

# Georgetown Presbyterian Church

Established 1897



February 16, 2025 10:30 AM

## Sermon: **“Plain Pronouncements from the Plain”**

*“And he came down with them and stood on a level plain...and he lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said...” Luke 6: 17&20*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## 6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025



## GATHERING BEFORE GOD

GATHERING

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

SPIRITUAL

*Arr. James Mansfield*

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Day of Rest and Gladness

WOODBIRD

*Arr. John Diercks*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: We are blessed,*

**People: when our treasure is not based on our possessions.**

*Leader: We are blessed,*

**People: when our greatest joy comes from beyond ourselves.**

*Leader: We are blessed,*

**People: when we gather together in worship.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, whose glory is always to have mercy; be gracious to us for we have gone astray. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we may now truly lament and confess our sins to You. In our pride we exalt ourselves. In our wrath we lash out in revenge. Woe be unto those who know to do what is right but fail to do so. Forgive us, Lord!**

\*Silent Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Hear is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners!*

**People: In Christ, we have been set free from the bondage of sin and death.**

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

\*Response

Hymn 702 (v.1)

Christ Be Beside Me

BUSESSAN

**Christ be beside; Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Debbie Jenkins

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (*Old Testament, pew Bible page 557*)  
Jeremiah 17:5-10

Carol Jayroe

ANTHEM

Come Christians, Join to Sing

Benjamin Carr-M, Christian Bateman-L  
*Arr. Susan Callaway*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (*New Testament, pew Bible page 47*)  
Luke 6:17-26

Rev. Joel M. Long

SERMON

*"Plain Pronouncements from the Plain"*

Rev. Joel M. Long

\*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.**

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory; forever and ever, amen.**

# RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

*Melanie Jimenez, soloist*

Spiritual

*Arr. William Boland*

\*The Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING OUT TO SERVE

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 379 (*v.1*)

We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

**We shall overcome; we shall overcome;**

**We shall overcome someday.**

**O deep in my heart**

**I do believe we shall overcome someday!**

### \*POSTLUDE

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

*Arr. R. Mason*

**In Psalm 137:4**, enslaved Jews asked, "How can we sing the songs of the Lord in a strange land?" The enslaved Africans in America answered this question in their Spirituals, a rich history of pain, oppression, sorrow, loneliness, anxiety and hopelessness of their situation. Miraculously, they were able to look beyond the hypocrisy of their masters and find a God of love, justice and mercy. They were able to find faith that sustained them through their grief and hopelessness. They sang about their pain, sorrow and loneliness in coded messages reflecting their resistance, strength, love and escape plans. They sang of their hope of the only One who could sustain them in their atrocious life. They identified with Jesus' suffering and looked forward to the next life where there would be rest, peace and plenty. We offer these spirituals in honor of those and their heritage during this Black History Month.

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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.

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### *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, Directory of Music Ministries

Molly McNeill, *Flute*

Debbie Jenkins, Leader of Children and Youth Ministries

*Ushers:* Dean Brown, Bobbie McAlister, Carolyn and John McBride

*Lector:* Carol Jayroe

*Elder of the Week:* Pinckney Skinner

*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 Corrigall, Clary Dawson, Jennifer Dawson, Phil Dellasega, *Kim Dickerson*, Gertie Dorn, Judie Edwards, Family of Sally Gillespie, Joyce and Bob Hammond and Family, Rebia Hannah, Debbie Jenkins and Family, Gay Jones, Ann Martin, *Larry and Libby Michau*, Susan Matthews, *Sylvia Parsons*, Brian Petty, 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, Chuck, Josh, and Faith Power, 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, February 9, 2025 - Attendance 112**

Tithes and Offerings this week	\$15,240
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Tithes and Offerings this year through Sunday, February 9, 2025	\$94,733
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings this Year To Date	\$94,700
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Variance from Budget	\$33
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*\*Please recycle bulletins by placing them in the baskets in the narthex.*

## The Week of February 16, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 16</b>
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Fellowship Time
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 17</b>
5:30 pm	Yoga
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 18</b>
5:30 pm	Session
5:30 pm	Yoga
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 19</b>
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast and Study
5:15 pm	BRIDGES Meal
6:00 pm	Children's Programs
6:00 pm	Bible Study led by Mark Nash
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 20</b>
5:30 pm	Yoga
5:30 pm	GPC Preschool Board
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 21</b>
	<i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
	<i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 23</b>
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Fellowship Time
11:45 am	Security Committee

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

### WEEKLY PASTOR ON CALL...

**Pastor Talbert (843 - 333 - 3038) Feb. 16 - Feb. 22**

**Pastor Long (828 - 263 - 3959) Feb. 23 - March 1**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Ann Sekkes to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Ed Sekkes. ☺

**HELPING HANDS:** GPC generously donated 185 pounds of food for January. The staff was most appreciative. We are the only church in Georgetown County that donates every month. HH especially appreciates cereal, grits and small cans of soup at this time of year. The drive for February will run through Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT MISS RUBY'S KIDS:** Open House is February 20, 2025, 5-6:30 pm at the JB Beck Building, 2018 Church Street, Georgetown SC 29440. For more info or to RSVP by 2/18/25, contact: 843-436-7200; [nbrockington@missrubyskids.net](mailto:nbrockington@missrubyskids.net). Come learn more about our programs; to volunteer; and how to be an advocate for children and their families in our community.

**LIKE TO COOK?** Meals to serve 20-25 are needed each Tuesday night for the Youth Group. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Thank you for sharing your talents. Please deliver meals to the Youth House by 6:00 pm on your Tuesday. Thank you!

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER EVENT: SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER, Tuesday, March 4** from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall - dine in or carry out. Suggested donations of \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child; however, please give as you are led by the Spirit. Thank you in advance!

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** is March 5 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary and begins our series of Wednesday evening services for Lent. There will be NO BRIDGES meal prior to this worship service.

**AN OFFERING FOR THE GIDEONS** will be collected during next week's service.

**NURSERY** for infants through 2-years of age is in room A102 located on the hall behind the front of the Sanctuary.

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Other church extensions:

- 112 copier room
- 115 connector
- 120 nursery
- 122 session room
- 128 elevator
- 132 upstairs meeting room
- 141 preschool hall
- 142 upstairs hall