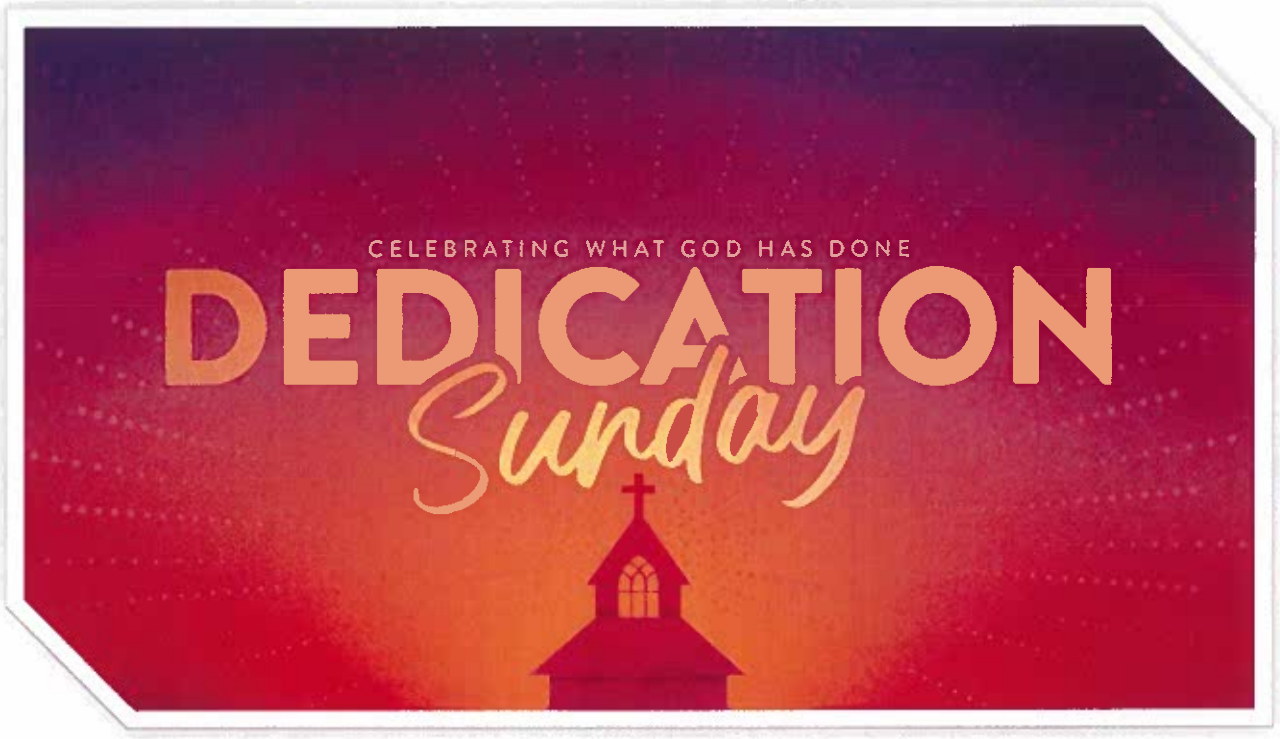
Georgetown Presbyterian Church



"Lend Me Your Ears"

Rev. Joel Long

Dedication Sunday

November 15, 2026 10:30 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

GATHERING	Lord, Prepare Me	SANCTUARY
PRELUDE	Trumpet Tune	John Stanley *Arr. Richard Purvis*
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION		Rev. Joel Long

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Joel Long

Leader: *As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and resurrection, reconciled by grace through the Son and filled with God's love through the Spirit.*

People: We come as children of the Father, shaped by the Word, and called to bear fruit that lasts.

Leader: *The Lord has planted the seed of His Word in our hearts; may we water it with prayer and let it grow into the fruit of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

People: May the almighty and merciful Lord bless and preserve us, now and forever, that we may be fruitful in His Kingdom and gathered with His saints on the great day of harvest.

All: Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 612	We Praise You, O God	KRESMER

**Please stand as you are able.*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Rev. Joel Long

We confess that we have failed to bear the fruit Your vineyard deserves. Forgive us when we have sought our own way above Yours, allowed selfish ambition, impurity, or anger to take root, and neglected what You want us to do in service to others. Fill us with Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Prune us, as the vinedresser prunes the branch, that we may bear more fruit for Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel...even when we fail to produce fruit in God's great vineyard...God still abounds with mercy and grace!

People: The fruit of God's grace is found in lives that are renewed and restored in Christ Jesus our Lord! Blessed be the name of the Eternal Vinedresser!

*Passing of 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 to 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 — "The Fruits of the Spirit Song" — Jim Spencer

GPC Children's Singers, Debbie Jenkins, Rodney Mason

FIRST SCRIPTURE — Nancy Patton

Matthew 7:13-23 (*New Testament, p. 5)*

ANTHEM — To Sing Once More — L. Jonathan Cook, M. Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 86 *(Old Testament, p. 423)*

SERMON — Rev. Joel Long

"Lend Me Your Ears"

*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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed by 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 debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory — Jesus, My Friend — *Arr. Phillip Keveren*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus-C. Converse
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus-Kirkpatrick
Jesus Is All the World to Me-W. Thompson
Softly and Tenderly-W. Thompson

*The Doxology

Hymn 606 — Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — OLD HUNDREDTH

LITANY OF DEDICATION – FIRST FRUITS AND COMMANDMENTS

Leader: *O Lord, we praise you for the gifts of life and purpose.*
People: We give you thanks.
Leader: *For the first fruits of our labor and the harvest of our lives,*
People: We praise your name.
Leader: *For our commitments to serve you and sustain your work,*
People: We give you thanks.
Leader: *We commit ourselves to sharing the blessings entrusted to us.*
People: We praise your name.
Leader: Holy Trinity, we offer you our first fruits and pledges.
People: We give you thanks.
Leader: *May every dollar, hour, prayer, and act of service we offer*
People: Advance your kingdom and bless your faithful people.
Leader: *Today, we dedicate these gifts to your glory.*
People: We give you thanks. Amen.

SENDING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Hymn 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

(You are invited to come forward with your Pledge card and Time and Talent form of commitment for 2027 and place it in one of the baskets on either side of the Communion table. We are thankful for your participation in this year's stewardship effort.)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 711 *(v. 1)* Lord of All Good TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill,
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

*POSTLUDE Toccata Domenico Paradies

WE WELCOME REV. JOEL LONG to GPC. Joel most recently served as Bridge Transitional Pastor of Kingston Presbyterian Church, Conway, SC. He now serves as Staff Associate for New Harmony Presbytery Committee on Ministry and Parish Associate for Pastoral Care at Trinity Presbyterian, Surfside Beach, SC. Joel is married to Ann Long, Interim Music Director at Trinity. He enjoys singing in the Trinity Choir, playing golf as time allows, and serving as Staff Liaison to the Deacons for the Trinity congregation.

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

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, Guest Pastor
Debbie Jenkins, Children and Youth Ministries Leader
Rodney Mason, Director of Music Ministries
Cary Byrd, Organ/Choir Scholar
Molly McNeill, Flute
Ushers: Bob Champion, Bob Derrick, Libby Michau, Nancy Rubillo
Lector: Nancy Patton
Elder of the Week: Kaye Thomas
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

Ron Booth, *Dana, Michael, Ava and Jack Bryant,* Rick Danser, Jennifer Dawson, Kim Dickerson, Judie Edwards, Rebia Hannah, *Sara Ann Hooks, Mary Ray Hutto,* Susan Matthews, Linda Puckett, *Emmie Sawyer and Family,* Earl Small, *Family of Jeanne Waldron,* Carey Williamson

Friends/Families

Jim Burgess, Brantley Carter, Teresa Censullo, Rev. Donald Duncan, Billy Hilton, Israelis and those in the Middle East and local community, Ginger Leggett, Stephanie Martin, Katherine Moore, Laurie Nease, Richard (Liz) Noble, Bob Ruff, *Family of Janet Stuckey, Ricky Williams,* Eric Wilson, Josh Windham

Military Personnel

Ernest Fajardo, 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, Larry and Inge Sthreshley, Dalit/Untouchables Ministry

Sunday, November 8, 2026 - Attendance 149

Tithes and Offerings this week	$14,626
Tithes and Offerings this year through Sunday, November 8, 2026	$720,947
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings this Year to Date	$720,000
Variance from Budget	$947

Please recycle bulletins by placing them in the baskets.

The Week of November 15, 2026

Sunday	**November 15 - Dedication Sunday**
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
11:35 am	Fellowship
4:30-6:30 pm	Middle School Youth
Monday	**November 16**
5:30 pm	Hand Bells Practice
5:30 pm	Pickleball
5:30 pm	Yoga
Tuesday	**November 17**
5:30 pm	Session Meeting
5:30 pm	Pickleball
5:30 pm	Yoga
Wednesday	**November 18**
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
5:15 pm	Bridges Meal
5:15-7:00 pm	Children's Time
6:00 pm	Bible Study Led by Emily Craig
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	**November 19**
5:30 pm	Pickleball
5:30 pm	Yoga
Friday	**November 20**
	Office Closed
Saturday	**November 21**
	Office Closed
Sunday	**November 22 – Jazz Sunday**
9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Worship
11:35 am	Fellowship
4:30-6:30 pm	Middle School Youth

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR REV. CHRIS WEICHMAN: chris@gtpres.org 843-546-5826, ext. 111

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Juanita Siau to the Glory of God in loving memory of her husband Lynn Siau an Air Force Veteran.

THE ROSEBUD ON THE COMMUNION TABLE IS IN HONOR of the birth of Jack Michael Bryant, 5lbs 9 oz at MUSC, on November 6, son of Dana and Michael Bryant and brother of Ava Bryant. Grandparents are Rhonda and Scott Sawyer.

TODAY IS PLEDGE SUNDAY Please return your completed pledge card and your Time and Talents form to the church as we dedicate our gifts to the glory of God!

AFTER MANY WEEKS OF WORK THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has a full slate of nominees to be voted on by the congregation. Elders for the class of 2029: Larry Dickerson, Rebia Hanna, Sara Ann Hooks, Kelly Johnson, Charles Power, Nancy Rubillo, Norman Wilcox. Trustee: Bob Martin.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for **Sunday, November 22,** immediately after worship for the purpose of electing 7 elders and 1 trustee.

HELPING HANDS THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE helps to provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal for 250 needy families in Georgetown County. **All food bags must be at the church by Sunday, 15 November so we can deliver them to HH for sorting.** Monetary donations for fresh food can also be made anytime. The Service to Community Committee thanks you for your support for this caring outreach effort.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN MAKING AN ADVENT WREATH FOR YOUR FAMILY! Meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship Sunday, November 22. All supplies needed will be provided. Advent season begins November 29.

CHRISTMAS SECRET SHOP continues! We are requesting donations to set up a shop where the children can do their gift shopping for their families.