

GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent...PEACE

Meditation "Peace Preparations"

A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



GATHERING BEFORE GOD

THE GATHERING Overture (part 1), *Messiah* GF Handel

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Overture (part 2), *Messiah* GF Handel

INTROIT *Comfort Ye, Messiah*
Greg Lyon

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Every Valley, Messiah GF Handel
Greg Lyon

CALL TO WORSHIP (Advent Wreath/Candle Lighting) Mark, Katie and Ford McAlister

Leader: At times our souls are weary from our own expectations. The anxiousness of life can pull us away from the promise of your peace. Yet, you offer us peace—a gift, not as the world gives, but a peace unencumbered by life's demands or the chaos of our souls.

People: We say "yes" to the peace you give, and all that comes with it. Let us worship the Lord our God with peace on this Lord's Day.

(Leader lights first and second candles)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 102

Savior of the Nations, Come NUN KOMAN, DER HEIDEN HELAND

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 Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want. We lie down when we could act, we stir the pot when we could offer peace, we wander tempting paths instead of following you. We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance. We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy, so that we might dwell in Your peace that passes all understanding. In Christ's holy name. Amen!

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Great are you, O Lord, your mercy is greater than the highest mountain and deeper than the lowest valley.

People: We give thanks for your pardon, O God of PEACE. We celebrate your goodness. We honor and praise your faithfulness!

*Response

And the Glory of the Lord, *Messiah*

GF Handel

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Debbie Jenkins

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (*New Testament, pew Bible page 45*)

Holley Rogers

Luke 3:1-6

ANTHEMS

Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive, *Messiah*
Melanie Jimenez

GF Handel

O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

MEDITATION

Rev. Joel Long

"Peace Preparations"

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Call for the Offering

Offertory Pastoral Symphony, *Messiah* GF Handel

*The Doxology
Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT TO SERVE

There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field, *Messiah* GF Handel

And Lo! The Angel of the Lord Came Upon Them

And the Angel Said unto Them

And Suddenly There Was with the Angels

Patti Edwards

Glory to God

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Hallelujah, *Messiah* GF Handel

CHANCEL CHOIR

Rodney Mason, *Director*

SOPRANO: Robin Brown, Kathy Crosby, Patti Edwards*, Jane Gower, Jill Miller*,
Lee Ousley*, Joy Talbot, Kaye Thomas

ALTO: Martha Fair, Melanie Jimenez, Eileen Kramer*, Heather Pelham,
Luan Vinson

TENOR: Beverly Freeman, Rebia Hannah, Ray Jimenez, Stan Kramer*,
Greg Lyon, Larry Roberts, Pete Stegall

BASS: Jerry Crosby, Jim Lee, Luke McCain, Pat Noft*

**Guests*

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Violin I	Matt Peebles Todd Sullivan	Oboe	Jessica Miller Ellie Rasmussen
Violin II	Liz Sullivan Susan Hines	Flute	Molly McNeill Gene Hammond
Viola	Olivia Morris Amy Yang	Trumpet	Chris Duncan Chris Graham
Cello	Vanessa Chambers Aaron McLaughlin	Timpani	Peter DiLeo
Harpsichord	Rodney Mason		

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

Debbie Jenkins, Children and Youth Ministries Leader

Rodney Mason, Director of Music Ministries

Ushers: Emerson Gower, Becky and Dean Mann, Helen Rose

Lector: Holley Rogers

Elder of the Week: Kelly Nash

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

Members

Gen Baumeister, Nancy Corrigan, Jennifer Dawson, Gertie Dorn, Judie Edwards, family of Tommy Edwards, Brian Freeman, Sally Gillespie, Joyce and Bob Hammond and Family, Rebia Hannah, Joel Long, Susan Matthews, Mary Lu Norris, Sylvia Parsons, Linda Puckett, Pete Ridley, Earl Small, Nina Stuckey, Happy Wilcox, Carey Williamson

Friends/Families

Teresa Censullo, Everyone impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Marsha Hanes, Israelis and those in the Middle East and local community, Katherine Moore

Military Personnel

Ernest Fajardo, Hunter Lyon, Ben Martin, Alexander Pelham, Harrison Pelham, Will Piepenbring, Jay Puckett, Will Puckett, Tristan Porcher, Elizabeth Rooney, Shaun Rooney, Mark Stephens, 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, December 1, 2024 – Attendance 117

Tithes and Offerings this week	\$16,907
Tithes and Offerings this year through Sunday, December 1, 2024	\$732,128
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings this Year to Date	\$737,500
Variance from Budget	(\$5,372)

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 them in the baskets in the narthex.*

The Week of December 8, 2024

Sunday	December 8 – Peace 2nd Sunday in Advent Pledge Deadline
8:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:00-9:45 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall
11:45 am	Security Committee
Monday	December 9
10:00 am	Miriam Circle
11:30 am	Inez Strait Circle - Covered dish in FH
12:00 pm	Leila Marvin Circle
1:00 pm	Congregational Care Committee
5:30 pm	Handbells
Tuesday	December 10
3:00 pm	Grief Support
5:30 pm	Mary Martha Circle – Covered dish
6:30 pm	Youth
Wednesday	December 11
8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study
5:15 pm	BRIDGES Meal
5:15-7pm	Children’s Activities
6:00 pm	Classes
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday	December 12
5:30 pm	Yoga
Friday	December 13 <i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday	December 14 <i>Office Closed</i>
Sunday	December 15 – Joy 3rd Sunday in Advent
9:00-9:45 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall

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) Dec. 8 – Dec. 14

Pastor Long (828 - 263 - 3959) Dec. 15 – Dec. 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELPING HANDS: December has arrived and the Christmas season is upon us. Even though Helping Hands does not hold a big Christmas food drive like it does for Thanksgiving, they do distribute food throughout the month. GPC will load up and deliver our December food on the 16th. Please keep those families in Georgetown County who are less fortunate in your hearts and minds as you grocery shop.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available in the narthex, connector and outside the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, at 3:00 pm at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, Indigo Choral Society will be giving a FREE concert. Donations accepted and will be given to a local organization to help those in need. We look forward to seeing you!

TO ASSIST WITH MEAL PREPARATION FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIDGES, a weekly signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board behind the sanctuary. Thank you for your participation.

THE BRIDGES STUDY OF JOSHUA, led by Emily Craig, continues through Wednesday, December 18, following the meal.

BRIDGES WILL RESUME JANUARY 15 with a presentation about the Water Mission project in Charleston.

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 15, 2022**, to be included in the Christmas bulletins. **The cost is \$14.50 per plant.** Please make checks payable to Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Amount paid _____

Number of plants _____

