



GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GEORGETOWN, DE 1997

December 1, 2024

Service of the Lord's Supper

**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

PRELUDE *“HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE FACE TO FACE”*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

AEMBER & ANAYA MALL, WORSHIP LEADER

We come from a world of darkness.

Into Christ’s world of light.

We come from a world of weariness

Into God’s strength and hope.

We come from a slumbering world.

Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.

***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**OPENING HYMN** *“COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS”* #153**FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH****CALL TO CONFESSION****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess, Gracious God, that we have not always turned to you for guidance. At times, we have allowed the world's time to dominate your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us when we have slumbered, instead of remaining alert, waiting, and watching for you. Forgive us for allowing the world's fears to become our fears. Shine upon us this Advent season so that we may be restored unto you. Guide us into your time. As we call upon your name, hear our prayers and give us life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON***PRAYER RESPONSE** *“SHINE, JESUS, SHINE”**Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's Glory.**Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.**Flow, river flow, flood the nation with grace and mercy.**Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light.***SCRIPTURE READING** **JEREMIAH 33:14-16** OT, p. 694**HYMN** *“MY LORD! WHAT A MORNING”* #537**SCRIPTURE READING** **LUKE 21:25-36** NT, p. 80-81**SERMON** REV. BARBARA MACFIE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“HERE I AM TO WORSHIP”

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

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

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 UP YOUR HEADS, O MIGHTY GATES"* #176

BENEDICTION



CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – December 8th

after worship. The congregation will vote on By Law changes and the election of Elders for the Class of 2027 and the Board of Deacons.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate:

Elders, Class of 2027 to Session:

Sallie Horner, Vicki Moore, Norm Bergstrom

Board of Deacons:

Class of 2025: Linda Wolfe

Class of 2026: Caroline Gulab & Carol Ann Stone

Class of 2027: Emil & Connie Schneider

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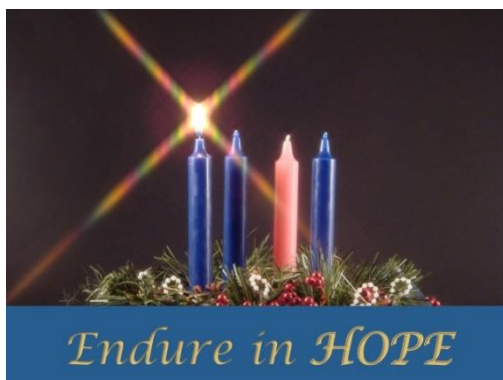
**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE
OF OUR CONGREGATION?**



Calendar of Events

December 1	Fellowship Hour – Advent Festival
December 1	Code Purple Shelter Opens
December 1	Reverse Advent Calendar (for Food Pantry begins)
December 1	Hanging of the Stockings (for Shelter guests)
December 5	Advent Study: Hallelujah—Handel's Messiah
December 8	Caroling to Shut-Ins after Worship
December 11	Not Just for Lunch Bunch/Deacons Luncheon
December 11	Songs of Many Nations (Princeton Trip)
December 12	Advent Study: Hallelujah—Handel's Messiah
December 15	PC(USA) Special Offering: Christmas Joy!
December 19	Advent Study: Hallelujah—Handel's Messiah
December 22	Choir Cantata, <i>Night of Miracles</i> @ 10 a.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Service @ 5 p.m.
December 29	Communion Around the Table @ 10 a.m. in Hall. Bring a Brunch item to share!

If you have not already done so and in gratitude for God's Blessings and Continued Presence, please submit your Commitment Cards as soon as possible.





Opportunities to WORSHIP



Sunday Services	10 a.m. in person, Zoom or Facebook Streaming	
December 1	Advent 1 <i>HOPE</i>	10 a.m.
December 8	Advent 2 <i>PEACE</i>	10 a.m.
December 15	Advent 3 <i>JOY</i>	10 a.m.
December 22	Advent 4 <i>LOVE (Cantata, Night of Miracles)</i>	10 a.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve	5 p.m.
December 29	Communion Around the Table	10 a.m.
Choir Practice takes place immediately after worship.		

Today our parament color is blue. We begin the church year at Advent with the color blue and the symbol of Advent candles as we consider the centuries of waiting for the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ Jesus and consider His coming into our own lives. On Christmas the color will change to white with the symbol of the manger and star.



Opportunities to GROW



Sunday School & Youth

There will be Sunday School today for children—Kindergarten through 5th grade and Nursery for the younger ones.

Youth will stay in worship for communion.

Worship bags are also available if your children would like to stay in worship. All are welcome. The first Sunday of each month our **children and youth will participate as leaders in worship.**

Youth

The Youth have given the youth room a fun refresh, adding personal touches to make it their own! As we continue to grow, we are hoping that those who have outgrown some things from home might be willing to donate them to the Youth. Items on our wish list: board games, lighting (lamps, Christmas lights, room lights, etc.), books (youth devotionals, Christian fiction, Christian teen self-help, etc.), and bean bag chairs.

Please drop off your items at the church on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday when Nancy is in the office. Please let us know if you want the item returned to you. Thanks for supporting our Youth!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING The Youth will join the GPC Carolers on December 8 in Christmas caroling to our shut-ins. There will be soup and sweets in Tunnell Hall before we all travel to sing.



Adult Bible Study -- Advent

Norm Bergstrom continues leading us in an Advent Study: Hallelujah – Handel’s Messiah. Hope you are able to join us on this Advent journey on Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the Gathering Room: December 5, December 12, and December 19.

Carols of Many Nations

Several of us will travel to *Princeton Seminary* on Wednesday, December 11, to hear their Christmas concert which will include parts of Handel’s works. The concert is at 3:30PM and we will have a meal together, as well. We have requested the tickets and will let you know if there are any extras!



Opportunities to SERVE



First Fruits Cart

This month we join Wesley Pantry with the Reverse Advent Calendar. Unlike most Advent calendars, which give us a piece of chocolate give or reveal a special picture each day, the Reverse Calendar asks us to give to others. In this case, we are asked to share from our bounty with others who struggle to put food on the table every day. Please consider buying food for one or two days - or perhaps fill every day of the Advent season with a gift of food. (Refer to the Reverse Advent Calendar for suggestions.)

Hanging of the Stockings

Look for the clothes lines throughout the church for the Hanging of the Stockings! We hope to fill these lines with warm winter socks for our Shelter guests. Socks are the most requested item. Hang up the socks you are gifting when you arrive each week.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Code Purple Emergency Shelter

The GPC Emergency Shelter is scheduled to open the evening of December 1. We need Overnight Chaperones for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. We also need Intake Workers for Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Other volunteers include folks to help with Re-set each morning and to do laundry. Please prayerfully consider helping or sharing this request with someone who may be available. You can sign up at <https://www.loveincofmiddelmarva.org/code-purple>. See Sharon Lawrence, Darrell Moore, or Linda Wolfe for more information.



Opportunities to CONNECT



Not Just For Lunch Bunch/Deacons

All are invited to lunch at the Baywood Clubhouse Restaurant, 32267 Clubhouse Way, Millsboro, DE 19966, on December 11, at 12 Noon. Bring a friend as we celebrate this Holiday season together! Contact Alice Nagle for more information and to reserve your seat, 215-901-6542.

Dec 3	Joshua Choudhary	Dec 24	Justin Illian
Dec 4	Ben Barron	Dec 27	Richard Hubbard
Dec 14	Elijah Gulab	Dec 28	Shawnee Armstrong-Hilliard
Dec 18	Rev. Lisa Salita	Jan 1	Kay McCarthy
Dec 19	Justin Gulab	Jan 7	Krystal Mall
Dec 14	Earnest & Jamila Gulab	Dec 23	Bill & Carol Celander
Dec 14	Ashley & Ted Proseus	Jan 17	Mike & Beth Garvilla
Dec 19	Joseph & Margarie Booth	Jan 23	Barbara & Lee Turek

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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