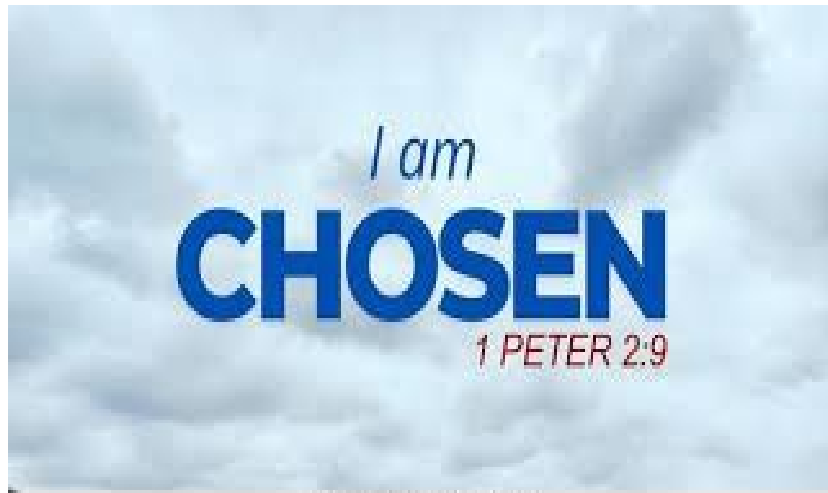


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“Where Do I Belong” Rev. Chris Weichman

1 Peter 2:1-10

May 3, 2026

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



GATHERING BEFORE GOD

THE GATHERING Day of Arising RAABE

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Jesus Shall Reign DUKE STREET
Arr. Gerhard Krapf

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION Rev. Chris Weichman

MINUTE FOR MISSION: MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING Robin Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight, and on him we build our lives.

People: We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts, for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.

Leader: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

People: With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 645

Praise God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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 AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Rhett Talbot

Gracious and merciful God, you call us to put away all malice and deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander, yet we confess how often these cling to us. We have spoken words that wound, harbored thoughts that divide, and chosen self over neighbor, pride over humility, fear over trust. You invite us to come to you, the living stone, yet we confess how often we build our lives on lesser things, on what is fading, fragile, and false. We have forgotten who we are: a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, Your own possession. Instead, we have lived as though we belong to ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. By Your mercy, reshape us into living stones, built together into a spiritual house that reflects your grace. Nourish us with the pure milk of Your Word, that we may grow into the fullness of salvation. Out of Your great love, call us again out of darkness into Your marvelous light. Restore our identity in Christ, that we may proclaim your goodness not only with our lips, but with our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close to him, Jesus answers us even in our doubts.

People: We are God's own people. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Debbie Jenkins

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:4-10 (*Old Testament, pew Bible page 395*)

ANTHEM

But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own
From St. Paul oratorio, OP. 36

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:1-10 (*New Testament, pew Bible page 182*)

"WHERE DO I BELONG"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*HYMN FOR COMMUNION

Hymn 252 (*v. 1,3-4*)

Day of Arising

RAABE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the wondrous exchange made by his boundless goodness. Having become with us the Son of Man, he has made us with himself sons of God. By his own descent to the earth he has prepared our ascent to heaven. Having received our mortality, he has bestowed on us his immortality. Having undertaken our weakness, he has made us strong in his strength. Having submitted to our poverty, he has transferred to us his riches. Having taken upon himself the burden of unrighteousness with which we were oppressed, he has clothed us with his righteousness. *Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion 4.17.2*

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest...

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion with our risen and glorious Lord. Now send us out to be a sign of the new life that has come into the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Confidence, Op. 19, no. 4

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*The Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 625 (*refrain*)

How Great Thy Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

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. Chris Weichman Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Rhett Talbert, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Congregational Life

Debbie Jenkins, Children and Youth Ministries Leader

Rodney Mason, Director of Music Ministries

Cary Byrd, *Guest Musician*

Molly McNeill, *Flute*

Ushers: Peggy Dellasega, Bob Derrick, Terry Fry, Johnny Weaver

Acolyte: Mae Morris

Lector: Dean Brown

Elder of the Week: Molly McNeill

Communion: Dean Brown, Nicole Lee, Mark Nash,

Jeffrey Pelham, Pinckney Skinner, Madeline Young

Audiovisual: Albert Ford, Ben Power, Stephen Barkley

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, Ron Booth, Dean Brown, *Jennifer Dawson*, Kim Dickerson, Judie Edwards, Rebia Hannah, The Family of Glen Insley, Connie Keegan, Bob Martin and Family, Susan Matthews, Linda Puckett, *Earl Small*, Jeanne Waldron, Happy Wilcox, Carey Williamson

Friends/Families

Jim Burgess, Teresa Censullo, Rev. Donald Duncan, Julie Mann Edge, Marsha Hanes, Mike Jenkins, Israelis and those in the Middle East and local community, Stephanie Martin, Katherine Moore, Bob Ruff, Eric Wilson, Josh Windham

Military Personnel

Ernest Fajardo, Hunter Lyon, Ben Martin, Alexander Pelham, Harrison Pelham, Will Piepenbring, Jay Puckett, Will Puckett, Tristan Porcher, Chuck and Josh Power, Elizabeth Rooney, Shaun Rooney, Matthew Schwab, Mark Stephens, Daniel Yarger

Our Missionaries

Mark and Miriam Adams in Mexico, Jonathan and Emily Seitz, Larry and Inge Sthreshley, Dalit/Untouchables Ministry

Financial Report

Sunday, April 26, 2026 - Attendance 155

Tithes and Offerings this week	<u>\$19,499</u>
Tithes and Offerings this year through Sunday, April 26, 2026	\$296,102
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings this Year to Date	<u>\$295,000</u>
Variance from Budget	<u><u>\$1,102</u></u>

**Please recycle bulletins by placing them in the baskets.*

THE WEEK OF MAY 3, 2026

Sunday	May 3
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Fellowship Time
4:30-6:30 pm	Middle School Youth
Monday	May 4
10:00 am	GPW Coordinating Team
5:30 pm	Handbells
5:30 pm	Yoga
Tuesday	May 5
12:00 pm	Congregational Care Presbyterian Communities Luncheon
5:30 pm	Yoga
6:30-8:30 pm	Senior High Youth
Wednesday	May 6
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast and Study
5:15 pm	BRIDGES Meal
5:15 pm	Children's Programs
6:00 pm	Scott Sawyer-Camp Cole
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	May 7
5:30 pm	Yoga
Friday	May 8
	<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday	May 9
	<i>Office Closed</i>
Sunday	May 10 – Mother's Day/Youth Sunday
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	Fellowship Time

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY CONGREGATIONAL CARE LUNCHEON WELCOMES residents from Florence Presbyterian Community! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday, May 5 at noon to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Karen Kahn and our GPC Women. If you'd like to bring a side dish or dessert, please do - our guests always enjoy the variety of choices we have!

PALMETTO GIVING DAY 2026: This year's Palmetto Giving Day will begin at 6:00 AM on Tuesday, 5 May and run until 6:00 PM on Wednesday, 6 May. The annual online fundraising event features over 80 local non-profit organizations covering a wide variety of causes you can support. Many donors, including Georgetown Presbyterian Church, provide funds in advance of PMG Day to be used as Matching Fund encouragement to online donors. The GPC Service to Community (S2C) Committee has selected the following worthy organizations to receive our grants in 2026:

Ms. Ruby's Kids, Helping Hands of Georgetown, The Village Group, Teach My People, Friendship Place, St. Christopher's Children, Habitat For Humanity, Hugs For Horses, Family Justice Center, The Mitney Project, Martha's House, The Outreach Farm, Bible Way Community Learning Center Smith Medical Clinic, Atlantic Marine Institute (AMI) Kids of Georgetown
GPC S2C grants range from \$1,000 - \$7,700 with the median grant being \$3,300. Additionally, GPC S2C participates each year in the Back Pack Buddy program providing supplementary weekend food for 20 needy children at Kensington Elementary School which is not a PMG day charity.

ATTENTION ALL 20s, 30s, 40s YOUNG ADULTS!
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall right after church this Sunday, May 3 for an interest/planning meeting regarding Young Adult Bible Study. Lunch is provided.

BRIDGES MAY 6: Scott Sawyer will share about Camp Cole, a camp which serves disabled and seriously ill children, teens and adults. Camp Cole was founded by Scott and his daughters after the deaths of his wife and young son.