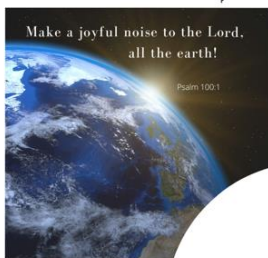


Worship



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**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

April 28, 2024

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April 28, 2024

10:00 am

**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

"STAND BY ME"

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; (stand by me)

*When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me. (stand by me)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

TOM MARSDEN, WORSHIP LEADER

God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

We need not fear.

In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. AMEN.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*OPENING HYMN

"GOD IS HERE"

#1

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

We thank you, gracious God, for Jesus Christ the true vine, with his roots eternally grounded in you. We rejoice that by grace we have been grafted into him, to be branches on a vine which bears the loveliest of all the fruits of earth. Yet we confess that all is not well with the way we live. Please forgive us for the occasions when we have been the ones to introduce disease into the vine, preferring its contamination to the vigor of health. Forgive us for neglecting to draw deeply on the sap of Life, for our tendency to wander instead of growing on the framework you provide, for being content, and sometimes even proud of, a few sparse or undersized fruits, for the apathy which lets us to go through some seasons without bearing any fruit. Have mercy on us. Please do not lose patience or sever us completely from the true vine. Rather heal our diseases, discipline and train our wandering tendrils, prune our unfruitful branches and cut away our diseased ones. May we remain in Christ and he in us, through all the changing seasons of life. Let us delight in bearing the fruits of love which are our true purpose and joy. For your Name's sake. Amen!

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>"GLORY BE TO THE FATHER"</i> (<i>NEW</i>)	#733
FIRST READING	<i>1 JOHN 4:7-21</i> ^(NRSV)	NT, P. 226-227
ANTHEM	<i>"FAIREST LORD JESUS"</i>	<i>CHIMES</i>
SECOND READING	<i>JOHN 15:1-8</i> ^(NRSV)	NT, P. 103
SERMON	<i>"CONTINUING TO GROW IN GOD'S LOVE"</i> <i>REV. BARBARA MACFIE</i>	

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*THE APOSTLES CREED*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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***"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"**CHIMES****OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One in Three and Three in One,
Praised by the celestial host, Let Thy will on earth be done!
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our sacrifice of praise.*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

***CLOSING HYMN**

#575

“LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE”***BENEDICTION**

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Call to Worship. By Nancy C. Townley; Ministry Matters.

Prayer of Invocation. UCC Liturgy Resources.

Call to Confession. Written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Homepage. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/04/prayer-of-confession-john-15-1-8.html>.

Prayer of Confession. Written by Rev Dan Carmichael, Minister of Lenzie Union. It was posted on The Church of Scotland's Weekly Worship website.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE
OF OUR CONGREGATION?**



Sanctuary Campaign -an important update

Our campaign to improve our church sanctuary continues. The new roof has been completed and fully paid for. A second air conditioning unit has been installed. This week our donations **reached \$19,776.00**. Please consider making a special donation to our Campaign.

Our third project, repairing and replacing windows, will be completed this year. Thank you!



Opportunities to WORSHIP



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



**Make a joyful noise
to the Lord,
all the earth!**
Psalm 100:1



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Opportunities to GROW



Sunday School!!

Following "Faith Sharing with Children and Youth" children and youth are invited to join us in the Education wing for Sunday School classes. Our two classes will be learning bible stories and studying God's messages.

Kindergarten thru 5th grade will be using the "Growing in God's Love" a PCUSA curriculum. This class is located on the left hand side of the hallway.

YOUTH, grades 6th-12th will be looking at a series called "What's Your Superpower?" also a PCUSA curriculum. They meet in the YOUTH room on the right hand side of the hallway and will be led by Ashley Joyner.

A nursery is also provided during Worship for children birth through Preschool age.

Hope your children can join us!

Youth Group!!

Our last meeting will be May 17. Mark your calendars!





Opportunities to *CONNECT*



Updating the Church Directory

Continue to send in your updated photos and information to the office!

			
April 29	Bill Taylor	May 23	Ashley Joyner
April 30	Eli Short III	May 23	Joseph Hellard
April 30	Joanne Seeger	May 23	Steven Johnson
May 7	Rev. Barbara Macfie	May 25	Anaya Mall
May 11	MaKenzie Davis	May 27	Andy Salita
May 12	Felicia Davis	May 28	Carol Ann Stone
May 13	Genevieve Davis	May 30	Aember Mall
May 13	Norman Bergstrom	May 30	Jo Ann Taylor
			
April 28	Norman Bergstrom & Philomena Fischer	May 26	Ron & Diana Snyder
May 21	Richard & Sharon Hubbard	May 27	Asim & Sumbal Gulab



Opportunities to SERVE



First Fruits Cart

Wesley Pantry requests for April are spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, ravioli, and spam/treet. Please consider buying for the cart when you do your weekly shopping.

Food Bank Mobile Pantry

Last month we took only ONE bag to Wesley Pantry. Can we increase it to TWO this month? All canned goods are welcome. Needed are spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, ravioli, and spam/treet.





CHORAL HITS BILLBOARD

Sunday May 5, 3pm

Epworth United Methodist Church
19285 Holland Glade Road
Rehoboth Beach

Tickets: \$25
southerndelawarechorale.org

(Also available at the door)



This event is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The division promotes Delaware arts at: DelawareScene.com



Capital Ringers

www.capitalringers.org

Springtime in Paris

April 28, 2024

Mary Mother of Peace Church

30838 Mt. Joy Road

Millsboro, Delaware

FREE WILL OFFERING

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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