



GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 19947
December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

God meets us in our fear

SERVICE OF WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

DECEMBER 4, 2022

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT ***“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD”*** LINDA WOLFE, ORGANIST

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

REV. LISA SALITA, PASTOR

PRELUDE

“STILL, STILL, STILL”

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE

THE GULAB FAMILY

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

ABBY GULAB, WORSHIP LEADER

OPENING HYMN** ***“PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION”

#152

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (UNISON)

Patient God,
 you know just how often
 we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.
 You know just how often
 we allow fear to take the place of logic,
 fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.
 You know just how often
 we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid"
 on dusty shelves and in the back of closets,
 stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.
 Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.
 Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection,
 which spark and feed so much of our fear,
 to recenter us in love.
 With hope we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PRAYER RESPONSE "JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES"**

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*Jesus, name above all names,
 Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
 Emmanuel, God is with us,
 Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.*

FIRST READING

LUKE 1: 26 - 38^{CEB}

HYMN OF REFLECTION

Here I Am

PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: Traditional French carol (17th cent.)

Unison

An - gel Ga - briel came to Ma - ry In the hills of
Though his words were filled with glo - ry Still the mes - sage
Week by week in Ma - ry's bel - ly God was grow - ing
Whe - ther we may feel we're rea - dy For the task be -

Ga - li - lee Ap - pre - hen - sion and con -
brought great fear bone laid "Who am I to bear the
flesh and us fore laid As her life and path were
- fore us God will streng - then and the up -

fu - sion sav - ior chang - ing hold us Filled her, won - d'ring With the path - way Ne - ver was she Ev - en when the what's so left fear to un - a - t' be clear?" lone fade

"Do not be a - fraid," the an - gel told the maid
"Here I am," she pledged; the the an - gel Gab - riel fled
With her, all the while am," was to Ma - ry's ho - ly child
We say, "Here I am," to God's tran - scen - dent plan

"God has high - ly fa - vored thee"
Quick - ly as he had ap - peared
Pledge of "Here I am" lend of - us God's own
Trust - ing God to aid

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

* * *

*Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN**

"WHEN GOD IS A CHILD"

165, v 1,2

***BENEDICTION**

**IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING –
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

**WE INVITE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AT THE WELCOME CENTER.
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING OUR FELLOWSHIP, PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE
PASTOR OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (302) 856-6842.**



Advent & Christmas at GPC



Opportunities to WORSHIP

- Sunday, December 11 - *Featuring the GPC Chimes*
- Sunday, December 18 - *Featuring "The King is Born," a Christmas Cantata presented by the GPC Choir*
- Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm
Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols
- Sunday, December 25 - **Christmas Day** 10:00 am Worship
- Sunday, January 1 - **New Year's Day** 10:00 am Worship
Zoom & Facebook only - worship from home
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Opportunities to GROW

'Advent Reflections' Small Groups

Sundays in the Gathering Room, Wednesdays on Zoom

There are **two** opportunities each week to gather together and reflect on scriptures and themes of the season, using the 'Generations to Generations' devotion materials which corresponds with our weekly worship services. Each meeting's materials include artwork, poetry, music, scripture, and even prompts for journaling.

WEDNESDAY Reflection group will be led by Norm Bergstrom, and will meet from 10: till 10:45 on ZOOM. Dec 7, 14, 21

SUNDAY Reflection group will be led by Michele Fletcher, and meet in the Gathering Room following worship from 11:00 till 11:45. Dec 4, 18 (There will be a Reflection Station at our Advent Festival on Dec 11)

YOUTH special event in December

Our Youth Group will meet **THIS SATURDAY, December 10, 2:00-4:00** to bake cookies for our homebound members, and for a special activity. Join us for a **Nativity Escape Room** at the Lawrence home, 29111 South Oak Street, Millsboro DE 19966. Contact Pastor Lisa or Andy Salita for more information at (302)856-6842. And bring a friend!

Opportunities to CONNECT

Advent Festival - Next Sunday, December 11, following worship

Our Advent Festival will be filled with fun, excitement, and food. If you have a special recipe that has been passed down from generation to generation, please share them both at our fellowship!

After we share a warm lunch, we'll have crafts, projects, and conversation for all generations together.

We'll have a card making activity too, so we can shower our shut-ins and past church workers with Christmas cards and holiday greetings.

Not Just For Lunch Bunch Thursday, December 15 at 1:00

Make plans to attend lunch and enjoy good conversation at Baywood Greens. This group is open to EVERYONE! Contact Alice Nagle for more information.

Opportunities to SERVE

Mobile Food Pantry in our parking lot!

GPC will SERVE our community by offering free food distribution on Thursday, December 8th. Volunteers are needed from 10:30 till 1:30. Talk with Linda Wolfe or Gail Brown for more information.

Christmas JOY Offering

As is our tradition, GPC will seek offerings for the PC(USA)'s Christmas Joy Offering, which provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Offerings will be gathered on December 11th and 18th.

First Fruits Cart

In November, we delivered 29 bags of food to the Wesley Pantry! That will serve many who are hungry in our community. In December, we will deliver our food offerings on December 20th so folks will have them for Christmas. Please consider helping to fill the cart with healthy Christmas foods, or bring in a box of the 'Reverse Advent Calendar.

Reverse Advent Calendar

For the month of December, the Food Pantry invites folks to do a Reverse Advent calendar rather than the featured item of the week. Each day add an item to a box. We will take all donations to the Pantry on December 20th – just in time for Christmas 😊

December 1 – box of cereal	December 13 – baked beans
December 2 – peanut butter	December 14 – pancake syrup
December 3 – stuffing mix	December 15 – spam/treet
December 4 – jelly	December 16 – instant oatmeal
December 5 – macaroni and cheese	December 17 - macaroni
December 6 – canned fruit	December 18 – spaghetti sauce
December 7 – canned chicken	December 19 – chicken soup
December 8 – canned tuna	December 20 – tomato soup
December 9 – pancake mix	December 21 – canned corn
December 10 – mushroom soup	December 22 – canned peas
December 11 – chicken/turkey gravy	December 23 – canned green beans
December 12 – canned ravioli	December 24 – spaghetti pasta

Advent boxes, full or partial, can be turned in anytime. If you miss the December 20th delivery, we will include the food in January's donations. Wesley U. M. Church asks us to extend their thanks for GPC/s support of the Food Pantry.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MASKING

*OUT OF CONCERN FOR OUR VULNERABLE WORSHIPERS
AND FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY,
GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT
MASKS BE WORN INSIDE THE BUILDING
FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNVACCINATED OR
WHO HAVE HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT PLACE THEM AT HIGHER RISK.*

FAITH CONNECTIONS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?

☐ **Called Congregational Meeting TODAY after worship**

After hearing the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee at Session's Stated Meeting on November 11, the Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, December 4.

Nominees for Elders, Class of 2025 are Cheryle Choudhary, Kasher Gulab, and Andy Salita. Nominees for Deacons are Dora George, and Barb and Bob Chudakewich. Nominees for Officers are Battle Robinson, President and Theo Lawrence, Treasurer.

Nominations will be taken for next year's nominating committee.

☐ **Support our GPC / Code Purple Emergency Shelter**

Our Code Purple Emergency Shelter opened in Tunnell Hall this past Thursday, December 1. Please be in prayer for Mari Elyn Hellard, Shelter Director, for the volunteers who will be needed each day, and for those in our community who will come here for warmth, shelter, and support this winter. You can support our Shelter financially with online donations, or check (note Shelter in the memo line). Thank you!

☐ **Classic Holiday Favorites**

At 3:00 this afternoon, the Southern Delaware Chorale will present their holiday concert, "Classic Holiday Favorites", featuring "White Christmas", "Deck the Halls", and audience singalongs! Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" will be the concert closer! Tickets are available at the door - \$25 for adults and free for those ages 17 and younger. Come enjoy the music of Christmas!

☐ **Clothing Our Kids**

Jeans, t-shirts, hats, and mittens were donated from GPC. Thank you for caring for Sussex County children!

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