

# *Lent*

Let Light shine  
out of darkness...

**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

March 1, 2026

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**

***“BLESSINGS AND HONOR”***

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*ABIGAIL GULAB, WORSHIP LEADER*

Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through Him.

### **\*OPENING HYMNS**

***“SHOUT TO THE LORD”***

*#94*

***“LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH”***

*#88*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **PRAYER RESPONSE**

***“ILLUMINATION HYMN”***

*INSERT*

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

***GENESIS 12:1-4***

*OT, P. 9*



## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      *“SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS”*                      #326

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**    *“REJOICE! BE GLAD!”*

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

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### **Annual Chili Luncheon & Country Auction**

This year is a Cook-off! Get out your pots and pans and best chili recipe. On Sunday, March 8, we will hold our annual Chili Luncheon. This year we'll vote on our favorite with the winner getting a prize! We could use a few more cooks to enter their chili into the competition!



Get ready to bid at our Annual Country Auction of homemade foods, food/restaurant gift certificates, and dinners. A list of possible items to auction off is on the bulletin board under events.

Plan to attend and bring your appetite AND your wallet! ALL collected funds will go towards hosting Rise Against Hunger in the fall. We need \$900.00.

<i>March 5-7</i>	NCP Retreat, Dewey Beach
<i>March 8</i>	Fellowship Hour & Country Auction
<i>March 10</i>	PNC Meeting @ 5 p.m.
<i>March 12</i>	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
<i>March 15</i>	Session Meeting after Worship Last Night for Shelter
<i>March 19</i>	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
<i>March 24</i>	PNC Meeting @ 5 p.m.
<i>March 26</i>	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
<i>March 27-28</i>	Scrapbooking in Tunnell Hall

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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.

3/1	<p><i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>  <i>Praise Sunday</i>  <i>Worship @ 10 a.m.</i>  <i>Coffee with Friends after Worship</i></p>
3/8	<p><i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>  <i>Choir Practice @ 9 a.m.</i>  <i>Worship @ 10 a.m.</i>  <i>Sunday School</i>  <i>Fellowship Hour &amp; Country Auction after Worship</i></p>
3/15	<p><i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>  <i>Worship @ 10 a.m. w/Chimes</i>  <i>Minute for Mission</i>  <i>Sunday School</i>  <i>Coffee with Friends after Worship</i></p>
3/22	<p><i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>  <i>Choir Practice @ 9 a.m.</i>  <i>Worship @ 10 a.m.</i>  <i>Minute for Mission</i>  <i>Set up for Palm Sunday</i>  <i>Coffee with Friends after Worship</i></p>
3/29	<p><i>Palm Sunday</i>  <i>Choir Practice @ 9 a.m.</i>  <i>Worship @ 10 a.m. w/ Children's Parade with Palms</i>  <i>Coffee with Friends after Worship</i></p>

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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.

March 1	Praise Sunday / Youth Leaders
March 8	Sunday School
March 15	Sunday School
March 22	Set up for Palm Sunday
March 29	Children’s Parade with Palms



*Hosanna*

in the highest!

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## *Opportunities to SERVE*

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### **Food Pantry**

*Proverbs 3:9-10 reminds us to "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine".*

Each week we collect food items for the Wesley Food Pantry. Join us in bringing your first fruits.

March:

*mushroom soup*

*chicken noodle soup*

*tomato soup*

*pancake mix*

*pancake syrup*



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## *Opportunities to CONNECT*

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Mar 2	Nadeem Gulab		Mar 18	Joseph Garvilla
Mar 3	Aaron Gulab		Mar 19	Olivia Davis
Mar 8	Asim Gulab		Mar 20	Austin Gulab
Mar 8	Judy Marsden		Mar 22	Sara Choudhary
Mar 16	Logan Matz		Mar 25	Don Hallowell
Mar 16	Myrna Smith			



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

**SCRAPBOOK AND CRAFTING @ GPC  
MARCH 27-28**



**FRIDAY 3:00 - MIDNIGHT  
SATURDAY 7:00 - 3:00**

**\$45 PER PERSON**

**INCLUDES CRAFTING  
SPACE, DINNER,  
BREAKFAST, LUNCH,  
SNACKS AND DRINKS**

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT OR FOR MORE  
INFO, CONTACT MICHELE FLETCHER @**

**MICHELEMKGAL@GMAIL.COM**

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT VARIOUS MINISTRIES OF  
GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GPC is hosting a ***sold out*** Scrapbooking event fundraiser on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28. We need the congregation's help to feed ***30 women***. Please contact Michele Fletcher, 302-249-0262 or [michele66gpc@gmail.com](mailto:michele66gpc@gmail.com) to help us fill the following items:

- 1 pot of soup (meatless or gluten free)
- Money to purchase fresh bagels and cream cheese
- Fresh fruits (bananas, clementines, grapes, berries)
- Vanilla Yogurt and Granola
- Half gallon OJ and qt. half and half
- 3 loaves frozen garlic bread
- 2 bags each chips and pretzels
- 1 case water
- Bag trail mix and chocolates
- 3 Sodas (12 pack cans: Coke, Ginger Ale, Diet Pepsi)

Please bring items to church on 3/22 or make plans with Michele, Sharon Lawrence or Linda Wolfe for pickup. All proceeds from our scrapbooking events go towards various ministries within the church. **THANK YOU** for your help.

## Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

### *Your Committee Updates and 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 application.
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### *You're Invited . . . .*

Austin & Kelley Short's son, Henry, will be performing in The Salisbury School's production of Anastasia. Performances are Thursday, March 19, Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. Mark your calendars to see a wonderful performance and support Henry. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://one.bidpal.net/2026anastasia/welcome>.

  
 production of

# ANASTASIA

Book by TERRENCE MCNALLY	Music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY	Lyrics by LYNN AHRENS	From the play by MARCELLE MAURETTTE AS ADAPTED BY GUY BOLTON
Directed by JOSHUA SMITH			
Inspired by the TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX MOTION PICTURE by special arrangement with Buena Vista Theatrical			

MARCH 19, 20, 21      MARCH 22  
 7:00PM      2:00PM

ANASTASIA is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.  
[www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)

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**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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