

*Worship*



*Connect*



*Grow*



*Serve*

**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

November 19, 2023

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Twenty-five Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### INTROIT

***“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”***

#### WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*REV. BARBARA MACFIE*

#### PRELUDE

***“WE GATHER TOGETHER”***

*GPC CHIMERS*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(PSALM 3:8)*

*THEO LAWRENCE, WORSHIP LEADER*

Salvation belongs to the Lord;  
Your blessing be on your people!  
Come, let us worship the Lord.

#### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### \*OPENING HYMN

***“COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME”***

#721

#### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

*REV. BARBARA MACFIE*

***“A VERY SPECIAL THANKSGIVING”***

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to

*IN RESPONSIVE READINGS, THE LEADER READS LIGHT PRINT, WHILE THE CONGREGATION READS THE BOLD PRINT.*

*\*INDICATES THAT THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND IN BODY AND/OR SPIRIT.*

persist; For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us. We pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PRAYER 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.*

**FIRST READING**      **1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11**<sup>(NRSV)</sup>      NT, P. 193

**HYMN**      ***“WE GATHER TOGETHER”***      #81

**SECOND READING**      **MATTHEW 25:14-30**<sup>(NRSV)</sup>      NT, P. 27

**SERMON**      ***“WE BELONG TO THE DAY”***      *REV. BARBARA MACFIE*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      *A NEW CREED  
(EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH)*

We believe in God the creator, who is always creative and invites us to affirm and explore who we are, with all our differences; and who is the source of our faith. We believe in God the Savior revealed in the world as Jesus the Christ who died and is risen, the one Lord of the church. We believe in God the Reconciler, the Holy Spirit, who is always with us bearing witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. We believe that our smallness can never diminish God’s vastness; that our frailties can never overcome God’s will for wholeness; that our sin can never crush God’s power for new life even in the face of death. We believe, and in this belief, we need one another, as a choir needs every voice and every part for the harmony to be complete. We believe - that in the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ and in the love of God - we are one! We believe - And may our lives reflect our belief.

## JOYS AND 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.*

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY      ***“O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING”***

GPC CHIMERS

#### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#726, v. 3

#### ***“WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD”***

*With voices united our praises we offer,  
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise;  
your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Out of your providing, Lord, we make this offering brought from our daily living. Sanctify your gift, and bless the life from which it comes, that with a cheerful spirit, and an ungrudging heart we may be devoted to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### \*CLOSING HYMN      ***“FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION”***

#723

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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Dear GPC Family,

Did you remember that my first worship service with you as your pastor was on Christ the King Sunday, November 21, 2021? That's exactly two years ago! And it is our plan, God willing, for me to return to the pulpit on Christ the King Sunday 2023, in just one week. What a day of rejoicing that will be, as we recognize our Lord's sovereignty and power on this last day of the liturgical year.

As I continue to improve, Pastor Barb and I are meeting weekly so that I can catch up and offer input across the life and ministries of the congregation, and so that we can map out a plan for my partial return to worship with you. We work in conjunction with Connectional Presbyter Cindy Kohlmann, the COMC of our Presbytery, and of course our Session, as we discern, hope, pray, and plan.

In addition to next Sunday, November 26, I hope to be in worship twice in December. This past month, I have been also slowly re-engaging in behind the scenes work with the Session, the nominating committee, and our Worship, Connect, Grow, and Serve teams.

I'm continuing to improve, with the help of my care team through Christiana Care, regaining a little more stamina each week, and learning to pay attention to my body and to honor my physical and cognitive limits. I remain so grateful for your faithful prayers and support – on which I depend! Andy, Helen, and I have been so blessed by the cards and notes, and especially the meals which have continued weekly. And we are happy to report that I'm now able to help a little in the kitchen and around the Manse! So, with so much gratitude, we've said that we don't need those meals anymore.

In so many ways, our prayers are being answered. In all times, and especially this week, we give thanks.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Lisa

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### **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – DECEMBER 3**

*There will be a called congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, December 3, in the sanctuary and on Zoom, for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for the upcoming term.*

*Please plan to attend.*

*(Reminder to confirmed youth - YOU have the privilege of voting!)*

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*We are delighted to have Pastor Barbara Macfie as our Partner Pastor through December. During this time she will work 30 hours per week. This will include leading worship each Sunday, providing pastoral care, and holding office hours. Pastor Barb's office hours will be Mondays and Thursdays from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. We continue to pray that Pastor Lisa will have a full recovery and be able to gradually return to full employment. At this time, please contact Pastor Barb, the church office, or one of the Session members if you have any needs.*

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***If you have not already done so and  
in gratitude for God's Blessings  
and Continued Presence,  
please submit your Commitment Cards as soon as  
possible.***

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*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MASKING &  
PASSING OF THE PEACE  
OUT OF CONCERN FOR OUR VULNERABLE WORSHIPERS AND FOR  
OUR NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY, WE WILL FOREGO PASSING OF  
THE PEACE. WE CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND THAT THOSE WITH  
HEALTH RISKS OR CONCERNS WEAR MASKS INSIDE THE BUILDING.*

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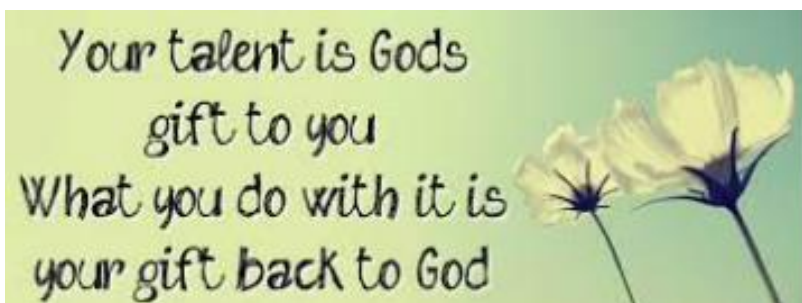
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## ***WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?***

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### **Sanctuary Campaign—*an important update***

Our campaign to improve our church sanctuary continues. The new roof has been completed and fully paid for. Our new air conditioning units are being installed now! This week our donations total reached \$17,336. Please consider making a special donation to our Campaign.

The third project will be repairing and replacing windows next year. Thank you!

### **Save the Date—December 10th**

We will be celebrating Advent with a Family Fun Advent Festival. We will have lunch, decorate cookies. Make Christmas cards and work together on a mission project. Please plan to join us!




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## ***Opportunities to WORSHIP***

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Choir Practice will take place each Sunday immediately after Church.

As Advent approaches, GPC will be distributing our Advent Devotional electronically to each family. If you would like a hard copy of the Devotional printed for you, please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the welcome center. We will print one for you and have it ready for you to pick up next week.



How does a  
weary world  
rejoice?

An Advent  
devotional

Art, Poetry, &  
Reflections  
for Advent in  
Luke's Gospel

*a Sanctified Art*  
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## ***Opportunities to GROW***



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### **Sunday School!!**

Three classes are held following Faith Sharing during worship:

- Infant to 4 years old
- Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school

Sunday School will be held every week except the first Sunday of the month when children will stay in worship with their families to take communion.

### **Sunday School Leaders**

If anyone wants to help in the nursery or teach Sunday School, please contact Cheryle Choudhary (302) 569-1293.



## ***Opportunities to CONNECT***



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### **Updating the Church Directory**

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

### **Join Us!**

Has GPC become your church home? Maybe you've been attending in recent months, or even since last year. Or maybe this has been your church home, your church family, for a long time - but you've never made it official. We invite you to become a member of our congregation, which you can do *by letter of transfer from another congregation, on reaffirmation of faith and previous baptism, or a profession of faith and baptism*. We will welcome new adult members in worship this month. Please call the church office about uniting with this congregation formally.

			
November 19	Evan Mall	December 3	Joshua Choudhary
November 21	Loretta Rogers	December 4	Ben Barron
November 26	Diana Snyder	December 14	Elijah Gulab
November 26	Ethan Gulab	December 18	Rev. Lisa Salita
November 27	Joseph Booth	December 19	Justin Gulab
November 28	Alexander Joyner	December 24	Justin Illian
November 28	Carolyn Green	December 27	Richard Hubbard
November 29	Emil Schneider	December 28	Shawnee Armstrong-Hilliard
			
December 14	Earnest & Jamila Gulab	December 19	Joseph & Margarie Booth
December 14	Ashley & Ted Proseus Joyner	December 23	Bill & Carol Celander



## *Opportunities to SERVE*



### **Mobile Food Pantry!**

The next Food Bank Mobile Pantry event will take place on Tuesday, November 28. Please talk with Gail Brown or Linda Wolfe about how you can help. It's fun!

### **First Fruits Cart**

Wesley Pantry has requested the following for the month of November: macaroni & cheese, baked beans, chicken or turkey gravy, and cereal. We all will eat well on Thanksgiving this month; so, let's be generous with others.

## Boiler 101

Are you interested in learning how our boiler works and the maintenance of it? We are looking for interested people to join a meeting with "Professor Ron" to learn about the boiler. Right now, Ron and Lidle are the only two people who really understand the workings of the boiler and we would like to have more people know how it works. Class would be 30 minutes max. If interested, please call Peggy 302-354-4268.

## Code Purple

From December 1 through March 15, GPC houses up to 14 men who need a warm, safe place for the night. Volunteers are needed to help with this Mission. INTAKE/REGISTRATION (2 people) takes place from 9:00pm to 9:30pm. 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 9:15pm 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. HEALTHY EVENING SNACKS are needed as our guests arrive cold, sometimes wet, often hungry, and ready to sleep. They appreciate something warm to eat before they sleep. (If 14 per night, that's 98 snacks per week.)

To sign up to do INTAKE or be a CHAPERONE, go to

[https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=322839372082#choose\\_event\\_page](https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=322839372082#choose_event_page)

To volunteer for RESET, contact Sharon Lawrence.

To donate food, place 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
instant oatmeal	sealed cup) fruit
crackers with cheese or peanut butter	microwavable Ramen
small microwavable meal	breakfast bars (soft)

Thank you so much for joining us in this ministry.

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**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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