

*Worship*



*Connect*



*Grow*



*Serve*

**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

September 17, 2023

## GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 17, 2023 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am

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### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *“THY LOVINGKINDNESS”*

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *REV. CINDY KOHLMANN*

PRELUDE *“HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER”*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 103)* *ASHLEY JOYNER*

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**We will bless God with our whole heart and soul!**

Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord redeems us and loves us, forgives us and cares for us.

Thanks be to God!

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*OPENING HYMN *“JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS”* #90, v1-4

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN *REV. CINDY KOHLMANN*

CALL TO CONFESSION

*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.*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy, you see us fully as we are, and you love us still. You know our petty thoughts and actions, our opinions that cut down instead of buildup, and our words that harm instead of heal. In your grace, forgive us and transform us, so we may be changed into people who share your steadfast love with everyone instead of only keeping it for ourselves. In Jesus' name, we ask you to make us new and holy. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b><i>ROMANS 14:1-12</i></b>	NT, P. 152-153
<b>HYMN OF RESPONSE</b>	<b>"HE IS LORD"</b>	#305
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<b>"YOUR LOVE COMPELS ME"</b>	CHOIR
<b>SECOND READING</b>	<b><i>MATTHEW 18:21-35</i></b>	NT, P. 19
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>"LOVINGKINDNESS"</b>	REV. CINDY KOHLMANN

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *CONFESSION OF BELHAR (EXCERPT)*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world. Amen.

## 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*

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

***“LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN GROW”***

CHOIR

#### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

***“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”***

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Lord, we know that the greatest gift is the gift of love. May the gifts we present of our time, talents, energies, and monies be given and received in that spirit. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN “FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE”**

1. Forgive our sins as we forgive,<sup>1</sup> you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart,  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

**\*BENEDICTION**

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*We are delighted to have Pastor Cindy Kohlmann  
lead us in worship today!!*

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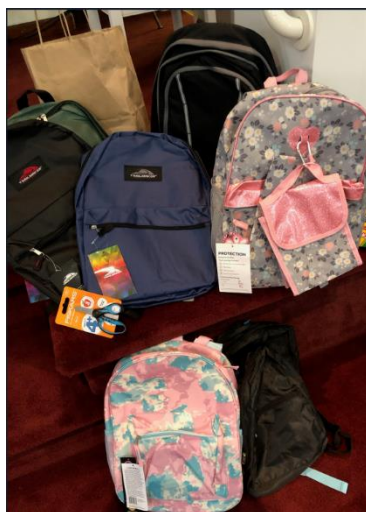
*Pastor Lisa continues on medical leave. During this time, please do not contact her directly with calls, emails, or visits. However, cards and prayers are welcome! Pastor Barbara Macfie will be providing pastoral care. If you have a pastoral need or question, please contact the office or one of the Session members.*

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***A reminder that immediately following today’s worship service, Pastor Cindy Kohlmann and the Session will have a Q&A session to discuss the plans for the upcoming church year, including our Pastor Partner Agreement with Rev. Barb Macfie. We encourage everyone to remain after the service for this important discussion.***

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*School backpacks and supplies were taken to Georgetown Elementary. We donated 10 backpacks and 76 school supplies (e.g., pencils, composition books, rulers, crayons). Many thanks to everyone who contributed!*



*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MASKING & PASSING OF THE PEACE OUT OF CONCERN FOR OUR VULNERABLE WORSHIPERS AND FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY, WHEN GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BECOMES AWARE OF COVID CASES IN OUR 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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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?



### **Sanctuary Campaign - *an important update***

Our campaign to improve our church sanctuary continues. The new roof has been completed and fully paid for. We are waiting to schedule the replacement of the two air conditioning units, one of which is no longer functioning. With the excessive heat, additional strain is being placed on the one remaining unit. This week our donations reached \$14,986. We recognize that summer often brings additional expenses to our families and households, but we ask that those who are able consider making a special donation to our Campaign.

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

### **Help Us Tell Our Story!**

We've a story to tell – about the life, ministry, and Spirit at GPC. Can you help? We need volunteers to:

- Update the bulletin boards in the main hallway
- Update the bulletin boards in Tunnell Hall
- Update and post to our GPC Facebook page
- Update and post to our GPC website
- Help write and edit our newsletter



Contact Nancy in the church office if you are interested – we will show you what you need to know.



## ***Opportunities to Worship***




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September 3 – Rev. Dianne Deming	Communion
September 10 – Rev. Barbara Macfie	Blessings for Returning to School & a New Year
September 17 – Rev. Cindy Kohlmann Connectional Presbyter, New Castle Presbytery	Lovingkindness
September 24—Rev. Barbara Macfie	Who Decides What is Fair
October 1—Rev. Lisa Salita	World Communion Sunday
October 8—Rev. Barbara Macfie	Peace

Choir Practice will take place each Sunday immediately after Church.



## ***OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW***



### **Sunday School Begins TODAY and EVERY Sunday!!**

There will be three classes 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 every week except the first Sunday of the month. Children will stay in worship with their families and take communion every first Sunday.

### **Youth Group**

Our next Youth Group meeting is October 8 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Church. (Location is subject to change)

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

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## Opportunities to CONNECT



### 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.

				
September 19	Scarlett Illian		September 29	Sharon Hubbard
September 20	Karen Berry		September 30	Haley Perry
September 21	Bill Celander		October 3	Linda Wolfe
September 22	Imran Mall		October 7	Sumbel Mall
September 24	Bobby Gulab		October 9	Asher Gulab
September 25	Beth Garvilla		October 16	Beth Illian
September 25	Carol Celander		October 16	Theo Lawrence
September 26	Kasher Gulab		October 25	Ruth Kraybill
September 27	Madison Garvilla		October 25	Ron Snyder
September 28	Austin Mall		October 26	Rukhsana Gulab
				
September 25	Barb & Bob Chudakewich		October 10	Imran & Sumbel Mall
October 4	Don & Peggy Hallowell		October 26	Kasher & Emma Gulab



## *Opportunities to SERVE*



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### **Mobile Food Pantry!**

Our next Mobile Food Pantry event will take place on Tuesday, October 17. Talk with Gail Brown or Linda Wolfe about how you can help.

### **First Fruits Cart**

Food collected in the Cart is taken monthly to Wesley Food Pantry. Through October, we are collecting canned fruits and vegetables.

### **Salita Meals**

Can you provide one healthy meal mid-week? Please contact Michele Fletcher, 302-249-0262, if you are able to help and choose your week.

### **Water, Please!**

Cases of water, as well as volunteers to hand them out, are needed for the Peace Week Concert on October 7. Connect with Michele Fletcher for more details.

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## Community Concert in the Park

*“Mi Casa Es Su Casa” – “My House Is Your House”*

**Saturday, October 7, 2:00 p.m.**

**Presbyterian Park – 203 N. Bedford St. in Georgetown**

Rehoboth Concert Band will feature multi-cultural music of unification, connection, education, joy, and peace. Please bring a chair or blanket and enjoy tunes from our melting pot and across the sea. Through music, our universal language, we create and promote peace and learn to start somewhere to spread harmony in our local communities and beyond. Hosted by Georgetown Presbyterian Church, this concert is free and open to all.

For a complete listing of Peace Week Delaware events, go to [www.peaceweekdelaware.org](http://www.peaceweekdelaware.org)

*The Rehoboth Concert Band is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on [www.DelawareScene.com](http://www.DelawareScene.com).*

**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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