.m.* Stay tuned for more information!

GEORGETOWN CODE PURPLE



IT'S ALMOST TIME!

Our cold weather shelter opens December 1st. We are in search of volunteers to fill every position. Keep reading and scan the QR code below to find out if this is one of the ways you can spread a little warmth this winter.



VOLUNTEER ROLES

- ✓ Intake
- ✓ Overnight
- ✓ Reset
- ✓ Laundry



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<https://tinyurl.com/georgetowncp>

Opportunities to CONNECT

Christmas in Odessa

Christmas in Odessa is a self guided tour of 17 public buildings and 10 private homes decorated for the holidays. The event is Saturday, December 6, from 10 to 5. Tickets can be purchased online by going to Christmas in Odessa 2025. Carpooling from the Church parking lot is encouraged. See Vicki Moore for more details.

Carols of Many Nations

Princeton Seminary is excited to announce that its annual **Carols of Many Nations** will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at 3:30 p.m.



Not Just for Lunch Bunch

We will gather at 12 Noon on Wednesday, December 17 at the Clubhouse at Baywood, 32267 Clubhouse Way, Millsboro, DE 19966. All are welcome! Contact Alice Nagle for more information, 215-901-6542.



Dec 3	Joshua Choudhary	Dec 19	Justin Gulab
Dec 14	Elijah Gulab	Dec 24	Justin Illian
Dec 18	Rev. Lisa Salita	Dec 27	Richard Hubbard
Dec 19	Joseph Smith	Dec 28	Shawnee Armstrong-Hillard



Dec 14	Earnest & Jamila Gulab	Dec 19	Joseph & Margarie Booth
Dec 14	Ashley (Joyner) & Ted Proseus	Dec 23	Bill & Carol Celander

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US— WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US EACH SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:00 FOR WORSHIP.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE, OR FOR JOINING OUR FELLOWSHIP, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (302) 856-6842.



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