



GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GEORGETOWN, DE 19947

October 1, 2023

Service of the Lord's Supper

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community, than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>"O-SO-SO"</i>	<i>PHILOMENA FISCHER</i> <i>KOREA</i>
FIRST READING	PHILIPPIANS 2:13	<i>NT, P. 186</i>
SECOND READING	MATTHEW 21:23-32	<i>NT, P. 22</i>
SERMON	<i>"BEING CHRIST LIKE -- IMAGINE"</i>	<i>REV. BARBARA MACFIE</i>

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHTHE 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. On 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 whence 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 AND CONCERNS**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY ***"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!"*** *CHOIR ANTHEM, GERMANY*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

HYMN** ***"COME LET US EAT" *#694, LIBERIA*

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. Amen. Amen.*

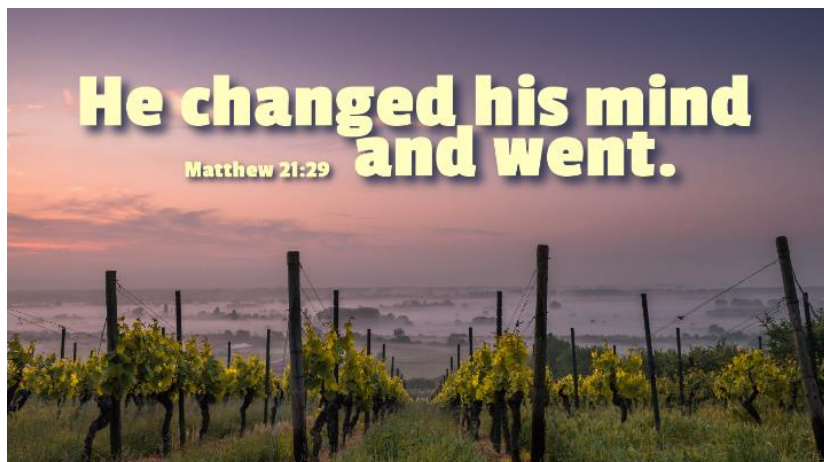
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN *"SHALOM, MY FRIENDS"* #714
ISRAEL

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"CANTO DE ESPERANZA"* ARGENTINA
(MAY THE GOD OF HOPE GO WITH US)



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.

*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MASKING
AND 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 \$15,486. Please 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.



Opportunities to Worship



October 1—Rev. Barbara Macfie

*“Being Christ Like – Imagine”
World Communion Sunday*

October 8—Rev. Barbara Macfie

*“Saying ‘Yes’ to God’s Saving
Initiatives” Peace Week*

October 15—Rev. Barbara Macfie

“Think About These Things”

October 22—Rev. Barbara Macfie

“Growing Together in Christ”

October 29—Rev. Barbara Macfie

*“What Does Courage in Our God
Look Like”*

Choir Practice will take place each Sunday immediately after Church.



OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW



Sunday School

There will be three classes following Faith Sharing during worship:

- Infant to 4 years old
- Kindergarten to 5th grade
- 6th 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.

This month the Kindergarten to 5th grade children are hearing the stories from Exodus.

The Youth (6th grade to high school) class is exploring the traditions of our reformed faith. This will include our Confessions, Worship, Lord’s Supper and the Church Year.

Youth Group – Corn Maze & Bonfire

Our next Youth group activity will be held on Sunday, October 8. We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:10 pm and travel to the Red Barn on Route 404, where we will navigate through the Corn Maze and gather around a Bonfire for a devotion. We will return to the church parking lot at 7:15 for parent pick up.

There is a rumor that some S'mores might be made around the fire. Bring a friend!

Sunday School Leaders

If anyone wants to help in the nursery or teach Sunday School, please contact Cheryle Choudhary (302) 569-1293.



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.

				
October 3	Linda Wolfe		October 16	Theo Lawrence
October 7	Sumbel Mall		October 25	Ruth Kraybill
October 9	Asher Gulab		October 25	Ron Snyder
October 16	Beth Illian		October 26	Rukhsana Gulab
				
October 4	Don & Peggy Hallowell		October 26	Kasher & Emma Gulab
October 10	Imran & Sumbel Mall			



Opportunities to SERVE



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 the first week of the month to Wesley Food Pantry. Through October 1, we are collecting canned fruits and vegetables.

Volunteers to “Give Water to the Thirsty”

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



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

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.

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,
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