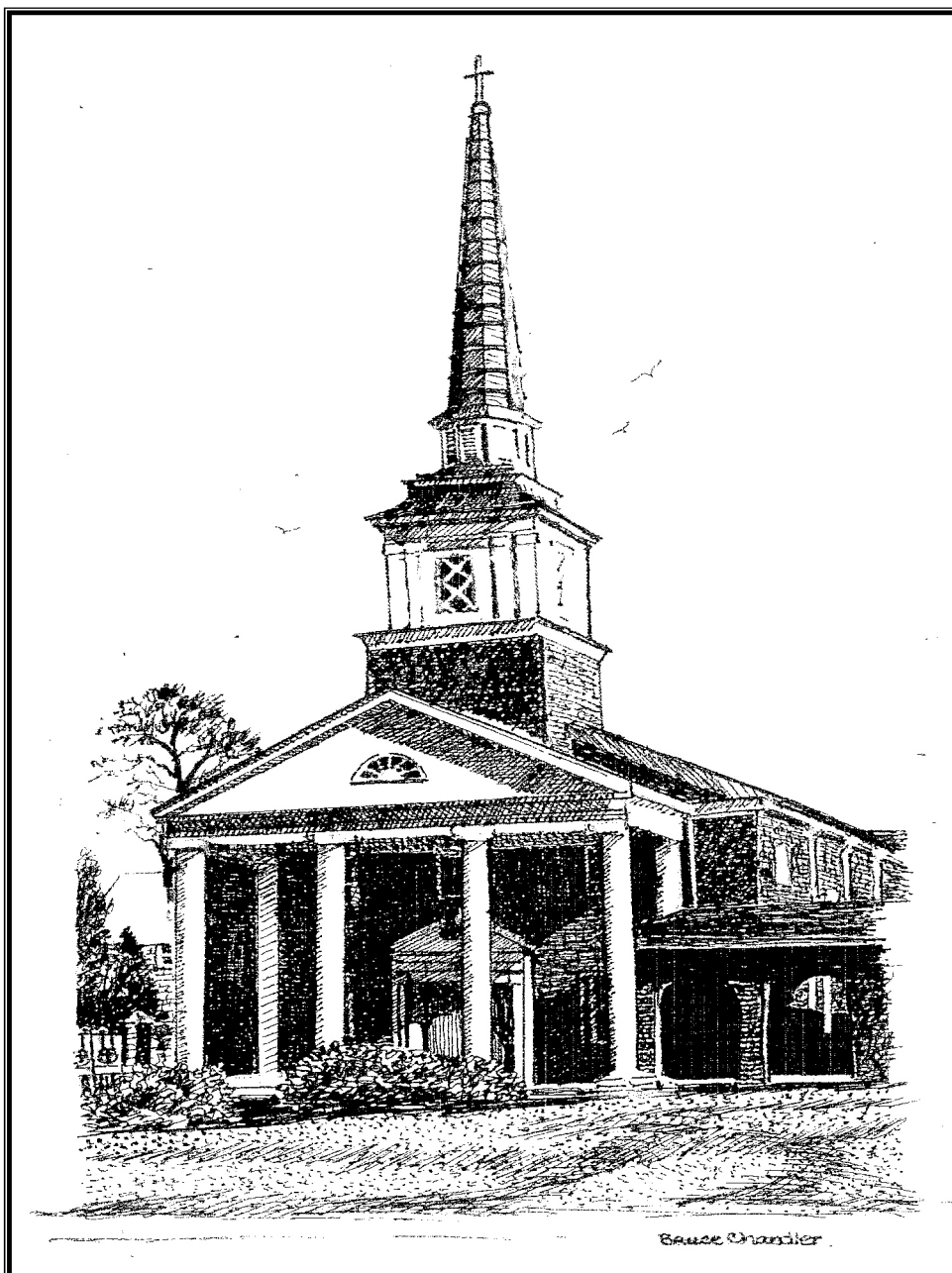


Georgetown Presbyterian Church

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A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

November 27, 2022 10:30 am

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



GATHERING BEFORE GOD

*WELCOME. We are honored to have you join us. Your visit is important to us. Please share your visit with us by signing our **Friendship Pad** at the center aisle end of the pew and filling out the **red Visitor Card** in the pew rack holders. We hope you experience the warm and welcoming spirit of God as you worship with us today.*

GATHERING

The People Who Walked in Darkness

ISAIAH 9

"The people who walked in darkness awaken to see a great light.

The people who dwelt in the land of the shadow rise to a star shining bright.

His name is Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Father forever, Prince of Peace."

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO WORSHIP

Miss Morris

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Plainsong; Veni Emmanuel

Arr. Thomas Helmore

WELCOME AND CHURCH CONCERNS

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Mezzatesta Family

Leader: The day foretold is coming, when believers will drink new wine, God's cup raised high at the Kingdom's table.

People: The One foretold is coming, whose bread will be broken in deepest gloom: a last supper on a silent night.

Leader: The day draws near; let us feast. The Savior meets us anew.

People: We receive God's gifts. Praise the Lord!

ADVENT PRAYER *(in unison)*

O God of the Coming One, we have come to draw water from your well. We trust and will not be afraid, for you have promised that the taste of water will not be bitter, but sweet, like the honey of flowers. Bread broken and a cup shared shall be signs of your presence.

From your well we receive our baptism and accept our healing. All flesh shall gather at your table, and the One who is lame shall leap up for joy. The one who is outcast shall be brought in with gladness. Pour out your salvation upon us who thirst, and where there once was only shame, let there now be praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please stand as you are able and join in saying or singing the parts of the service printed in **BOLD.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of faithfulness, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Forgive our short-sightedness and our sinfulness when we fall short of who you intend for us to be. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert and vigilantly watching for the glorious return of Christ, our Judge and Savior. This prayer we make in his incarnate name. AMEN.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

May the God of mercy who forgives our sins strengthen us in goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Response

TRENTHAM

**“Breathe on me, breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.”**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

We Celebrate!

M.L. Norris

What Can I Give to the Holy Child?

Robert Lau

CELEBRATION SINGERS

Ava Black; Abigail Frye; Mary Adalynn Mezzastesta

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jim Lee

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (*New Testament, pew Bible page 124*)

Elizabeth Ford

Romans 13:11-14

ADVENT MEDITATION

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

19th Century Carol

Chancel Choir; Molly McNeill Rogers, Flute

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (*New Testament, pew Bible page 21*)

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

Dr. Corey Ingold

“EXPECTING”

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

*APOSTLES' CREED (*Traditional version*)

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.

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Call for the Offering

Offertory

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Gustav Holst

Setting by Raymond H. Haan

*The Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BESANCON

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 515 (*vs 5*)

**“Together met, together bound
By all that God has done;
We’ll go with joy to give the world
The love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.”**

DOVE OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Genevan Psalter, 551

IN TODAY'S SERVICE we welcome GPC's CELEBRATION SINGERS. This is a new offering for our young people ages 8 to 12. Today's trio members are Abigail Frye, Mary Adalynn Mezzatesta and Ava Black. Meeting on Wednesdays at 4:30, we do celebrate together as we explore ways to praise God through movement and song. Today is the first time they have participated in a Service of Worship, and they invite the congregation to share in the enthusiasm and energy they bring! CELEBRATION is open to all, regardless of GPC membership.

POINSETTIAS

The Flower Committee will be decorating the sanctuary and church for the Christmas season. You are invited to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please fill out this form and return to the church office, with payment, by **December 16, 2022**, to be included in the Christmas bulletins. **The cost is \$16.50 per plant.** Please make checks payable to Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Amount paid _____

Number of plants _____

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AMONG US!
You are invited to unite with us as a member of Georgetown Presbyterian Church. New members are received either as **Full Members**, the traditional, full-time membership, or **Affiliate Members**, for those who are seasonal or temporary residents. Get more detailed information from our ministers or from written materials found on our Welcome Center table in the narthex.

The Vision of Georgetown Presbyterian Church

Georgetown Presbyterian Church is a community of faith bound and driven by the love of Jesus Christ, called to nurture discipleship and share Christ's love with all people.

The Mission of Georgetown Presbyterian Church

In order to fulfill our vision faithfully, we must do the following:

- Foster a vibrant community of faith that shares God's grace with all generations through uplifting worship and music, meaningful fellowship, and mutual care for one another;*
- Challenge each other to grow in commitment and involvement by providing wide-ranging opportunities for spiritual growth;*
- Reach out beyond our doors by serving and providing resources to all God's people in an ever-changing world.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Dr. Corey Ingold, Pastor

Mary Lu Norris, Director of Music Ministries

Molly McNeill Rogers, *Flute*

Elder of the Day: Elizabeth Ford

Ushers: Gayle McCain, Dick and Helen Rose, Pinckney Skinner

Acolyte: Miss Morris

Lector: Elizabeth Ford

Nursery: Emily Craig, Lindsay Ann Thompson

Children's Church: Kelli Jayroe

Audiovisual: Kalib Moyer, Ben Power

Bulletin Cover by Traci Green

Remember in Your Prayers

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

Members Needing Prayer

(Italics indicate new to the list this week)

Gen Baumeister, Jean Cross, Gertie Dorn, Mary Lou Gilleland, *Thomas Green*, Nakia Hannah, Susan Matthews, *Family of Elizabeth Parsons*, Juanita and Lynn Siau, Earl Small, Nina Stuckey, Family of Stew Swift, Lee and Joy Talbot, Lois Ann Troup, Hank and Ramona Young

Friends/Families

Alex Apostolou, Dan Boyle, Teresa Censullo, family of Bill Derrick, Eddie Fewell, Burkley Ford, Marsha Hanes, Stephanie Martin, Patti Owens, family of James Petit, Christopher Rubillo, Anna Simmons, Brent Street, *Family of Bob Thomas*, Otis Thompson, Nancy Van Loon, Stella Welch

Military Personnel

Sammy Boone, Kenny Brown, Nathan Erickson, Ernest Fajardo, Cody Geary, Matthew Godfrey, William Howard, Brock Hursey, Hunter Lyon, Will Piepenbring, Will Port, Jay Puckett, Will Puckett, Tristan Porcher, Chuck Power, Faith Power, Josh Power, Elizabeth Rooney, Shaun Rooney, Mark Stephens, Brian Taylor, Daniel Yarger

Our Missionaries in Worldwide Ministries

Mark and Miriam Adams in Mexico, Jonathan & Emily Seitz in Taiwan, Peter Lee in North Africa, Larry & Inge Sthresley in D.R. of Congo, Dalit/Untouchables Ministry in India

Financial Report

Sunday, November 20, 2022 - Attendance 133

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| Tithes and Offerings this week | <u>\$14,958</u> |
| Tithes and Offerings this year through Sunday, November 13, 2022 | \$640,078 |
| Budgeted Tithes and Offerings this Year to Date | <u>\$667,500</u> |
| Variance from Budget | <u>(\$27,422)</u> |

Please note that in this time of potential tax increases, it is still possible to effectively manage your tax situation. A good way many people minimize capital gains taxes is through the donation of long term appreciated securities, including stocks, bonds and mutual funds, directly to GPC. You do not pay capital gains taxes on the appreciation and you receive a charitable deduction based on the full fair market value of the securities. Have your broker contact John Stalvey (843-235-4448) at Wells Fargo for delivery instructions.

Another great option, for those of us that receive distributions from IRA's, is to request a payment be sent directly to GPC. This way you do not pay income tax on the amount of the distributions you donate. Just contact your IRA administrator to request a charitable distribution be transferred to Georgetown Presbyterian Church. Should you have any questions, please contact Dan in the Business Office at 843-546-5826, ext. 114.

****Please Recycle Bulletins! Place in the baskets in the narthex. Thank you.***

The Week of November 27, 2022

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| Sunday | November 27 |
| 9:00 am | Sunday School |
| 9:45 am | Fellowship Time |
| 10:00 am | Choir Rehearsal |
| 10:30 am | Worship |
| Monday | November 28 |
| Tuesday | November 29 |
| Wednesday | November 30 |
| 8:00 am | Men's Breakfast and Study |
| 4:45-5:30 pm | Celebration Singers |
| 5:15 pm | BRIDGES Meal |
| 5:15-6:45 pm | Middle School Youth |
| 6:00-6:30 pm | JAM Singers |
| 6:00 pm | Handbells |
| 6:00 pm | Programs |
| 6:45 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | December 1 |
| Friday | December 2 |
| | <i>Office Closed</i> |
| Saturday | December 3 |
| 9:00 am | Quilters/Crafters |
| Sunday | December 4 |
| 9:00 am | Sunday School |
| 9:45 am | Fellowship Time |
| 10:00 am | Choir Rehearsal |
| 10:30 am | Worship |
| 1:00 pm | Strategic Planning Committee |
| 5:30 pm | Senior High Youth |

NURSERY, infant-1-year-old, in room A102 and **BEGINNERS**, 2-year-old, in room A101 located on the hall behind the front of the Sanctuary.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, please call the church office (843) 546 - 5826, ext. 110, or Corey Ingold, (843) 546 - 5826, ext. 111.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE VERY THANKFUL TO CELEBRATE the faithfulness and generosity of members of Georgetown Presbyterian Church. We are blessed to have so many good, devoted people who have stepped up to support the ministries of GPC. We are very grateful to each member who has pledged their support already. Just as you develop your own family's budget and financial plans, good stewardship requires the same planning for our church to determine its outreach and ministries that you make possible for 2023. Life gets busy and if you have not had an opportunity to make your pledge, it would be greatly appreciated if you could return your pledge card by December 5th. Our Finance Committee is finalizing budgets at their meeting on December 12. This will allow for responsible church planning for next year. Thanks for your continued support of Georgetown Presbyterian Church. *Jody Tamsberg, 2023 Stewardship Chairman*

BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR THE DECEMBER 6 CONGREGATIONAL CARE LUNCHEON. Sign up list is on the bulletin board behind the sanctuary. Food will be prepared by Karen Kahn and our faithful kitchen volunteers.

HELP RING THOSE CHRISTMAS BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY: We have a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to participate in a hands-on Christmas season outreach program to help those in need in our community. The GPC Service to Community ministry has signed up to man the Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing bucket at the Wal Mart Pharmacy door on Tuesday, 29 November and Thursday, 1 December from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM each day. Sign-up sheets are on the Bulletin Board outside the Fellowship Hall. Shifts are two hours long and we need at least one person on each shift, two is preferable, and up to three is fine. Please consider participating in this Salvation Army annual tradition of Christmas giving!

BRIDGES WILL NOT MEET ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: December 21 and Dec 28.