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**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

September 15, 2024
10 a.m.

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**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

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart. I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

*And I'm so happy, so very happy to have the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, so very happy to have the love of Jesus in my heart.*

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

*I've got peace, love and joy like a river; I've got peace, love and joy like a river; I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul.
I've got peace, love and joy like a river; I've got peace, love and joy like a river; I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul.*

CALL TO WORSHIPBARBARA LOW, WORSHIP LEADER*

The heavens shout of God's glory!

There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.

Come, let us praise the God of creation.

Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**OPENING HYMN "HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD"**

*The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty,
let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice*

Chorus

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

*Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb (Chorus)*

*Name above all names, Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God
You are the name above all names. You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing, how great is our God. (Chorus)*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art. (Chorus)*

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH***BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS***

*We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.*

*We are marching, we are marching, O, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, O, we are marching in the light of God.*

2. We are living in the love of God...

3. We are moving in the power of God...

CALL TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*UNISON*)

Wise, knowing God, you see our hearts so clearly. You speak to our lives so profoundly. And yet, we are often unable or unwilling to hear your truth and go where you lead. Even as we praise you with our mouths, we disgrace ourselves in words spoken to others with tongues of vicious fire. Forgive us for our hard hearts and stubborn ears. Forgive us for our hateful words and cruel gossip. Forgive us for our willful ignorance of the joy and gift you offer in your law of love. Help us live in your love and walk in your truth, that we might be your people, and you might be our God. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON***RESPONSE*****"TRUST AND OBEY"***

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy
in Jesus, but to trust and obey*

FIRST READING

PSALM 116:1-9 ^(NRSV)

OT, P. 533

HYMN

"I LOVE YOU, LORD"

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SECOND READING**JAMES 3:1:12** ^(NRSV)

NT, P. 216

SERMON*REV. BARBARA MACFIE****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*****OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

***DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

***BENEDICTION**

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Call to Worship. Ministry Matters, Nancy C. Townley.

Prayer for Illumination. Valley Presbyterian Church.

Call to Confession. Ministry Matters, Mary J. Scifres.

Prayer of Confession. Ministry Matters, Mary J. Scifres.

Call for the Offertory. Binary-Breaking Worship.

Dedication of Offerings. Binary-Breaking Worship.





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?



Calendar of Events

September 15	Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday School Kickoff
September 19	Adult Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
September 22	Worship-Connect-Grow-Serve Meeting
September 24	Mobile Food Pantry
September 26	Adult Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
September 29	Blessing of the Animals (<i>tentative</i>)
October 3	Adult Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
October 6	World Wide Communion
October 10	Adult Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
October 17	Adult Bible Study @ 11 a.m.
November 26	Mobile Food Pantry
December 1	Code Purple Shelter Opens



Opportunities to WORSHIP



Sunday services

10 a.m. in person, Zoom or
Facebook Streaming

If you are interested in being a Worship Leader for **October**, please contact Norman Bergstrom.



Opportunities to GROW



Sunday School Starts TODAY!!

Today is our Kickoff!! Join us in the **Blessing of the Backpacks!!!**

During weekly worship:

Nursery class is from Birth through Kindergarten

Elementary class is from 1st grade through 5th.

The children will continue the "Operation Restoration" theme that was used for our Intergenerational Summer Learning (VBS).



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.**

Please let Sharon Lawrence know if you are interested in being a Worship Leader, Acolyte, Usher or Greeter. We enjoy your participation.

Adult Bible Study

We are offering a weekly Adult Bible Study on the Book of Ruth led by Margorie Egger beginning on *Thursday, September 19th*. This group will begin at *11:00* (following Chime practice) and conclude at 12 noon. We anticipate a 5-6 week offering, however, you are welcome to attend as many sessions as you like. Margorie would like all to read the book of Ruth, jot down thoughts and any questions in preparation. Looking forward to seeing you all for a community study time.

Youth Retreat

Last weekend the youth spent a rewarding weekend at the Hayloft in Rehoboth Beach. They also led a wonderful Saturday night worship service on the beach! Thank you, Bobby, Caroline, Sharon, Steve, and Pastor Barb! Here are some pictures:







Opportunities to SERVE



First Fruits Cart



Kindly remember to bring something for the First Fruits Cart each month. This is a valued service in our community! For September, the Pantry suggests: spaghetti noodles and sauce, baked beans, canned fruit, and instant oatmeal.



Opportunities to CONNECT



DANIEL -- Tuesday, September 24, 2024 – Trip to Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by Grace United Methodist Church. Call Michele Fletcher if you are interested: 302-249-0262 – mkchele08@gmail.com.

			
Sept 19	Scarlet Illian	Sept 26	Kasher Gulab
Sept 20	Karen Berry	Sept 27	Adam Mall
Sept 21	Bill Celander	Sept 27	Madison Garvilla
Sept 22	Imran Mall	Sept 28	Austin Mall
Sept 24	Bobby Gulab	Sept 29	Sharon Hubbard
Sept 25	Beth Garvilla	Sept 30	Haley Perry
Sept 25	Carol Celander		
			
Sept 25	Bob & Barb Chudakewich	October 4	Don & Peggy Hallowell

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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