

Worship



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**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

September 1, 2024
Service of the Lord's Supper

**INDICATES THAT THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND IF ABLE; OTHERWISE PLEASE STAY SEATED; THE SPIRIT WILL BE WITH YOU EITHER WAY.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

PRELUDE

“GATHER US IN”

*Here we will take the wine and the water.
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion.
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives
that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEXIE JUSTICE, WORSHIP LEADER

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God’s love for us.
Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.
Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.
Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.
Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.
Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in
ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*OPENING HYMN

“LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING”

#358

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>“HEALING GRACE”</i>	#370
FIRST READING	<i>PSALM 45: 1-2, 6-9</i> (NRSV)	OT, P. 489
HYMN	<i>“THE GIFT OF LOVE”</i>	#397
SECOND READING	<i>MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i> (NRSV)	NT, P. 39-40
SERMON	<i>“IMPORTANCE OF RITUALS & TRADITIONS ”</i>	
	REV. BARBARA MACFIE	

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

"IF I CAN HELP SOMEBODY"

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN**

“WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD”

#726

***BENEDICTION**

Thanks to our youth for serving in today's worship: Lexie Justice, Worship Leader; Krystal Mall, Acolyte; and Aember and Anaya Mall, Ushers. Also, thanks to our communion servers, Carol Ann and Lidle Stone, Sharon Lawrence and Beth Garvilla.

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



Calendar of Events

September 5-8	Pastor Lisa & Andy in NYC for "buddy walk" National Down Syndrome Association
September 6-8	Youth Beach Retreat
September 7	6 p.m. -- Worship Service at the Beach
September 15	Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday School Kickoff
September 19	Adult Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
September 24	Mobile Food Pantry
September 26	Adult Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
October 3	Adult Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
October 6	World Wide Communion
October 10	Adult Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
October 17	Adult Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
November 26	Mobile Food Pantry
December 1	Code Purple Shelter Opens



Opportunities to WORSHIP



Sunday services

10 a.m. in person, Zoom or
Facebook Streaming

Choir practice begins **September 22** immediately after worship.

If you are interested in being a Worship Leader for **October**, please contact Norman Bergstrom.



Opportunities to GROW



Sunday School

Sunday School Kickoff is **September 15th** when we will have a Blessing of the backpacks during worship.



During weekly worship we will have a Nursery class for those Birth through Kindergarten and another class for those in 1st grade through 5th. The children will continue the "Operation Restoration" theme that was used for our Intergenerational Summer Learning (VBS). Worship bags are also available if your children would like to stay in worship. All are welcome.

We **need teachers** for the Nursery and the 1st-5th grade classes. Remember our promise to these children at their baptism? One week out of the year would be helpful. Please contact Sharon Lawrence to learn more and offer your service.

The first Sunday of each month our **children and youth will participate as leaders in worship**. Please let Sharon Lawrence know if you are interested.

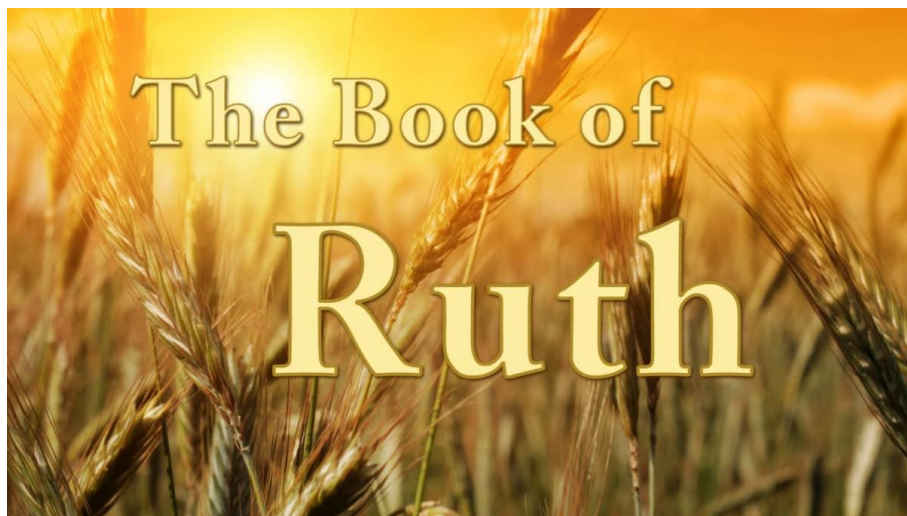
Adult Bible Study

We are offering a weekly Adult Bible Study led by Margorie Egger beginning on *Thursday, September 19th*.

This group will begin at 11:00 (following Chime practice) and conclude at 12 noon. We anticipate a 5-6 week offering, however, you are welcome to attend as many sessions as you like.

We will be studying the Book of Ruth.

Looking forward to seeing you all for a community study time.



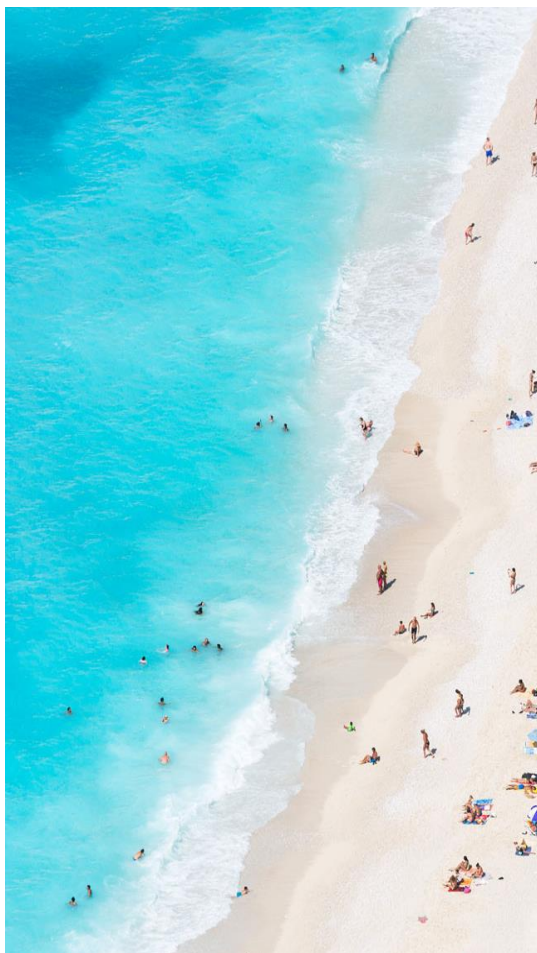
Youth Retreat

The youth will convene at the Hayloft in Rehoboth Beach from September 6-8.

Everyone is invited to worship service, **"Saturday evening, September 7th, at 6 p.m., at the beach."** Please bring a chair with you.

We are still in need of two sets of Queen Bed sheets. If you have sheets to loan us.

Please contact Sharon Lawrence at t.lawrence@mchsi.com





Opportunities to SERVE



First Fruits Cart

Our monthly offerings will be taken to Wesley Pantry this week. The Pantry shared that during the first six months of 2024, they served 174 families by distributing 400 bags of groceries. Thank you for helping to fill the cart for this ministry! For September, the Pantry requests spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, canned fruit, and instant oatmeal.

Mobile Food Pantry

On **September 24**, we will again host the Delaware Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry. Cars are served from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Volunteers are needed from 10:30 - 1:30. If you or someone you know struggles some months to make ends meet, please consider coming to get food. There is NO cost. Please talk with Gail Brown or Linda Wolfe to volunteer or for more information.





Opportunities to CONNECT



DANIEL -- Tuesday, September 24, 2024 – Trip to Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Grace United Methodist Church.

Call Michele Fletcher if you are interested.
 302-249-0262
mkchele08@gmail.com.



Sept 2	Jerry Wolfe	Sept 25	Beth Garvillla
Sept 6	Beth Smith	Sept 25	Carol Celander
Sept 13	Michael Garvillla	Sept 26	Kasher Gulab
Sept 19	Scarlet Illian	Sept 27	Adam Mall
Sept 20	Karen Berry	Sept 27	Madison Garvillla
Sept 21	Bill Celander	Sept 28	Austin Mall
Sept 22	Imran Mall	Sept 29	Sharon Hubbard
Sept 24	Bobby Gulab	Sept 30	Haley Perry
Sept 1	Mike & Karen Berry	Sept 25	Bob & Barb Chudakewich
Sept 9	Alex & Maryann Donnan	October 4	Don & Peggy Hallowell
Sept 12	Pastor Lisa & Andy Salita		

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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