

THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, September 1, 2019, 10 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

PRELUDE	Allegro	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
WELCOME	Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. People: And also with you.	
INTROIT	Lift Up Your Hearts, We Lift Them, Lord, to Thee	Henry Montagu Butler (1833-1918)
CALL to WORSHIP <i>Adapted from Psalm 112</i>	Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. People: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord. Leader: Let us worship God.	
✦ HYMN 12	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	<i>St Denio</i>

✦ *Please stand or sit.*

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone and no flash photography during the service.

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

Leader: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, to real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
(Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE *of* PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

✦ GLORIA PATRI
Glory to God, #581

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.

TIME *with* CHILDREN

Children recess up the center aisle to Children's Worship. Pre-K and K-2nd go downstairs, and 3rd-5th go to the Chapel. There are leaders for each, and children can be picked up by following the signs from the narthex.

✦ HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

Elder Jay Grauberger

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 4:1-11

p. 236

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 43:18-21

p. 746

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Wilderness: A Gift

Rev. Christopher Chatelaine-Samsen

✦ HYMN 409

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

OFFERING *and*

Be Thou My Vision

Craig Courtney (b. 1965)

OFFERTORY

Passing of the Fellowship Books

✦ DOXOLOGY
Glory to God, #607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all
creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER *of* THANKSGIVING

✦ THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of
His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light;
Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; being of one
substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who
for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven; and was
incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made
man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He
suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and
sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again
with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose
kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the
Lord and Giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father and the
Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped
and glorified; who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one
holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one
baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection
of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SACRAMENT *of the* LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION *and*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name: **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.**

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE
and 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING *of the* BREAD

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION *of the*
ELEMENTS

All are welcome to come forward to share in the bread and cup. Please come forward, one row at a time, up the center aisle and return via the side aisle. If you are seated in a side pew, please enter the line from the back of the sanctuary up the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, but wish to receive communion, a server will come to you.

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

African American Spiritual
arr. David Cherwien (b. 1957)

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

✦ HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austria

✦ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Lift Up Your Hearts, We Lift Them, Lord, to Thee

Henry Montagu Butler (1833-1918)

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1945)

About Today's Service

Today's Music: The anthem this morning, sung by GPC soprano section leader Katherine Riddle, is an arrangement of an African American Spiritual by David Cherwien. This desire for intimacy with Jesus was close to the heart of the anonymous author of this Spiritual. The well known text takes on new poignancy when we imagine the author, still in the bonds of slavery, looking to Christ as the answer for his every need from the morning to the darkest midnight.

The flowers in the Chancel today are dedicated to the glory of God.

Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sundays possible.

Duty Usher: Karl Mattison

Ushers: Cristian Lopez (captain), Nancy Benzing, Gillian Frey, Mildred Grant, Mary Margaret Hart, Shelley Jennings, Matt Lavin, Jennifer Lopez, Gerardo Martinez, Deborah McFadden, Priscila Rodriguez, Nat Semple, Laura Welch, and Marjorie West

Punch Bunch: All are invited to join us after worship for punch bunch hosted by Kathleen Jennings.

Sunday School Teachers, Children's Worship Leaders & Nursery Caregivers: Casey Nolan, Sharon Gibson, Jaime Hart, and Alex Scott

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 1

- 9:30am Nursery Opens
- 10am Worship - Communion
- 11am Punch Bunch
- 5pm Yoga

Monday, September 2

GPC Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 3

- 11am GPC Staff Meeting
- 6:30pm Deacon’s Meeting

Wednesday, September 4

- 6:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 8

- 9:30am Nursery Opens
- 9:45am Annual Town Hall Meeting
- 11am Worship
- 12pm Lunch Bunch
- 4pm G’town Supper
- 5pm Yoga

Happy Birthday

- Sep 1 Winfield Miller, David Natonski
- Sep 2 Grace Cannon
- Sep 3 Mary Anna Edwards
- Stanley Whatley
- Sep 5 Alice Bell, Charlotte Cannon
- Rhoya Didden, Jimmy Goodpseed
- Sep 6 Asa Flynn, Sam Grauberger
- Roni Haggart, Tim Hunt
- Sep 7 Chet Meachum

Daily Readings

Sun	Psalms 149	Thu	Genesis 39:1-23
Mon	Psalms 150	Fri	Deuteronomy 7:12-26
Tue	Jeremiah 3:15-25	Sat	Matthew 10:34-42
Wed	Isaiah 57:14-21	Sun	Luke 14:25-33

Announcement Highlights

After a three month sabbatical, we are delighted to welcome Rev. Rachel and her family back to GPC. **Welcome Back, Rachel!** You have been missed and we look forward to hearing about your summer.

This year, GPC donated school uniforms to the students of **Excel Academy**. We’ll finish our back-to-school work with a school supply packing party after worship. We need volunteers of all ages to help after church *today!*

New Worship Time! We will resume regular 11:00 a.m. worship *next Sunday, September 8.*

KICK-OFF SUNDAY

September 8, 9:45 a.m.

Hear the state of the church and look at the year ahead in this important church-wide meeting during Rev. Cook’s “Town Hall.”

Nursery (0-3) care will be available in the Youth Room.

Sunday School (Preschool - 5th grade) will sing with Ms. Regina at 9:45 a.m., and join their teachers in the courtyard for fun and games after.

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) should attend the town hall with Rev. Cook.

Our **GrowingUP Task Force** is looking for volunteers to help assemble our new third floor furniture. Please meet Deacon Brian Stocker *next Sunday, September 8,* before church, at 9:30 a.m., or after church, at noon, to lend a hand.

Save the date for a **Baby Shower** honoring Pastor Chris and wife, Katie. We will shower the expecting parents after worship on *September 15.* Registry details can be found at www.amazon.com/baby-reg under “Chatelaine-Samsen.”

The fall session of **Music for Tots** will begin *this Friday, September 6*. Caregivers and tots (ages 0 - 4) are invited for a weekly Friday class of singing, Bible stories, and dancing! Sign up at gtownpres.org/music-for-tots.

Save the date for the Sunday School **Pancake Breakfast**, *September 15* at 10 a.m. Connect with families and meet teachers at this annual favorite! RSVP to the Paperless Post or jdl@gtownpres.org.

Join us for **Dinner Church** on *September 18* at 5:30 p.m. A table where meals, conversations, and lives are shared at St. Luke’s Methodist Church, 3655 Calvert St NW.

Save the date and join us for our annual **Church BBQ** with Mt. Zion UMC on *September 29*. We will meet after worship at Rose Park, 2609 Dumbarton St NW, at 12 p.m. Stay tuned for RSVP details.

Summer Break! Adult Ed, Sunday School, and Youth Group are on a summer break. Children’s Worship continues year-round. Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers! All education will resume on *September 15*.

Adult Ed, *Sundays* at 9:45a.m.

- Sep 15* Rev. Vaagenes will de-brief on the events and activities of her just completed sabbatical
- Sep 22* Rev. Chatelaine-Samsen and Rev. Vaagenes discuss 2019-20 plans for mission and education
- Sep 29* Annual Pulpit Swap with Rev. Cook and Rev. Selena Johnson at Mt. Zion UMC

Serve a meal to our neighbors in need. Second Sundays at GPC, and last Saturdays at Mt. Zion UMC, we serve over 80 women and men. Sign-up at gtownpres.org/serve to help us serve dinners on *September 8 and 28*.

September is all about refugees and migration. After worship on *September 22*. Join the refugee team to hear about their work and get involved! Join us for an evening with Allyson McKinney to discuss Migration and Human Rights on *September 25* at 7 p.m.

2019 Nomination Form

Please tear out and place in the collection plate during the offering, or email your nomination to info@gtownpres.org by September 4, 2019.

Elders serve a three-year term governing the church, serving on and chairing a variety of administrative and programmatic committees.

Deacons serve a three-year term, developing and enacting many of the caring and educational ministries of the church.

All officers will be asked to partake in a 6-week new officer training course, in order to be equipped spiritually and practically for the tasks of their office.

I want to nominate:

(Person’s Name)

for the office of: Elder Deacon.

Characteristics of the person which lead me to believe he/she is called to this office are:

Self nominations are welcomed.
Thank you!

Serving our city, united in Christ.

Welcome to the Georgetown Presbyterian Church

If you are here for the first time, we extend a special welcome to you. Please take a moment to read through the bulletin which contains important information for the life of this congregation.

- Ushers are wearing red lapel tags and are in the back of the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask them.
- Assisted listening devices can be found in the back of the Sanctuary in a marked basket.
- Please join us after worship for a time of fellowship and food.

Children are always welcome!

- If you need to step out, there is a room near the front doors with resources for small children and a television that shows the service. For older children, there are purple bags near the front doors with coloring supplies.
- For our youngest children through 2 years old, childcare is available upstairs beginning at 9:30am.
- After the Time with Children in the service, children can remain with their families, or exit the Sanctuary with one of the pastors to continue age-appropriate worship. Please feel free to escort your children to their classroom to meet the leaders. More information is available in the Order of Worship.

Navigating the Service

- Stars ✦ indicate when you are invited (but not required) to stand.
- Bold text indicates that the congregation says this together, in one voice.
- Hymns can be found in the purple hymnals. Bibles are located at the end of the pews. Large print hymnals are available in the back of the sanctuary.



The Georgetown Presbyterian Church has been a steadfast presence in our nation's capital since 1780, ministering to generations of Washingtonians, serving our city, united in Christ. For more of our history, visit gtownpres.org/us/history.

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