



**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 1997**

December 14, 2025

**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

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

PRELUDE

“ODE TO JOY”

CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

CAROL ANN STONE, WORSHIP LEADER

My soul magnifies the Lord;
 My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
 The mighty One has done great things.
 Holy is God's name!

*OPENING HYMN

“SHOUT TO THE LORD”

#94

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

BERRY FAMILY

Reader 1: This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great delight this Christmas season. This delight isn't dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give, or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from the Lord. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.

All: Today we choose to live in joy, celebrating the birth of Jesus and believing that one day he will return and all who believe will be full of joy and gladness.

The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be. And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

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 ***"MY SOUL DOES MAGNIFY THE LORD"*** *CHOIR*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

*DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

CLOSING HYMN** ***"JOY TO THE WORLD" #179
CHIMES

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***"COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE"*** *CHIMES*

Join us for *Fellowship Hour* in Tunnell Hall after worship today.

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TODAY
AFTER WORSHIP**

The congregation will vote the election of

Elders for the Class of 2028:

Presented are Abby Gulab, Bobby Gulab, Xander Proseus, and
Nathan Wise

The Board of Deacons for the Class of 2028:

Presented are Alice Nagle, Sharon Lawrence and Janet VanGlahn

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC):

Presented are Felica Davis, Ernest Gulab, Austin Gulab, Austin Short,
and Linda Wolfe. Joe Booth, Alternate.

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Affirmation of Faith. Submitted by Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison, Transitional Pastor, Spanish Springs Presbyterian Church, Sparks, NV.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?

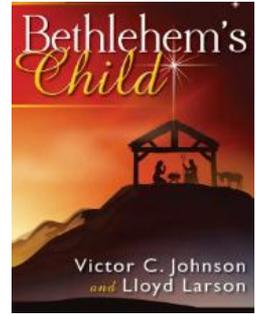
Shelter Open through March 15	
12/17	Not Just for Lunch Bunch 12 Noon at Baywood
1/6	Epiphany 1 p.m. Informal brunch & Communion Service at Manse
1/13	Deacon's Meeting @ 11 a.m. in the Gathering Room Session Meeting @ 7 p.m.
1/20	Mobile Food Pantry 11-1 p.m.



Opportunities to WORSHIP

Continue your prayers for Georgetown Presbyterian Church, its leadership and the community at large.

Cantata preparation continues each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the music room until December 21 when we'll be offering it in worship. Plan to join us to learn songs that tell the life changing story and ring in your heart all through the holiday season.

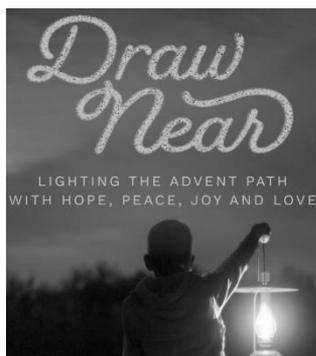


12/21	<p><i>Fourth Sunday in Advent – Delight in Love</i> Worship @ 10 a.m. Cantata: Bethlehem's Child <i>Coffee with Friends with Caroling at the Manse @ 2 p.m.</i></p>
12/24	<p><i>Christmas Eve</i> 5:00 p.m. -- Family Worship 10:00 p.m. -- Candlelight & Communion Worship</p>

Opportunities to GROW

Advent Devotionals

We have available an Advent devotional that GROW would like to share with you. Let us know if you would like a hard copy to take home or sent to you via email. The devotional "Draw Near" by Terri Ott comes from the Presbyterian Outlook. This offers you a time to breathe in God's love and prepare for the coming of Christ.



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.



Opportunities to SERVE

Food Cart

Remember to bring in your Reverse Advent donations and place in our Cart!

Mobile Food Pantry

Mark your calendar: *January 20, 2026, from 11-1 p.m.* Stay tuned for more information!

OVERNIGHT (9:30pm - 7am) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Shelter.
Please see Darrell, Sharon, or Linda.

**GEORGETOWN
CODE PURPLE**

IT'S ALMOST TIME!

Our cold weather shelter opens December 1st. We are in search of volunteers to fill every position. Keep reading and scan the QR code below to find out if this is one of the ways you can spread a little warmth this winter.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Intake
- Overnight
- Reset
- Laundry

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203 N Bedford St,
Georgetown, DE 19947

SCAN ME

Sign Up Here

Website
<https://tinyurl.com/georgetowncp>

Opportunities to CONNECT

Not Just for Lunch Bunch

We will gather at 12 Noon on Wednesday, December 17 at the Clubhouse at Baywood, 32267 Clubhouse Way, Millsboro, DE 19966. All are welcome! Contact Alice Nagle for more information, 215-901-6542.

Advent/Christmas Mission Project

We are filling the Manger with diapers and baby wipes.





Dec 14	Elijah Gulab	Dec 19	Justin Gulab
Dec 18	Rev. Lisa Salita	Dec 24	Justin Illian
Dec 19	Joseph Smith	Dec 27	Richard Hubbard
		Dec 28	Shawnee Armstrong-Hillard



Dec 14	Earnest & Jamila Gulab	Dec 19	Joseph & Margarie Booth
Dec 14	Ashley (Joyner) & Ted Proseus	Dec 23	Bill & Carol Celander

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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