



**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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**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

“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

PRELUDE

“YOU ARE MINE”

*I am hope for all who are hopeless. I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in Me
Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name
Come and follow me, I will bring you home! I love you and you are mine*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

SALLIE HORNER, WORSHIP LEADER

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*OPENING HYMN

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

We know what it is like to be singed by the flames of our lives, Holy God. We look for ourselves in all the wrong places - success, power, adulation. We carve our names in the granite walls of work, hoping we will be remembered when we are gone. We have gone through the waters of baptism, but live as if they have not changed us. We need to hear your sure word, 'do not fear,' Shaper of our lives. Our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue to claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms. In our baptism, we discover not the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's words of comfort and restoration are more powerful than any foolishness, any mistakes, any sins we commit. This is good news: we are God's people!

Thanks be to God! By water and word, by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children. Amen.

FIRST READING**ISAIAH 43:1-7** (NRSV)

OT, P. 613-614

ANTHEM***"TAKE ME TO THE WATER"****CHOIR*

Take me to the water. Take me to the water.

Take me to the water, to be baptized.

I love Jesus. I love Jesus. I love Jesus. Yes, I do.

Glory Hallelujah, Glory Hallelujah. Glory Hallelujah, to be baptized.

Congregation: Take me to the water. Take me to the water.

Take me to the water, to be baptized.

SECOND READING**LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22** (NRSV)

NT, P. 56

SERMON “WITNESSING, WELCOMING, TELLING OUR FAITH STORY”*REV. BARBARA MACFIE****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH*

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God. In Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**“DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY”****OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
 praise God all creatures here below.
 Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**CLOSING HYMN****“SPIRIT SONG”**

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***BENEDICTION**

White paraments with the symbols of the cross and crown remind us of the pivotal events in the life of Christ. This Sunday celebrates the Baptism of Jesus.

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



Calendar of Events

January 12	Birthday Party after Worship!
January 19	Installation of Elders & Deacons



Opportunities to WORSHIP



Sunday Services

10 a.m. in person, Zoom or
Facebook Streaming

Choir Practice takes place immediately after worship.



Opportunities to GROW



Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children will be offered EVERY Sunday during the worship, following Faith Sharing Time. Youth will meet every Sunday except the first Sunday of each month when they will serve as Worship Leaders, Ushers, Acolytes and Greeters.

The theme leading up to Lent will be Epiphany and growing our faith.



Youth

Still looking for items on our wish list for the youth room: board games, lighting (lamps, Christmas lights, room lights, etc.), books (youth devotionals, Christian fiction, Christian teen self-help, etc.), and bean bag chairs. Please drop off your items at the church on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday when Nancy is in the office. Please let us know if you want the item returned to you. Thanks for supporting our Youth!



Opportunities to SERVE



First Fruits Cart

Thank you to all who brought in donations during December! They are all greatly appreciated.

For January, the following are requested: mushroom soup, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup & pancake mix.

Hanging of the Stockings

Look for the clothes lines throughout the church for the Hanging of the Stockings! We hope to fill these lines with warm winter socks for our Shelter guests. Socks are the most requested item. Hang up the socks you are gifting when you arrive each week.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Code Purple Emergency Shelter

We still need Overnight Chaperones for Mondays and Wednesdays. We also need Intake Workers for Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Other volunteers include folks to help with Re-set each morning and to do laundry. Please prayerfully consider helping or sharing this request with someone who may be available. You can sign up at <https://www.loveincofmiddelmarva.org/code-purple>. See Sharon Lawrence, Darrell Moore, or Linda Wolfe for more information.

WESTMINSTER GENEROSITY

Westminster Presbyterian Church of Rehoboth Beach contacted us last fall asking how they could help with our Emergency Shelter. This past Sunday Linda Wolfe and Mari Ellyn Hellard were invited to bring a Minute for Mission and speak about our Shelter at a luncheon that followed. We were welcomed with open arms and nearly everyone attending the church service stayed for the Q&A at lunch.

Westminster has committed to join in our shelter ministry and they will provide supplies (socks, soup, gloves, water, etc.) in the upcoming months. On Sunday we were presented with \$1000. We are so grateful to partner with our sister church in Rehoboth Beach.



*Pictured (left to right)
Co-Chair Mission Deb Norton, Mari Ellyn Hellard, Co-chair Jim Miller,
Linda Wolfe, Pastor Eddie Jusino.*

THREE KINGS OFFERING

On Christmas Eve we received \$928 in offerings. This has been given to El Candelero to support their Mission Project to give food and clothes to 20 single parent households with children. Thank you to our "Three Kings" (Austin Gulab, Ethan Gulab, and Eli Short) who collected and brought up the offering at the service. And thank you for your generous donations. This is one of the largest Christmas Eve offerings we have ever received. Twenty families will be grateful for this help in the new year.



Opportunities to CONNECT



BIRTHDAY PARTY!!

Please plan to attend our Annual Birthday Party Celebration TODAY, following worship. Each of the tables will be decorated for a specific month. We will then sit at the table of our Birthday month and enjoy the company of others who share it. We will also be sharing envelopes to contribute to the Endowment fund. One idea is to donate the amount of your age each year... or to celebrate an anniversary.





Jan 14	Barb Chudakewich		Feb 4	Katrina Mall
Jan 16	Benish Mall		Feb 5	Battle Robinson
Jan 19	Margarie Booth		Feb 9	Sharon Lawrence
Jan 21	Alice Nagle		Feb 25	Sallie Horner
Jan 26	Chris Umsted		Feb 27	Michele Fletcher
Jan 31	Norman Seeger			



Jan 17	Mike & Beth Garvilla		Mar 7	Mina & Bruce Malloy
Jan 23	Barbara & Lee Turek		Mar 15	Bobby & Caroline Gulab
Mar 2	Pervaz & Sarapheen Mall		Apr 4	Amanda & Cory Matz

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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