

**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

January 25, 2026

10 a.m. VIA ZOOM

*JOIN ZOOM MEETING*

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**CHIMING OF THE HOUR****WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS***REV. BARBARA MACFIE***PRELUDE****\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in the land of deep darkness on them light has shined.  
Thanks be to God.

**\*OPENING HYMN*****"GATHER US IN"***

#649

**CALL TO CONFESSION****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. Sometimes, we have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON****PRAYER RESPONSE*****"ILLUMINATION HYMN"****INSERT***SCRIPTURE READING*****ISAIAH 9:1-4****OT, P. 600*

## FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

**HYMN** *"SHINE, JESUS, SHINE"* #319

**SCRIPTURE READING** *MATTHEW 4:12-23* NT, P. 3

**SERMON** *REV. BARBARA MACFIE*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A NEW CREED*

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"WE'VE A STORY TO TELL TO THE NATIONS"* #562

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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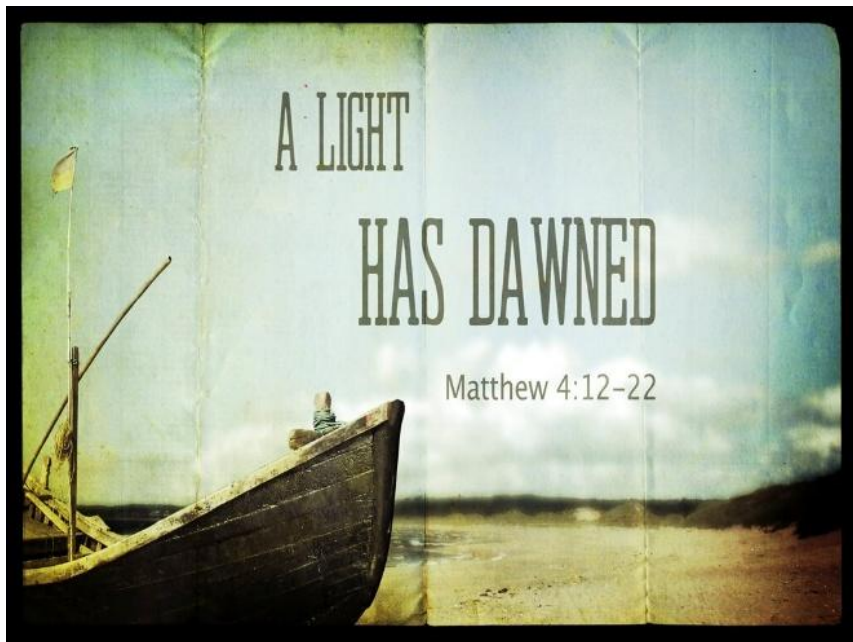
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?

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*Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Updates, Completed Work*

- 12/11 PNC elected by congregation
- 1/4 PNC received training by Rev. Cindy Kohlman (Lead Presbyter, New Castle Presbyter)
- 1/12 PNC met in person to begin the paperwork process to complete the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDF), formerly called the MIF.

### *Next Steps*

1. MDF will be submitted to Presbytery and to Session for approval. Upon approval, PNC will begin review of minister applications

Shelter Open through March 15	
1/25	<del>Ministry Committees Meetings</del> CANCELED
2/1	Ministry Committees Meeting after Worship
2/8	Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship



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## ***Opportunities to WORSHIP***

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

2/1	<i>Praise Sunday!</i> <i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i> Worship @ 10 a.m. <i>Coffee with Friends after Worship</i>
2/8	<i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i> Worship @ 10 a.m. <i>Fellowship Hour after Worship</i>
2/15	<i>Last Sunday of Epiphany</i> <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Worship @ 10 a.m. <i>Coffee with Friends after Worship</i>
2/18	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Service at the Manse Time TBD

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## ***Opportunities to GROW***

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### **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.

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## ***Opportunities to SERVE***

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### **Mobile Food Pantry**

On Tuesday, through freezing temperatures, we served 121 households in our community with food.

Thanks to our volunteers who braved the cold!

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## ***Opportunities to CONNECT***

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Jan 26	Chris Umsted	Feb 5	Battle Robinson
Jan 28	Betty Kasperski	Feb 8	Raegan Fletcher
Jan 31	Norman Seeger	Feb 9	Sharon Lawrence
Feb 1	Tyler Davis	Feb 16	Alexander Gulab
Feb 4	Katrina Mall	Feb 25	Sallie Horner
Feb 4	Shawn Augustine	Feb 27	Michele Fletcher



Mar 2	Pervaz & Sarapheen Mall	Mar 15	Bobby & Caroline Gulab
Mar 7	Mina & Bruce Malloy		

***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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