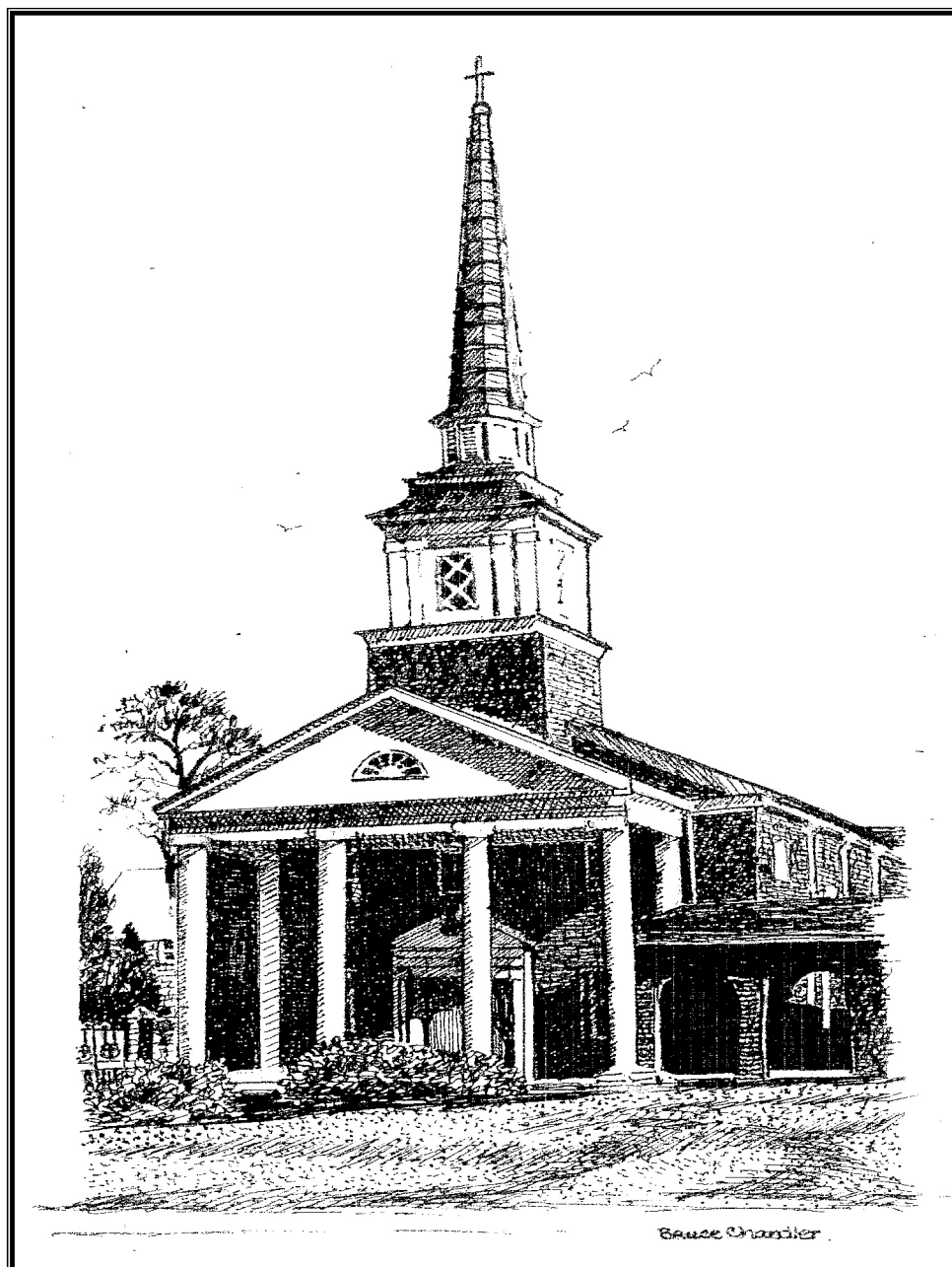


Georgetown Presbyterian Church

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A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

September 17, 2023 10:30 am

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023



GATHERING BEFORE GOD

THE GATHERING

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO WORSHIP

Mae Morris

PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

Arr. Kenon Renfrow

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and we will observe them to the end.

People: Give us understanding that we may keep your law and observe it with our whole hearts.

Leader: Lead us in the path of your commandments, for we delight in it.

People: Turn our hearts to your decrees and not to selfish gain.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen. You have stretched out your hand, and we have not taken it. We have received what you have given us and used those gifts to take advantage of others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect your Truth and not our truths. This we pray in the name of Christ our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of God triumphs over judgment through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, who has forgiven our sin and healed our sickness. In the merciful name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Response

Hymn 492

You Belong to Christ

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

**"You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Bob Derrick

Psalm 103:1-14 (*Old Testament, pew Bible page 430*)

ANTHEM

Prayer Litany

Helen Kemp

Jean Power, *Soprano*; Heather Pelham, *Alto*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35 (*New Testament, pew Bible page 15*)

SERMON

Dr. Corey Ingold

"AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS"

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

*BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (*Lines 7-26*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Call for the Offering

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul

Arr. Martha Meir

*The Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 729 (*v. 1*)

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

“Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.”

*POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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 minister, from the elder of the day 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

Sara Beth Freytag, Guest Pianist

Molly Rogers, Flute

Ushers: Becky and Dean Mann, Helen and Dick Rose

Acolyte: Mae Morris

Children's Church: Karen Carter, Joan Litton

Lector: Bob Derrick

Elder of the Week: Mike Jordan

Audio: Albert Ford, Elizabeth Ford, Kalib Moyer, Ben Power

Remember in Your Prayers

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

Galatians 6:2

Family of Zula Bath, Gen Baumeister, Ron Booth, *Bruce and Marcy Carl*, Nancy Corrigall, Family of Jean Cross, Clary Dawson, Jennifer Dawson, Rowena Dawson, Jill DeMarchi, Gertie Dorn, Judie Edwards and Family, Mary Lou Gilleland, Sally Gillespie, Thomas Green, Joyce and Bob Hammond, Susan Matthews, Jan O'Tuel, Rita Scott, Juanita and Lynn Siau, Earl Small, *Pete and Rody Stegall*, Nina Stuckey, Family of Lee Talbot, Lois Ann Troup, Happy Wilcox, Family of Hank Young

Friends/Families

Alex Apostolou, *Family of Martin Carl*, Teresa Censullo, Norma Connelly, Chris De Marchi, Burkley Ford, Rhonda Frazee, Family of Linda Guthrie, Marsha Hanes, Karen Lambert, Nancy Moore, Josh Parsons, Beth and Bob Ruff, *Family of Chris Stegall*, Family of Johnny Thomas, Ann Tiller

Military Personnel

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, Larry & Inge Sthreshley in D.R. of Congo, Dalit/Untouchables Ministry in India

Financial Report

Sunday, September 10, 2023 - Attendance 123

Tithes and Offerings this week	<u>\$12,446</u>
Tithes and Offerings this year through Sunday, September 10, 2023	\$553,330
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings this Year to Date	<u>\$555,000</u>
Variance from Budget	<u>(\$1,670)</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 by placing in the baskets in the narthex.*

The Week of September 17, 2023

Sunday	September 17
9:00-9:45 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
Monday	September 18
5:00 pm	Mission Committee
Tuesday	September 19
4:00 pm	Finance Committee
5:30 pm	Session
Wednesday	September 20
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
3:30 pm	Staff Meeting
4:45-5:15 pm	Celebration Singers Rehearsal
5:15 pm	BRIDGES Meal
6:00 pm	J.A.M Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Program
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	September 21
12:00 pm	Session Reports Due
5:30 pm	Preschool Board
Friday	September 22
	<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday	September 23
	<i>Office Closed</i>
9:00 am	Quilters/Crafters
Sunday	September 24
	Change for Children
9:00-9:45 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 pm	Reception for Rodney Mason

ANGEL FUND: has been busy sending care packages and gift certificates to families going through troubling times, illnesses, injuries and losses. Please contact the AF via email at angel@gtpres.org if you need assistance or perceive anyone who might need a lift.

NURSERY for infants through 2-years of age is in room A102 located on the hall behind the front of the Sanctuary. Volunteers needed. Please contact Nicole Lee to volunteer.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given by Sally Gillespie and family to the Glory of God, remembering with love Susan Gillespie Elliott. *S*

BACK-PACK BUDDY'S: If anyone is interested in packing bags of food to supplement weekend mealtime for several Kensington Elementary School students, please contact Dean Brown at carradeanbrown@aol.com.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIDGES PROGRAM meal begins at 5:15 and concludes at 6:00. The adult elective class taught by Pastor Corey will be on "The Four Gospels" on Wednesdays from September 13 through October 11. No prior preparation is necessary for these classes that will meet in the Chapel beginning at 6:00 after the meal each Wednesday night.

CHANGE 4 CHILDREN: Our collection Sunday is September 24! If you're without a basket, please feel free pick one up in the fellowship hall lobby behind the sanctuary and start saving your change.

HELPING HANDS: Thank you, GPC, for donating 277 pounds of food in the month of August. HH appreciates your generosity. For September their special needs are dried beans, grits, oatmeal and boxed dried cereal.

THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PROGRAM will continue through September. Shoebox gifts demonstrate God's in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Each shoebox gift is a powerful tool for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. After receiving a shoebox, children are invited to enroll in The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship program. Please pray for your shoebox and the child that receives this gift box.

IT IS ALMOST TIME! The Congregational Care Lunches will be starting again on Tuesday, October 3, at 12 noon. These gatherings are wonderful fellowship opportunities for people of all ages to get to know each other better over delicious food prepared by Chef Karen or Chef Al. Special guests in October are Joel Long, our Parish Associate and Kelly Johnson who will be giving flu shots between 11 - 1. Sign up on the bulletin board behind the sanctuary to let us know you will be joining us.

FRIENDSHIP PLACE: hopes to start serving hot meals very soon. More volunteers will be needed. Certifications are required to serve at FP. A food handler class on September 29th, from 9am-noon, at no cost, is being offered. If previously registered, you will need to register again. The course can also be taken online. Please call Cindy McDaniel at 843-240-4417 for more information and to register.