

Georgetown Presbyterian Church

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Series from The Psalms... “Songs of the Lenten Life”

March 17... “According To Your Word”
Psalm 119

March 24 (Palm Sunday)... “Enter The Gate Of The Lord”
Psalm 118

A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

March 17, 2024

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024



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

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO WORSHIP

Asher Mezzastesta

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

Arr. Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND CHURCH CONCERNS

Minute for Mission: Walk for Water

Buzz Busby

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has set this day before us,

People: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

Leader: God has fixed the days of our lives before us,

People: A span of years in which we love, and learn and serve.

Leader: God has established God's word within us,

People: A foundation-firm, holy, and authoritative. Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of Covenant, forgive us for those times when we fail to give voice to Your Word. Too often we give voice to the lesser authorities in our lives. Help us to live according to your teachings and principles. For we know Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths. May you write scripture's words upon the tablets of our hearts that we might not sin against You. In Christ's name. Amen!

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This teaching from scripture is reliable! Our God is a loving God-plenteous in mercy And abounding in steadfast love.

People: According to your Word, O God... If we will confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Alleluia. Thanks be to God!

*Response

Hymn 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

**"Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!"**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING (*Old Testament, pew Bible page 570*)
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Bob Champion

ANTHEM

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

THE TURTLE DOVE
Arr. Richard Shephard

SCRIPTURE READING (*Old Testament, pew Bible page 440*)
Psalm 119

SONGS OF THE LENTEN LIFE #2
"According to Your Word"

Rev. Joel Long

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Confession of 1967, Book of Confessions*)

We believe the New Testament is the recorded testimony of apostles to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church. The Old Testament bears witness to God's faithfulness in his covenant with Israel and points the way to the fulfillment of God's purpose in Christ. The Old Testament is indispensable to understanding the New Testament and is not itself fully understood without the New.

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE
Arr. Robert Hebble

*The Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 459

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

THY WORD

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

POSTLUDE

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

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 or from the Elder of the Day.

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

Rev. Joel Long, *Transitional Pastor*

Rodney Mason, *Director of Music Ministries*

Molly McNeill, *Flute*

Ushers: Emily and Hu Craig, Terry Fry, Margaret Miller

Acolyte: Asher Mezzatesta

Lector: Bob Champion

Elder of the Week: Kelly Nash

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

“Songs of the Lenten Life”

As a teenager, I loved van and bus trips with my church. The trips were special because we spent time singing songs of faith. One particular trip during the Lenten season, we were on our way to visit a “prayer labyrinth.” (see pic below) Our group leader introduced us to a prayer labyrinth’s purpose. For those who do not know the meaning of a prayer labyrinth, here is a post from the University of Notre Dame’s website:

“a labyrinth is a form of walking meditation, a physical expression of the interior journey towards Christ that is meant to characterize all Christian meditation.”

On our return trip home, one of our church member’s shared her experience while walking and praying. **“I was overwhelmed by the Spirit’s presence as my mind raced back to a time when my mother took me to a little church where, at the close of the service, the congregation stood to sing, *Just A Closer Walk With Thee*.”** Suddenly, she began to sing and before long others joined her in singing. It left an impression on my life. Singing the right song at the right time can have a profound impact on our spiritual lives.

This series, *“Songs of the Lenten Life,”* is meant to capture how God’s grace empowers us to reorient our lives in light of its illuminating presence. The Lenten Light of the Spirit’s presence exposes our sin, but it also provides needed strength to have ***a closer walk with Christ***. Join me as we sing from the Psalms our **“Songs of the Lenten Life.”**

Rev. Joel M. Long



Can you find your way to the center?

Remember in Your Prayers

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God."

Philippians 4:6

Family of Zula Bath, Gen Baumeister, Family of Jean Cross, Jennifer Dawson, Rowena Dawson, Phil Dellasega, Gertie Dorn, Judie Edwards, Gary and Cathy Hall and Family, Sally Gillespie, Buddy Gore, Traci and Thomas Green, Joyce and Bob Hammond, Lu Turner Hook and Family, Mike Jordan, Susan Matthews, Pete Ridley, *Chris Rubillo*, Family of Ed Sekkes, Family of Lynn Siau, Earl Small, Nina Stuckey, Joy Talbot, Lois Ann Troup, Janette Weaver and Family, Happy Wilcox, Family of Hank Young

Friends/Families

Alex Apostolou, Joyce Berry, Donald Boyd, Teresa Censullo, Norma Connelly, Kimberley Duncan and Family, Rhonda Frazee, Marsha Hanes, Israelis and those in the Middle East and local community, Tami James, Ginger Leggett, Mary Mason, *Tucker Moody*, Katherine Moore, Nancy Moore, Beth Ruff, Family of Betty Searcy, Gabriel Thomas

Military Personnel

Kenny Brown, Nathan Erickson, Ernest Fajardo, Cody Geary, Matthew Godfrey, William Howard, Brock Hursey, Hunter Lyon, Ben Martin, Alexander Pelham, Harrison Pelham, 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, March 10, 2024 - Attendance 119

Tithes and Offerings this week	<u>\$18,464</u>
Tithes and Offerings this year through Sunday, March 10, 2024	\$154,850
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings this Year to Date	<u>\$155,000</u>
Variance from Budget	<u>(\$150)</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.

***PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR BULLETINS.** Baskets have been placed in the Narthex for bulletins

The Week of March 17, 2023

Sunday	March 17
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:45 am	Fellowship Time
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
Monday	March 18
Tuesday	March 19
5:30 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	March 20
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
4:45-5:15 pm	Celebration Choir
5:15-6:00 pm	Bridges Meal
6:00 pm	Lenten Service
6:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	March 21
9:00 am	Service to Community
Friday	March 22
	<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday	March 23
	<i>Office Closed</i>
7:00 am	Walk for Water Departure
9:00 am	Quilters/Crafters
Sunday	March 24
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:45 am	Fellowship Time
10:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship

ANGEL FUND: Please contact the Angel Fund via email at angel@gtpres.org if you have any questions or suggestions concerning assistance for yourself or a GPC member.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Mike Piepenbring to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my awesome sister, Marty Trifiletti. ☪

JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY VESPERS EACH WEDNESDAY at 6:00 pm in the chapel. Supper begins at 5:15 pm. Theme this week is "The Christ Hymn" Philippians 2:5-11.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN GPC MEMBERS IN THE WALK FOR WATER IN CHARLESTON, SC, MARCH 23. This year, we walk with the goal of raising enough support to bring safe water and the Living Water message of Jesus Christ to 15,000 people in need. Signup sheets are located on the buffet table in the lobby of the Fellowship Hall.

HELPING HANDS: The HH Food Drive for February was successful in collecting 324 pounds of non-perishable food items for those who are in need in Georgetown County. The March drive begins with *special requests for rice, spaghetti noodles, grits, cereal, oatmeal, and soups.* Thank you all.

GPC EASTER EGG HUNT & COOKOUT is Wednesday, March 27, 5:30-7:00 We are collecting **filled Easter Eggs** for our Easter Egg Hunt! We graciously accept as many **pre-filled Easter eggs** that you are able to donate! Please bring your filled eggs to the church by Tuesday, March 26. We welcome and invite **YOU** to join us! Please call the church office to let us know that you are coming so we will be sure to have enough food!

THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE will be Sunday, March 31, 6:30 AM, at the south end of Pawleys Island. Rev. Joel Long is on the leadership team assisting with the service. Please mark your calendars. **NOTE: In case of inclement weather, the sunrise service will be held in the Pawleys Island Chapel on the marsh.**

EASTER LILIES

The Flower Committee will be decorating the sanctuary and church for Easter Sunday. You are invited to purchase an Easter lily in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please fill out this form and return to the church office, with payment, by **March 25, 2024**, to be included in the Easter service bulletin. The cost is \$16.00 per request. Please make checks payable to Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Amount paid _____