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10:00 am

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT”

*There’s a sweet, sweet, Spirit in this place, and I know that It’s the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. LISA SALITA

PRELUDE

“GENTLE SHEPHERD”

*“And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever.” John 14:16*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (FROM JOHN 7:37-39, CEB)

KAREN BERRY

The seventh chapter of John’s gospel tells of Jesus, teaching to crowds in Jerusalem, shouted,

“All who are thirsty should come to me! All who believe in me should drink!

As the scriptures said concerning me, Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.”

Jesus said this concerning the Spirit. Those who believed in him would soon receive the Spirit, but they hadn’t experienced the Spirit yet since Jesus hadn’t yet been glorified.

Friends, on Pentecost, that day had come! Good news, sent to the people, in words they could understand, was poured out! On this day, we say together,

We are thirsty too, Lord.

We want to drink from your water.

We want to receive your Spirit.

We believe.

We are here to worship you!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION 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.

***OPENING HYMN** **“ON PENTECOST THEY GATHERED”** #334, v. 1,2,4

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH**CALL TO CONFESSION*****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Scripture tells us also, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Acts 2:21) In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

***PRAYER RESPONSE** **“BE STILL, FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD”** #129, v.3

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 2:1-7

NT, p. 111

HYMN

“SURELY THE PRESENCE”

#131

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHADAPTED FROM BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (PCUSA, 1983)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women, men, and people to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY **“COME, HOLY SPIRIT, GOD & LORD”** Choir

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“SPIRIT, WORKING IN CREATION” #128, v. 4

*Spirit, wind and flame, empowering fearless witness to the lost;
Come, unite, renew your wonders as of a new Pentecost!
Praise and glory, Holy Spirit, for your love on us outpoured.
Giving honor to the Father and proclaiming Jesus “Lord.”*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

***CLOSING HYMN** **“SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS** #326

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“AMEN, SING PRAISES TO THE LORD!” #741, REFRAIN

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MASKING
OUT OF CONCERN FOR OUR VULNERABLE WORSHIPERS AND**

FOR OUR NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY,

GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOW RECOMMENDS 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

As discussed during last week's worship service, the church has started a campaign to improve our church sanctuary. This work includes a new roof and new air conditioning this year and repairing and replacing windows next year. We will update you as the campaign (and the work) progresses. Please consider making a special donation to our Campaign. Thank you!

Opportunities to WORSHIP

Sunday services -	10:00 a.m. in person Zoom or Facebook streaming
Adult Choir practices -	Sundays, immediately after worship

Summer Music

This summer we would like to include YOUR favorite hymns in our worship services. Please send your choice (from our hymnal) to Linda or the church office.

Opportunities to GROW

Sunday School & Youth Group Update!

For the remainder of this school year, our children and youth will return to Sunday School the 1st and 3rd Sundays during worship, following our Faith Sharing Time.

Are You Graduating?

Do you have children or grandchildren graduating from preschool, elementary, middle or high school, college or another school? Please contact the Church Office with your information!

Opportunities to SERVE

First Fruits Cart

Let's fill it again! Wesley requests the following for May: peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix & canned ravioli.

Mobile Food Pantry in our parking lot!

The next Food Bank distribution will be Tuesday, June 20, from 11:00 to 1:00. The number of people coming for food continues to grow. So, more volunteers are needed! Please talk with Linda Wolfe or Gail Brown if you are interested in helping.

Opportunities to CONNECT

Updating the Church Directory

We are updating our online church directory! Please email a current photo of your immediate family to the church office and your address, email address(es), phone number(s), birth date(s) and anniversary.

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*. The Session will be meeting with those seeking membership in late June, and we will welcome new adult members in worship in July. Please see Pastor Lisa or call the church office about uniting with this congregation formally.

Volunteers Needed!

Nancy, our Office Manager, is on vacation June 19-24. Can you help with email, covering the phones, printing the bulletin and greetings visitors?

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

IT IS A BLESSING TO HAVING PASTOR LISA BACK WITH US ON SUNDAYS, ALTHOUGH SHE IS NOT BACK TO A FULL SCHEDULE. CURRENTLY SHE WILL LEAD WORSHIP EVERY OTHER SUNDAY AND WILL BE IN THE OFFICE TWO DAYS A WEEK (TUESDAY AND THURSDAY) AS SHE CONTINUES TO RECOVER. WE ASK THAT YOU STEADFASTLY KEEP HER IN YOUR PRAYERS THAT SHE MAY RETURN TO US IN FULL HEALTH AND STRENGTH. DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CONTACT NANCY TALMO AT THE CHURCH OFFICE (856-6842) DURING OFFICE HOURS (MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY 8:00 – 1:00). PLEASE ALSO FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY OF THE SESSION MEMBERS OR DEACONS. THE LIST IS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE BULLETIN. PASTOR LISA WILL FOLLOW-UP AND RESPOND TO COMMUNICATION WHEN SHE IS IN THE OFFICE.

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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