

GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 1997

February 25, 2024

**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

INTROIT

“IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR PEOPLE”
(THE CELEBRATION SONG)

*In the presence of Your people, I will praise Your name for alone
 You are holy enthroned on the praises of Israel.
 Let us celebrate Your goodness and Your steadfast love,
 may Your name be exalted here on earth and in heaven above.*

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

BATTLE ROBINSON

PRELUDE

“I WILL GIVE THANKS TO THEE”
(BE EXALTED, O GOD)

*I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples.
 I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.
 For Thy stead-fast love is great, Is great to the heavens;
 And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.
 Be exalted O God above the heavens, let Thy glory be over all the earth*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(RESPONSIVE)*

DARRELL MOORE, WORSHIP LEADER

O Lord, I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters.
 In the midst of the congregation I will praise you!
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All your offspring of Jacob, glorify him. Stand in awe of him!
 For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted.
 He did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.
All the families of the nations shall worship before him.
 Posterity will serve him. Future generations will be told about the
 Lord and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION**OPENING HYMN** *"BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"*

#255, v. 1 & 3

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH*REV. BARBARA MACFIE***CALL TO CONFESSION*****PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(UNISON)*

Holy God and Savior, we have talked much about faith yet have been slow to take its risks, we have lauded forgiveness yet have been miserly in giving it, we have praised truth yet have fudged our own integrity, we have extolled love yet have placed conditions on our loving, we have urged hope for others yet have ourselves lived like cynics, we have honored Christ's Cross yet have avoided our own. Most faithful God, please deal with each according to our individual betrayals of the Gospel we espouse. By your Spirit enter the secret caverns of the soul and there expose, judge, counsel, cleanse and reform us. Forgive us repeatedly, we pray, until forgiveness is such a part of us that it may become a way of life as we deal with those around us. In the name of Christ our Redeemer.

HYMN**"MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"***

*My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
 Now hear me what I pray, take all my guilt away;
 O let me from this day be wholly thine!*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Faith was reckoned as righteousness...to us who believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death because of our sins and was raised for the sake of our righteousness. (Romans 4:20-25). Hear and believe these words about God's amazing grace, grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love, as forgiveness of sins. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER RESPONSE ***“GLORY BE TO THE FATHER”***

*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.*

FIRST READING ***ROMANS 4:13-25***^(NRSV) NT, P. 145

HYMN ***“MY SAVIOR’S LOVE”*** #277, v. 1-3

SECOND READING ***MARK 8:31-38***^(NRSV) NT, P. 41

SERMON ***“WE CONTINUE THE JOURNEY******STOPPING ALONG THE WAY TO CHECK ON OUR FAITH”****REV. BARBARA MACFIE***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Creator, who made all things, and set us on our path in this world.

I believe in God the Savior, who is one with the Creator, who rescued us and all creation from the depredations of our violations against God and creation. This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, walked a path through this world, taking on human form having been born of a woman through the power of the Holy Spirit. He lived and worked in this world among people just like us. He walked God’s path to death on a cross and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, our counselor and guide, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, who through the body and blood of Jesus brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future; who calls us to walk a sacred way of life through this world, caring for creation and the people we meet on the way, loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice, being God’s hands and feet in the world.

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 *“WHO CAN SATISFY MY SOUL LIKE YOU”*

*Who on earth could comfort me and love me like You do?
Who could ever be more faithful, true?
I will trust in You, I will trust in You, my God!*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

*CLOSING HYMN *“JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE”* #504

*BENEDICTION

The CONNECT/Fellowship Committee will be meeting TODAY in the Gathering Room following worship.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?



MARK YOUR CALENDARS and plan to stay for lunch and lots of fun!

March 11 will be our Annual Congregational Meeting as well as the Annual Chili Luncheon and Country Cooking Auction. We are asking for donations of food items, baked goods, homemade canning jams, jellies, etc., restaurant gift cards, a coupon for a home cooked meal, anything food related. The donations should be labeled and brought to Tunnell Hall the morning of the event.

We are also looking for two more crockpots of chili to serve at the luncheon. If you have a chili you love, and are willing to share, or want more information, please contact Michele Fletcher 302-249-0262. All proceeds will be going to an upcoming Mission project.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kasher, Emma and the entire Gulab Family
on the birth of their son!!

The GROW Committee will be meeting March 3 in the Gathering
Room following worship.

Pastor Barb's **NEW** office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Pastor Barb, the church
office, or one of the Session members if you have any needs.

The Journey has Begun . . .

Last week when we entered the church, we found footprints. The journey has begun. Where are we going, you might ask? Our inspiration comes from the Gospel of Luke, "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem." So, during this Lenten time we are traveling together towards Jerusalem, towards the Last Supper, the cross . . . What will we learn along the way? Join us on our journey as we travel each week to Easter.



Opportunities to WORSHIP



On Easter morning our sanctuary will be decorated with a collection of potted flowers brought by members of our congregation. On Saturday, March 30, the Church will be open from 2 till 3 in the afternoon to receive your flowers for decorating our Sanctuary.

Out of respect to those with pollen ALLERGIES, please NO lilies or hyacinths because of their strong scent.

Choir practice is immediately after worship. Please join us, all voices welcome!



Opportunities to GROW



Sunday School!!

Three classes are held following Faith Sharing during worship:
 Infants – 4 year olds, K – 5th grade, 6th-12th grades

Topics for Sunday School:


K-5: Exodus - Growing in God's love

Youth Sunday School: What's Your Superpower?



Opportunities to CONNECT



			
February 25	Sallie Horner	March 15	Emmanuel Gulab
February 27	Michele Fletcher	March 16	Logan Matz
March 8	Asim Gulab	March 18	Joseph Garvilla
March 8	Judy Marsden	March 20	Austin Gulab
March 13	Dot Vanella	March 22	Sara Choudhary
		March 25	Don Hallowell



March 2	Pervaz & Sarapheen Mall	March 15	Bobby & Caroline Gulab
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Georgetown Presbyterian Church is hosting a

Scrapbooking and Craft Crop

**April 19 5:00pm - Midnight
and April 20 7:00am - 3:00pm**



**Your \$40 donation will provide you with work space, delicious
dinner, breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks.**

Yard sale table will be available

**Reserve your spot today by email at
Michelemkgal@gmail.com**



Opportunities to SERVE



First Fruits Cart

Wesley Pantry needs pancake mix and soups (mushroom, chicken noodle, or tomato) for February.

SOUP-er February

This is the last week of our SOUP-er February. Our Shelter guests have appreciated the hot soup as they arrived each night. Our goal has been to provide this for every evening in February. MANY thanks to all who have been so generous with their time and resource. What a blessing!

FOOD BANK MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

March 12 from 11am - 1pm

Volunteers are needed! You will be blessed!

See Gail Brown or Linda Wolfe to learn more.



DRIVE-THRU MOBILE PANTRY

Code Purple

From December 1 through March 15, GPC houses up to 14 men who need a warm, safe place for the night. **We can only open if we have sufficient volunteers!!**

INTAKE/REGISTRATION (2 people) takes place from 8:00pm to 8:30pm. Can you commit one night a week or a month to help our guests sign in and get their cots/bedding out for the night?

CHAPERONES (2 people) are needed each night to be with the guests as they sleep. The chaperones have cots set up in the kitchen. They need to arrive by 8:00pm (10pm Saturdays) and leave at 7am the next morning. Is this something you might consider?

RESET crews (1 - 2 people) come in between 7:00am to 11:00am. This takes between 45 to 90 minutes to sweep the floor, wipe down cots, take out the trash, and clean the bathrooms.

LAUNDRY (1-2 people) is done on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday between 9am - 1pm. It takes 2-3 hours to wash, dry, and fold a load. (A nice quiet time for reading a book!)

To sign up to do INTAKE, be a CHAPERONE, or do RESET, go to https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=322839372082#choose_event_page

HEALTHY EVENING SNACKS are helpful as our guests arrive cold, sometimes wet, often hungry, and ready to sleep. They appreciate something warm to eat before they sleep. (We need 14 per night.) To donate food, place it in a bag in the Food Cart. Please mark the bag "Shelter".

Thank you so much for being a part of this ministry!

Here are some suggestions:

instant cups of soup	individual canned (or in plastic sealed cup) fruit
instant oatmeal	fresh fruit
crackers with cheese or peanut butter	breakfast bars (soft)
small microwavable meal	

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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