

*Worship*



*Connect*



*Grow*



*Serve*

**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

September 24, 2023

# GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 24, 2023 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am

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## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *“O, HOW I LOVE JESUS”*

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *REV. BARBARA MACFIE*

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE *“THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME”*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Based on Psalm 105)* *KAREN BERRY*

Let us give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Let us sing to the Lord, sing praise, tell of all God’s wonderful works.

Let us seek the Lord; seek the Lord’s presence and strength continually.

Let us worship the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.

## **\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *“BLESS HIS HOLY NAME”* #4

## FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

*“A LESSON OF COURAGE”* *REV. BARBARA MACFIE*

## 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

(BASED ON JONAH 3:1-5, 10 SCOTT BULLOCK, PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & REPENTANCE)

God, we thank you that you are a God who gives us second chances. You call us to go, and we don't always listen. Instead, we go the other way. Like Jonah, we have, at times, rejected your mission of mercy for others, as well as for ourselves. Like Jonah, we would, at times, prefer to not take part in your salvation plans when they are for those we dislike. But thankfully, you have not left us out of those plans. You have relentlessly pursued us in our rebellion, imploring us again, and again, to turn to you, and to embrace your Gospel of love and grace for all. Today, we ask your forgiveness for the errors of our ways. Help us to be merciful and kind. Help us to offer others second chances, as you have done for us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST READING

***JONAH 3:10-4:11***

OT, P. 811-812

ANTHEM

***"O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING"***

SECOND READING

***MATTHEW 20:1-16***

NT, P. 20-21

SERMON

***"WHO DECIDES WHAT IS FAIR"***

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A NEW CREED (EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH)*

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

## 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 *"THE POTTER'S HAND"*

#### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#### *"FOR THE LIFE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN"*

#684

*For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known.  
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own;  
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;  
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.*

### DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Gracious and loving God, if we have gifts to bring, it is out your free mercy; for all things are yours, and what we have, comes from you. Accept the offerings we make, and grant that our gifts which can never be worthy, may yet be hallowed by your blessing, and used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

#### *"TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE"*

#466

#### \*BENEDICTION

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*We are delighted to announce that Pastor Barbara Macfie will join GPC as a Partner Pastor through December. During this time she will work 30 hours per week. This will include leading worship each Sunday, providing pastoral care, and holding office hours. Pastor Barb's office hours will be Mondays and Thursdays from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. We continue to pray that Pastor Lisa will have a full recovery and be able to gradually return to full employment. At this time, please contact Pastor Barb, the church office, or one of the Session members if you have any needs.*

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*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.



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## ***Opportunities to Worship***



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September 24—Rev. Barbara Macfie

Who Decides What is Fair

October 1—Rev. Barbara Macfie

World Communion Sunday

and Rev. Lisa Salita

October 8—Rev. Barbara Macfie

Peace

Choir Practice will take place each Sunday immediately after Church.

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## ***OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW***



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### **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.)

### **Sunday School Leaders**

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 24	Bobby Gulab		October 3	Linda Wolfe
September 25	Beth Garvilla		October 7	Sumbel Mall
September 25	Carol Celander		October 9	Asher Gulab
September 26	Kasher Gulab		October 16	Beth Illian
September 27	Madison Garvilla		October 16	Theo Lawrence
September 28	Austin Mall		October 25	Ruth Kraybill
September 29	Sharon Hubbard		October 25	Ron Snyder
September 30	Haley Perry		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.

### **Volunteers to "Give Water to the Thirsty"**

Volunteers are needed to hand out water bottle at the Peace Week Concert on October 7. Can you help while enjoying the concert? Connect with Michele Fletcher for more details.

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**"Fairness or Grace?"**  
**Matthew 20:1-16**



## 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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