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**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

September 14, 2025

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WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

CONNIE SCHNEIDER, WORSHIP LEADER

We are called to love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul

We are called to love the Lord our God with all our mind and strength

We are called to love the Lord our God

And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship!

*OPENING HYMN ***"STAND UP AND BLESS THE LORD"***

#11

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(UNISON)*

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.

We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But many times we end up feeling more like sinners – at times acting unkindly toward one another, or not saying or doing something because we don't want to get involved. Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**FIRST READING****DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9** (NRSV)

OT, P. 157

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN AND BACKPACKS****SECOND READING****MARK 10:13-17** (NRSV)

NT, P. 43

HYMN**“I’VE GOT THE JOY”**

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.

Where? Down in my heart.

Where? Down in my heart.

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.

Down in my heart to stay.

(Refrain)

And I'm so happy, so very happy to have the love of Jesus in my heart.

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I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart.

Where? Down in my heart.

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SERMON “THE BEAUTY OF CHILDLIKE FAITH”*REV. BARBARA MACFIE****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***AN AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY*

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 Saviour 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. Amen.

HYMN***“WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”***

#473

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**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

#147

“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
 Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**CLOSING HYMN*****“LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN”***

#457

BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**

Join us for *Fellowship* after worship today.

We need your thoughts! Please consider staying for good food and participating in the Mission Study Focus Groups!

We need to hear from you!

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Prayer of Illumination. <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-illumination#>.

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Call for the Offering. <https://binarybreakingworship.com/2020/10/06/an-invitation-to-the-offering-and-several-prayers-of-dedication/>.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?

9/14	Worship @ 10 a.m. New Beginnings Sunday Blessing of the Backpacks & Teachers <i>Mission Study Focus Groups over Lunch</i>
9/18	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
9/18	Deacon's Meeting @ 11 a.m. in Gathering Room
9/21	Worship @ 10 a.m. <i>Coffee with Friends</i> after worship Minute for Mission
9/25	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
9/28	Worship @ 10 a.m. <i>Coffee with Friends</i> after worship Minute for Mission
10/2	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
10/5	Worship @ 10 a.m. (<i>Praise Sunday</i>) Worldwide Communion
10/9	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
10/9	Deacon's Meeting @ 11 a.m. in Gathering Room
10/12	Worship @ 10 a.m. <i>Fellowship Hour</i> after worship Blessing of the Animals @ 2 p.m. in the Park
10/16	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
10/19	Worship @ 10 a.m. <i>Coffee with Friends</i> after worship Ministry Team Meetings
10/21	Mobile Food Pantry 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
10/23	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
10/24 & 25	Scrapbooking Event
10/26	WORSHIP AT Westminster Presbyterian Church @ 10 a.m. Choir to practice with WPC @ 9 a.m.
10/30	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.

Opportunities to WORSHIP

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

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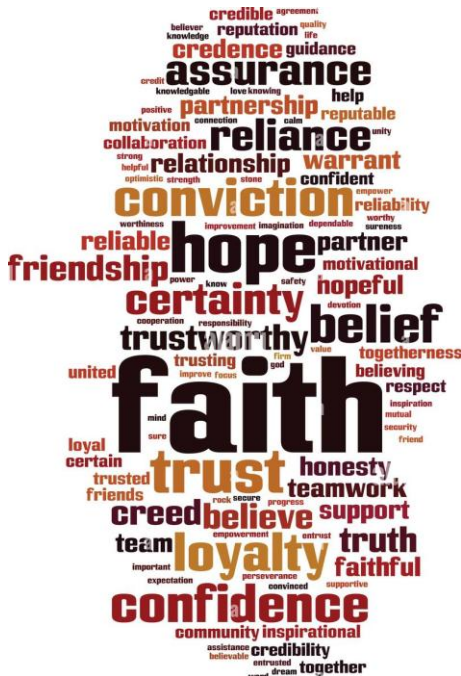
Opportunities to GROW

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. The month of September, the children will hear about the *Faith, Trust* and *Courage* that Abraham and Sarah had in God.

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 and the children will be sharing songs from their Summer Learning Experience (VBS). All school age children will participate in Worship on this Communion Sunday. However, a Nursery class will be provided for preschoolers every week.



Opportunities to SERVE

First Fruits Cart

Items needed for the month of September are:

- ✓ canned tuna
- ✓ chicken
- ✓ peas
- ✓ corn
- ✓ soap
- ✓ ladies/men's deodorant
- ✓ toothpaste

Mobile Food Pantry

We have a date for the Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry—Tuesday, October 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information to come!



How Can I Help?

- Change message on outdoor sign
- Help change and update a Bulletin Board in hallways
- Help clean toys in the Nursery
- Help paint a wall in the Prayer Room
- Help organize Sunday School materials for the Fall Kickoff on September 14
- Bake or bring a small treat for “*Coffee with Friends*” one week – see Vicki Moore
- Volunteer one Sunday to be an on-call Nursery provider – see Sharon Lawrence for more details
- Volunteer to help Nancy in the Office one day a week
- Sign up to be a:
 - Worship Leader
 - Greeter



Opportunities to CONNECT

Happy Birthday!!

Sep 19	Scarlett Illian		Sep 29	Sharon Hubbard
Sep 20	Emma Gulab		Sep 30	Haley Perry
Sep 20	Karen Berry		Oct 3	Austin Short III
Sep 21	Bill Celander		Oct 3	Linda Wolfe
Sep 22	Imran Mall		Oct 7	Sumbel Mall
Sep 24	Bobby Gulab		Oct 9	Asher Gulab
Sep 25	Beth Garvilla		Oct 16	Beth Illian
Sep 25	Carol Celander		Oct 16	Theo Lawrence
Sep 26	Kasher Gulab		Oct 23	John Low
Sep 27	Adam Mall		Oct 25	Ron Snyder
Sep 27	Amin Mall		Oct 26	Rukhsana Gulab
Sep 27	Madison Garvilla		Oct 28	Tobias Hilliard
Sep 28	Austin Mall			

Happy Anniversary!!

Sep 25	Bob & Barbara Chudakewich		Nov 3	Kasher & Emma Gulab
Oct 4	Don & Peggy Hallowell		Dec 14	Earnest & Jamila Gulab
Oct 7	John & Barbara Low		Dec 14	Ashley (Joyner) & Ted Proseus
Oct 10	Imran & Sumbel Mall		Dec 19	Joseph & Margarie Booth
Oct 19	Jared & Felicia Davis		Dec 23	Bill & Carol Celander

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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