

# GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GEORGETOWN, DE 19947

November 10, 2024 10 a.m.

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10:00 am

\*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

### INTROIT

"STAND UP AND BLESS THE LORD"

### **WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

REV. LISA SALITA

### PRELUDE

### "FAIREST LORD JESUS"

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

SALLIE HORNER, WORSHIP LEADER

Come praise God for His amazing Grace!

We gather with thankful hearts remembering we do not deserve God's favor.

Having experienced that grace, we are called to welcome and tend to, listen and accept.

We gather to encourage one another and build each other up in fellowship.

# \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (RESPONSIVE)

Holy God, before time you named us; through time you redeem us. You call us, precious in your sight.

May we love one another as you love.

Holy One, through the turbulent waters, make us steady, your hands holding strong the fragile and weak.

May we extend our hands to one another too.

May we love one another as you love.

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives be food for the hungry, bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word.

May we love one another as you love.

God of justice, remove the chaff of our lives that keeps us from hearing and following Your call; that keeps us from hearing each other.

May we love one another as you love.

Loving God, take this day our fears, our worries, our distractions, and transform them. Let us see each other as you see us.

May we love one another as you love. Amen.

### \*OPENING HYMN

"Now THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

#14

### **FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH**

# CALL TO CONFESSION

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.
We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.

Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (RESPONSIVE)

In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us! We are God's children, called to be different, called to act different, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE "RAIN DOWN" #444

**FIRST READING JOHN 15:9-17** (NRSV)

NT, P. 103

ANTHEM "HOLY GROUND"

**SECOND READING** *ROMANS* **12:1-21** (NRSV) NT, P. 151-152

**SERMON** "HELD BY GOD, HOLDING EACH OTHER" REV. LISA SALITA

### \*Affirmation of Faith

WE BELIEVE in our Father God who gives us life that we might live in communion with him and our world. But our sin cannot stand in the presence of Holy God.

WE BELIEVE in Jesus, the only son of our loving God, born of a virgin, who came as our example and the remedy for our sin in that "while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

WE BELIEVE in the on-going work of the Holy Spirit; calling, ministering and empowering us with grace\_for our journey.

WE BELIEVE that from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we have received life, salvation, and grace. We rejoice that these gifts are meant to be shared, offered freely to each other and to the world. This is what it means to be the Church.

# 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 "BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE"

### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

#34

"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

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

\*CLOSING HYMN "PUT PEACE INTO EACH OTHER'S HANDS" #389

\*BENEDICTION

Today our parameter color is green. Green paraments with the trefoil and Alpha and Omega symbols represent our return to "Ordinary Time" when we set aside time to reflect on and celebrate our call to follow Jesus day by day.

Special Reminder: In gratitude for God's Blessings and Continued Presence, Commitment Cards are due Thursday, November 21, 2024. Copyright/License information:

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Prayer of Confession. Posted on the PCUSA website. <a href="http://www.pcusa.org/">http://www.pcusa.org/</a> Assurance of Pardon. Lectionary Lituraies, Thom Shuman.



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



# Calendar of Events

November 14	Bible Study: Book of Ruth		
November 21	Advent Study: Hallelujah—Handel's Messiah		
November 23	Youth Lock-In		
November 27	Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7 p.m.		
December 1	Fellowship Hour – Advent Festival		
December 1	Code Purple Shelter Opens		
December 5	Advent Study: Hallelujah—Handel's Messiah		
December 8	Caroling to Shut-Ins after Worship		
December 11	Songs of Many Nations (more info to come)		
December 12	ember 12 Advent Study: Hallelujah—Handel's Messiah		
December 19	Advent Study: Hallelujah—Handel's Messiah		
December 24	Christmas Eve Service @ 5 p.m.		
December 29	December 29 Communion Around the Table		



# **Opportunities to WORSHIP**



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

November 10 Worship 10 a.m.

Receive GRACE and respond with CONNECTION

November 17 Worship 10 a.m.

Receive CALL to DISCIPLESHIP and respond with

**GROWTH** as disciples

November 24 Worship 10 a.m.

Receive BOUNTY and respond with SHARING

November 27 Thanksgiving Eve 7 p.m.

December 1 Advent 1 10 a.m.

HOPE

December 8 Advent 2 10 a.m.

**PEACE** 

December 15 Advent 3 10 a.m.

JOY

December 22 Advent 4 10 a.m.

LOVE (Special Music)

December 24 Christmas Eve 5 p.m.

December 29 Communion Around the Table 10 a.m.

Choir Practice takes place immediately after worship.



# **Opportunities to GROW**



# **Sunday School & Youth**

During weekly worship:

Nursery Class is from Birth through Kindergarten Elementary Class is from 1st grade through 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Sunday School is for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up

The children will continue the "Operation Restoration" theme that was used for our Intergenerational Summer Learning (VBS). The Youth will begin studying the book of Acts.

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

**SAVE THE DATE**: Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> we are planning a **lock-in** at the church where the YOUTH will be able to design and arrange their YOUTH ROOM. More details to come.

In addition, Sumbal Gulab is arranging another YOUTH activity for November or December. That event will be a trip to Schell Winter Wonderland. STAY TUNED.

# **Adult Bible Study**

Weekly Adult Bible Study ends on Thursday, November 14 at 11 a.m. (We are not meeting on November 7 because of Return Day in Georgetown.) Join us as we finish our exploration of the Book of Ruth.

### **Advent**

Norm Bergstrom will be leading us in an Advent Study: Hallelujah – Handel's Messiah. There is a \$20.00 study book to accompany these lessons, so please let Norm know if you would like a study book. Hope you are able to join us on this Advent journey on Thursdays in the Gathering Room: November 21, 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**

Wesley U. Methodist Church extends their thanks for the monthly food we contribute to their Food Pantry. This month they request peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & stuffing mix.

# **Mobile Food Pantry**

We hosted the Food Pantry on Wednesday, Nov. 6. We were able to serve 155 households with 24 volunteers.



# **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 <a href="https://www.loveincofmiddelmarva.org/code-purple">https://www.loveincofmiddelmarva.org/code-purple</a>. See Sharon Lawrence, Darrell Moore, or Linda Wolfe for more information.



# **Opportunities to CONNECT**







Dec 14	Earnest & Jamila Gulab	Dec 23	Bill & Carol Celander
Dec 14	Ashley Joyner & Zed 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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