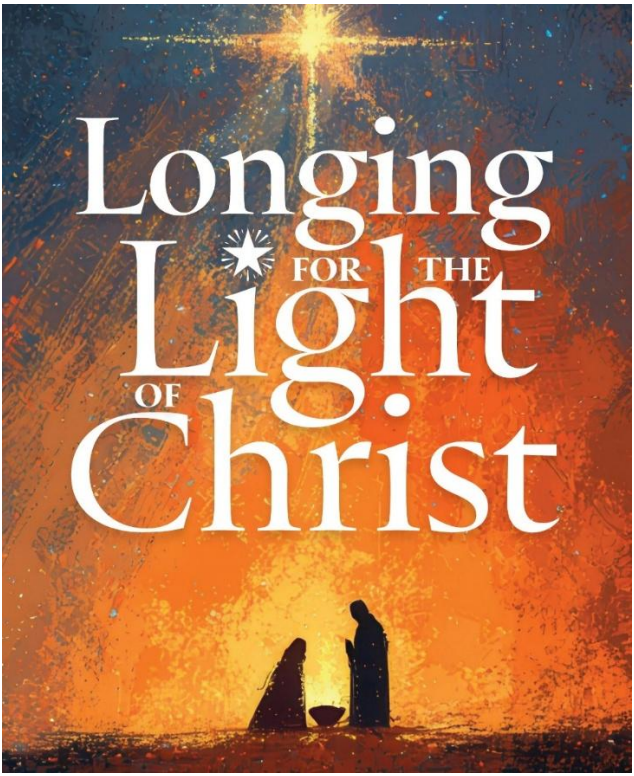


GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GEORGETOWN, DE 19947

November 29, 2026

First Sunday in Advent

Witnesses to the Light

10 a.m.

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.***

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *REV. BARBARA MACFIE*

PRELUDE ***"THE KING SHALL COME"***

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *CAROL ANN STONE, WORSHIP LEADER*

Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place.
As one body, with one voice, we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge, and joy. Amen.

OPENING HYMN** ***"COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS" *#153*

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH** *PHILOMENA FISCHER & NORMAN BERGSTROM*

Pastor: This wreath is a circle, because the love of God has no end.
People: It is green in winter, because life is stubborn.
Pastor: It holds five candles, and we will light one more each week.
People: Because the light is not finished, and neither are we. The theme for this week is Hope. The candle known as the hope candle the Prophet's Candle, for the prophets who foretold the Messiah. *(Light the first candle)*
First Reader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2, BSB)
Second Reader: I wait for the LORD; my soul does wait, and in His Word I put my hope. (Psalm 130:5, BSB)
People: Lord, we light this first candle as we wait for You. When we cannot see the way ahead, help us to keep hoping in Your Word. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

"Holy God, as we enter this season of waiting, we confess that we have grown drowsy. We fill our lives with noise and distraction, mistaking it for rest. We have lost sight of your presence and the hope that this season brings. Teach us how to understand hope as promise that you give, balanced against our responsibility to act, and give us the tools we need to walk with Jesus along the way, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PRAYER RESPONSE** *#157, v1&2*

"COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE"

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

SCRIPTURE READING ***ISAIAH 64:1-9*** *OT P. 652-653*

SCRIPTURE READING ***MARK 13:24-37*** *NT, P. 47-48*

SERMON ***" DO NOT PRESUME . . . "*** *REV. BARBARA MACFIE*

HYMN ***"ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL"*** *#163*

***ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are an Advent people, a people of hope. For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed. Even so, we are not a naïve people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives. But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end. The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be. And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ***"LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING"***

QUARTET: PHILOMENA FISCHER, NORMAN BERGSTROM, EMIL & CONNIE SCHNEIDER

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***"DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT"***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

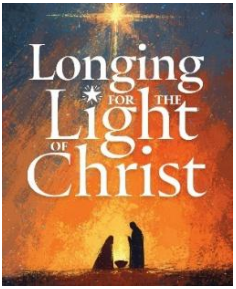
CLOSING HYMN** ***"O GOD OF EVERY NATION" *#626*

***BENEDICTION**

Join us for Coffee with Friends after worship.

Today our parament color is blue. We begin the church year at Advent with the color blue and the symbol of Advent candles as we consider the centuries of waiting for the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ Jesus and consider His coming into our own lives. On Christmas the color will change to white with the symbol of the manger and star.

Advent Devotionals are available on the Welcome Table!



Please return your 2027 commitment cards by this Sunday (November 29) either by mail or placing it in the collection plate. The commitment cards are very important as Session will use them to finalize the 2027 budget at its December 6 meeting.

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Affirmation Of Faith. Submitted by Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison, Transitional Pastor, Spanish Springs Presbyterian Church, Sparks, NV.

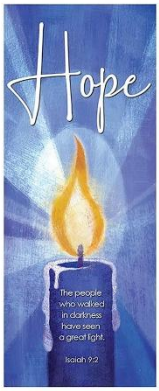


WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?

Nov 29	Advent 1 -- Witnesses to the Light Worship @ 10 a.m. *Coffee with Friends* after worship
Dec 1	Shelter Opens through March 15
Dec 3	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
Dec 6	Advent 2 -- Witnesses to the Light Worship @ 10 a.m. *Coffee with Friends* after worship Session Meeting after worship
Dec 9	BCD Meets in Manse @ 2:30 p.m.
Dec 9	Carols of Many Nations @ 3:30 p.m. Princeton, New Jersey
Dec 10	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
Dec 13	Advent 3 -- Witnesses to the Light Worship @ 10 a.m. Minute for Mission Fellowship Hour after worship
Dec 17	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
Dec 20	Advent 4 -- Witnesses to the Light Worship @ 10 a.m. Minute for Mission *Coffee with Friends* after worship Session Meeting after worship
Dec 24	*Christmas Eve* 5:00 p.m. Children's Service 7:30 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Worship

Opportunities to WORSHIP

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



11/29	*First Sunday in Advent -- Witnesses to the Light* Worship @ 10 a.m. *Coffee with Friends* after worship
12/6	*Second Sunday in Advent -- Witnesses to the Light* Worship @ 10 a.m. – *Praise Sunday* *Coffee with Friends* after worship
12/13	*Third Sunday in Advent -- Witnesses to the Light* Worship @ 10 a.m. *Coffee with Friends* after worship
12/20	*Fourth Sunday in Advent -- Witnesses to the Light* Worship @ 10 a.m. *Coffee with Friends* after worship

Opportunities to SERVE

Food Cart

The following items are requested for the month of *November*:
Canned mixed vegetables, green beans, and fruit; beef or chicken ramen noodles and instant oatmeal

Redner's Save-A-Tape Program

Shoppers, place your Save-A-Tape receipts in the basket on the table in the entranceway. Remember, you must have a Redner's Reward Card to participate!

How Can I Help?

- Change message on outdoor sign
- Help change and update a Bulletin Board in hallways
- Bake or bring a small treat for *"Coffee with Friends"* one week – see Vicki Moore
- Sign up to be a:
    - Worship Leader
    - Greeter



Opportunities to GROW

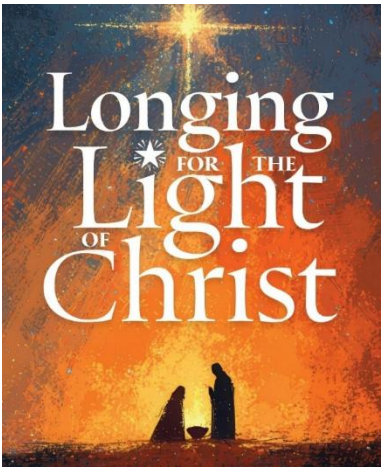
Sunday School & Nursery

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.



Our school theme is: The Fruits of the Spirit

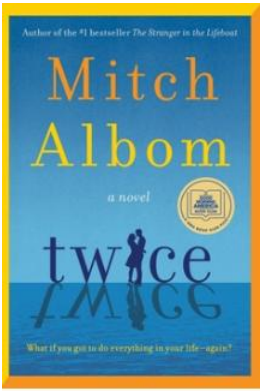
Advent Devotionals



The devotional "Longing for the Light of Christ" by Janet Schaeffler is now available on the entranceway table!!

Opportunities to CONNECT

Books, Conversation & Dessert



Our Books, Conversation, and Dessert group meets the second Wednesday of each month. Our next gathering is December 9 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the manse. We are reading "Twice" by Mitch Albom. Join us for Book Conversations and of course Dessert!



Nov 29	Emil Schneider Nathan Wise		Dec 19	Joseph Smith Justin Gulab
Dec 3	Joshua Choudhary		Dec 24	Justin Illian
Dec 14	Elijah Gulab		Dec 27	Richard Hubbard
Dec 18	Rev. Lisa Salita		Dec 28	Shawnee Armstrong-Hilliard



Dec 14	Ashley Joyner & Ted Proseus		Dec 19	Margarie & Joseph Booth
Dec 14	Jamila & Earnest Gulab		Dec 23	Carol & Bill Celander

JOIN THE SOUTHERN DELAWARE CHORALE AS WE CELEBRATE THE SEASON!



THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF MILTON DELAWARE PRESENTS . . .



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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