

*Worship*



*Connect*



*Grow*



*Serve*

**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

February 5, 2023

Service of the Lord's Supper

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10:00 am

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## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### INTROIT

*"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"*

### WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*ASIM GULAB*

### PRELUDE

*"NAZARETH"*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*AUSTIN GULAB, WORSHIP LEADER*

In the beginning  
before time, before people,  
before the world began,  
**GOD WAS.**

Here and now  
among us, beside us,  
enlisting the people of earth  
for the purposes of heaven,  
**GOD IS.**

In the future,  
when we have turned to dust  
and all we know has found its fulfilment,  
**GOD WILL BE.**

Not denying the world, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
through Jesus Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
**GOD WAS.**  
**GOD IS.**  
**GOD WILL BE.**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**OPENING HYMN** *“GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH”* #501, v 1-2

## FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In you, gracious God,  
the widowed find a carer,  
the orphaned find a parent,  
the fearful find a friend.

**In you,  
the wounded find a healer,  
the penitent find a pardoner,  
the burdened find a counselor.**

In you,  
the miserly find a beggar,  
the despondent find a laughter-maker,  
the legalists find a rule-breaker.

**In you, Jesus Christ,  
we meet our Maker,  
and our match.**

And if some need to say, “Help me,”  
and if some need to say, “Save me,”  
and if some need to say, “Hold me,”  
and if some need to say, “Forgive me,”  
then let these be said now  
in confidence  
by us.

*(Silence)*

O Christ,  
 in whose heart is both welcome and warning,  
 say to us,  
 do to us,  
 reveal within us  
 the things that will make us whole.

And we will wait,  
 and we will praise you.  
 Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
 In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## **PRAYER RESPONSE**

#50, v 1

*Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;  
 by his power we trust in his love.  
 Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;  
 by his mercy he proves he is love.  
 Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!  
 Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
 Great is the Lord;  
 Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
 Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!*

**FIRST READING**

**1 KINGS 17:8-24**

*OT P. 309*

**SECOND READING**

**LUKE 7:11-17**

*NT P. 61*

**SERMON**

***“EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED”***

*REV. DIANNE E. DEMING*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*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.*

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

**“COME TO THE TABLE”**

CHOIR

## DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

HYMN

**“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”**

#72, vs 1-2

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### 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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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

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***Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.***

## **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.*

## **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"**

#287, vs 1-2

## **BENEDICTION**

***IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING –  
WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!***

***WE INVITE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AT THE WELCOME CENTER.  
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING OUR FELLOWSHIP, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH  
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We welcome back Rev. Dianne Deming to the pulpit this month!!

Thanks to Austin Gulab for being Worship Leader, Ethan and Alison Gulab for serving as Acolytes, and Kasher Gulab, Cheryle Choudhary, Andy Salita and Austin Short for being communion servers.

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**Offering Envelopes have been ordered and should arrive soon.**

## FAITH CONNECTIONS

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

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT** - We are thankful that Pastor Lisa continues to recover and ask that you steadfastly keep her in your prayers that she may return to us in full health and strength. During her absence, 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. Although Pastor Lisa is not up to phone calls, texts, or visits *right now*, she greatly appreciates hearing from us through cards and our continued prayers.

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### Opportunities to WORSHIP

Sunday services                      10:00 a.m. in person, Zoom or  
Facebook streaming

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month              Sharing the Lord's Supper

GPC Choir – For the winter months, the choir will rehearse immediately following worship. Please consider joining us!

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### Opportunities to GROW

#### **Sunday School**

Sunday School for children and youth is held immediately after worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.



## Youth Updates!

On Saturday, Feb 25 the youth groups of the whole New Castle Presbytery will have their first ever SERVICE DAY here at GPC, learning about the Emergency Shelter from Mari Ellyn Hellard and the Code Purple Sussex director, and doing two service projects to support them. Our youth and our church are hosting the event, which will also have worship, games and recreation, and lunch together as well. It's from 10 am till 3 in the afternoon on February 25. Make sure you can be here! We also need adult volunteers, in the morning as groups arrive and especially at lunch. Can you help?

Second, it's time for kids who are in 5th grade now through current 8th graders to make plans to go to the Massanetta Middle School Conference June 27 - 30. One or two adults can go too, to help and to have fun. We don't have a final cost yet, but we do know that our Presbytery has scholarship funds available for up to ten from our church, to help offset the costs.

## Good News...

Our Youth Group is expanding so we need a bigger space! We plan to downsize the library and move Pastor Lisa's office into what is now the library. In order to make this move we are weeding out books and hoping you will add a few to your home library for "winter" reading. There is a basket on the "Welcome" table this week for you to browse through. More will be offered on February 5th at our SOUPER BOWL coffee hour. Enjoy and happy reading!

## Mark your Calendars!

March 3rd and 4th -- join in the fun at the New Castle BEACH RETREAT. Explore the Seven Joyful Marks of Vital Congregations through music, improvisations, small group workshops and worship. It is being held at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, Maryland. There are several options: ONE overnight, TWO overnights or NO nights.

You will find more details on New Castle Presbytery webpage or copying this link in your browser: <https://www.ncpresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Bay-Retreat-BROCHURE.pdf>

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## Opportunities to CONNECT

### **"Soup"er Bowl Sunday!**

Our February monthly fellowship hour will be held following worship on February 12. With it being "Soup"er Bowl Sunday, please consider bringing cans of soup for our shelter and food pantry. ***Wear your favorite jersey!!***

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

On Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday, February 21) a Pancake Dinner will be held in Tunnell Hall. Pancakes, sausage, eggs and potatoes will be served from 4:30 - 6:30. There is no charge for the dinner; however, donations are accepted to cover the costs.

### **Annual Meeting**

Mark your calendars! Our Annual Congregational Meeting, Chili Luncheon and Country Cooking Auction will be held on March 12 (*subject to change*) immediately following worship. Start thinking about what you can make or gift as an auction item. All proceeds go towards the ministries of GPC.

### **Ladies Who Lunch**

Our next gathering is Wednesday, February 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the Southern Grille of Ellendale, 711 Main Street (Route 16), Ellendale, DE 19941.

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## Opportunities to SERVE

### **Mobile Food Pantry tomorrow from 11-1 p.m.**

Set-up begins at 10:30. We could still use some volunteers. If we have enough, no one would have to be out in the cold for the entire time. We should be done by 1:30 after breaking down the tables and the tent. Let Linda Wolfe or Gail Brown know if you can help out. Thank you.

### **First Fruits Cart**

Please continue to bring donations for the cart!!

### **Support our GPC / Code Purple Emergency Shelter**

Our Code Purple Emergency Shelter opened in Tunnell Hall on December 1. Please continue to be in prayer for Mari Ellyn Hellard, Shelter Director, for the volunteers who will be needed each day, and for those in our community who will come here for warmth, shelter, and support this winter. You can support our Shelter financially with online donations, or a check (note Shelter in the memo line). Thank you!

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