



**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 1997**

December 7, 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

DARRELL MOORE

PRELUDE

“GREAT PEACE HAVE THEY”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

AEMBER MALL, WORSHIP LEADER

Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place.

As one body, with one voice, we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge, and joy. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“THE KING OF GLORY”

#159

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

YOUTH

Reader 1: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who teaches peace, who helps the poor in body and spirit. In the Bible it tells: We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.

All: Today we choose to live in peace, believing that peace comes when we seek the growing of all God’s creation.

Reader 2: We light this candle of peace to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation comes together as friends.

Advent Prayer: Lord, this Advent, make peace real in our hearts not just at Advent, but every day of the year. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Emmanuel, the Word made flesh who is called “Wonderful,” “Counselor,” “The Mighty God,” “The Everlasting Father,” and “The Prince of Peace.” We know that peace on earth comes when hearts find peace with You. May we delight in your peace and pass that joy onto others. Amen.

*** HYMN** ***“WHEN GOD IS A CHILD”*** #165, v 2

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

FIRST READING ***ISAIAH 11:1-10*** ^(NRSV) OT, P. 602

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

A VISIT FROM JOHN THE BAPTIST

XANDER PROSEUS

“PEACE LIKE A RIVER”

HYMN** ***“DONA NOBIS PACEM” #624

Dona nobis pacem, Dona nobis pacem

Dona nobis pacem, Dona nobis pacem

SECOND READING ***MATTHEW 3:1-12*** ^(NRSV) NT, P. 2

SERMON ***“JOHN REALLY DID PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD”***
REV. BARBARA MACFIE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are an Advent people, a people of hope. For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God’s promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed. Even so, we are not a naive people.
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We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives. But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end. 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

“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL”

***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**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN

“GIVE THANKS”

#359

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING HYMN**

"LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH"

#614

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR"

Join us for *Coffee with Friends* after worship today.

Welcome Mary Ann Bella! Thank you for sharing your talent with us!

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

December 14, 2025

AFTER WORSHIP

The congregation will vote the election of Elders for the Class of 2028, the Board of Deacons, and Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

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Advent Prayer. By Rebecca Barlow Jordan's selections from: "A Prayer for Peace & Joy at Christmas.

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

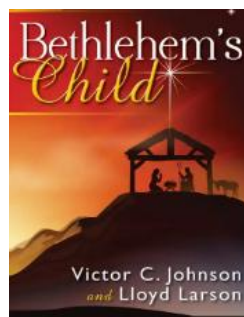
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?

Shelter Open through March 15	
12/9	Deacons' Meeting @ 11 a.m. in Gathering Room Session Meeting @ 7 p.m.
12/10	Carols of Many Nations @ 3:30 p.m. Princeton, New Jersey
12/11	Chime Practice @ 10 a.m.
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.



12/7	<i>Second Sunday in Advent – Delight in Peace</i> Worship @ 10 a.m. – <i>Praise Sunday</i> <i>Coffee with Friends</i> after worship
12/14	<i>Third Sunday in Advent – Delight in Joy</i> Worship @ 10 a.m. Congregational Meeting after Worship <i>Fellowship Hour after worship with Pot Luck Lunch</i>
12/21	<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>
12/24	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 5:00 p.m. -- Family Worship 10:00 p.m. -- Candlelight & Communion Worship

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

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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<https://tinyurl.com/georgetowncp>

Opportunities to CONNECT

Carols of Many Nations

Princeton Seminary is excited to announce that its annual **Carols of Many Nations** will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at 3:30 p.m.



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.

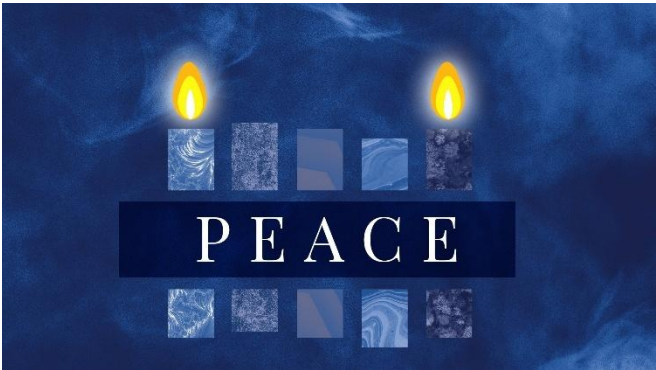




Dec 3	Joshua Choudhary	Dec 19	Justin Gulab
Dec 14	Elijah Gulab	Dec 24	Justin Illian
Dec 18	Rev. Lisa Salita	Dec 27	Richard Hubbard
Dec 19	Joseph Smith	Dec 28	Shawnee Armstrong-Hillard



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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