

Georgetown Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost 2024

A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

May 19, 2024

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost

Heritage Sunday

May 19, 2024



GATHERING BEFORE GOD

THE GATHERING O Day of Joy and Wonder JONATHAN'S TUNE

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO WORSHIP Rowan Pelham

PRELUDE O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! O FILII ET FILIAE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

HERITAGE SUNDAY Rev. Joel Long

CHORAL INTROIT Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit) VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

All: The day of Pentecost has come and we have gathered together in this place.

Leader: Praise the Lord who sends forth his Spirit!

All: Jesus Christ, reign down your Spirit upon this place.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

All: Praise the Lord! Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Savior, who didst set Thy face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem to Thy cross and passion; help us, Thy weak and wavering disciples, to be firm and resolute in doing those things that lie before us. Help us to overcome difficulties and to persevere in spite of failures. When we are weary and disheartened and ready to give in, do Thou fill us with courage and strength, and keep us faithful to our work; for Thy name's sake. AMEN. *(from the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland, 1940)*

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! God says, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart that is alive and forgiven!

People: Blessed is the Spirit of the Lord! God's mercies are new every morning. They bring pardon and renewal.

*Response

Hymn 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM I

Deep and Wide

J.A.M. Singers: Sara Kate Black, Sellers Brebner, Sloane Williams

I Am a Promise

William and Gloria Gaither

Celebration Singers: Ava Black; Abigail Frye; Mary Adalynn Mezzatesta

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Joel Long

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (*New Testament, pew Bible page 90*)

Molly McNeill

Acts 2:1-21

ANTHEM II

Cannon for Pentecost

David Catherwood

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (*Old Testament, pew Bible page 625*)

Ezekial 37:1-14

SERMON

Rev. Joel Long

"Putting Meat on the Bones"

A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST (*from The Scots Confession 3.01*)

Spirit of God, Eternal, All Powerful, Unchanging One, at Pentecost you gave birth to the Church. That Divine Wind, renewing, transforming, life-giving power. We celebrate Pentecost, we celebrate and worship You. Come, with that same Divine Breath, enliven us, renew us, enable us to do more than just "know" in our minds the truth of your being. Let us "feel" your presence; The healing, engaging, uplifting presence of peace and grace. Come to us, we invite you to be among us in a new and unique way. That we, your Church, might awake from our slumber and once more be filled with the confidence of our resurrection hope and wonderful Good News. To You, Holy Spirit, One with the Father and Son, be glory forever more. Amen. (*written by the Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland...Pentecost 2022*)

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Psalm

Gordon Young

*The Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ST. AGNES

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 285 (*v. 1*)

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
**Like the murmur of the dove's song,
Like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the world's rush,
Like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

BRIDEGROOM

*POSTLUDE

Sunshine in My Soul

SUNSHINE

Arr. John Sweeney

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

Rev. Joel Long, Transitional Pastor

Rodney Mason, Director of Music Ministries

Molly McNeill, *Flute*

J.A.M. Singers: Sara Kate Black, Sellers Brebner, Sloane Williams

Celebration Singers: Ava Black, Abigail Frye, Mary Adalynn Mezzatesta

Ushers: Dean Brown, Sam DeMent, Emerson Gower, Dick Schwab

Acolyte: Rowan Pelham

Lector: Molly McNeill

Elder of the Week: Pete Stegall

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

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

Gen Baumeister, Nancy Corrigall, Jennifer Dawson, Rowena Dawson, Gertie Dorn, Judie Edwards, Sally Gillespie, Joyce and Bob Hammond, Ann Martin, Susan Matthews, Katherine Mitchum, Pete Ridley, Family of Ed Sekkes, Earl Small, Nina Stuckey, Lois Ann Troup, Happy Wilcox

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, Renna Long, Mary Mason, Tucker Moody, Katherine Moore, Nancy Moore, Beth Ruff, Family of Betty Searcy, Gabriel Thomas, Scarlette Vause, Ricky Williams

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, 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, May 12, 2024 - Attendance 116

Tithes and Offerings this week	<u>\$14,501</u>
Tithes and Offerings this year through Sunday, May 12, 2024	\$299,477
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings this Year to Date	<u>\$300,000</u>
Variance from Budget	<u>(\$523)</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.

The Week of May 19, 2024

Sunday	May 19 PENTECOST HERITAGE SUNDAY
9:00-9:45 am	Sunday School
9:45-10:15 am	Fellowship Time
10:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
11:45 pm	Security Committee
Monday	May 20
1:00 pm	Congregational Care Com.
Tuesday	May 21
4:00 pm	Finance Committee
6:30 pm	Session
6:30 pm	Youth
Wednesday	May 22
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast and Study
6:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	May 23
Friday	May 24 <i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday	May 25 <i>Office Closed</i>
9:00 am	Quilters/Crafters
Sunday	May 26 TRINITY SUNDAY
9:00-9:45 am	Sunday School
9:45-10:15 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 for infants through 2-years of age is in room A102 located on the hall behind the front of the Sanctuary.

WEEKLY PASTOR ON CALL...

Pastor Talbert (843 333 3038) **May 20-26**

Pastor Long (828 263 3959) **May 27-June 2**

If you have an emergency, please call or text our pastors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and to celebrate Heritage Sunday. ☪

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE will include various liturgical parts from the Church of Scotland in honor of Heritage Sunday!

4TH ANNUAL BOOK DRIVE FOR LITTLE RUBY'S

LIBRARIES OF MISS RUBY'S KIDS: Help fill up the Little Ruby's Libraries for the summer with Baby Board Books and Toddler Picture Books. Donate now through June 3rd. Are you familiar with the expression "it takes a village to raise a child"? It comes from an African proverb with the message that it takes many people (the village) to provide a safe, healthy environment for children to flourish and realize their hopes. Be part of the village and donate a book or books to put in the hands of a child in Georgetown County who can learn and prepare for school due to your generosity, or act of sharing. Gently used, or new. Sample book titles on the bulletin board. Donation box in the



connector or use this QR code and order directly from Amazon.

GET READY TO SHINE JESUS' LIGHT AT OUR

STELLAR VBS JUNE 17-20! Get ready to shine Jesus' light at our Stellar VBS June 17-20. We'll blast off at 5:30 each evening for Bible songs and lessons, crafts and more. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life. Kids will also raise money for Water Mission based in Charleston to help provide safe water to developing countries around the world. See the bulletin board behind the sanctuary to decide how you want to help make this a Stellar week.

HELPING HANDS: The HH Food drive is in full swing for May. If you are out shopping for your family, please remember those less fortunate and add a few non-perishable items to your basket to drop off at church. The collection boxes are located in the Connector. HH is now offering fresh milk, eggs, and meat to families and is accepting cash donations for that. You may write a check made out to helping Hands and drop it in the collection plate on Sundays. The checks will be delivered when the food is transported to HH at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Please contact Nicole Lee (843-833-1505) or the church office to help in the nursery during the Sunday morning worship service.

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday



In 1990, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) established Heritage Sunday on the Sunday closest to May 21, the anniversary of the first meeting of the General Assembly in 1789. Heritage Sunday highlights the denomination's rich history—for those born into the Presbyterian faith as well as for those who migrate to the denomination as adults. Each year since 1990, the Presbyterian Historical Society has provided resources to help celebrate our church's historical roots, roots that are deeply entwined with our country's history.