



THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

WORSHIP

March 5, 2017 at 11 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

PRELUDE Wachtet auf, ruft uns die Stimme Johann Krebs (1713-1780)
arr. C. Klomp

WELCOME

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

People: And also with you.

MINUTE FOR NIGER MISSION TRIP Michele Wilson

INTROIT This Is God's House Mary Caldwell
Lord, Open Our Hearts and Minds Regina Andrade
GPC Children Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 85*

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. Let us worship God.

☒HYMN 386 Come, Worship God *O quanta qualia*



☒Please stand or sit.

As a courtesy to others, please no phone, food or 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: We confess before you and before your people that we have sinned in thoughts, words, and actions. You have called us out of bondage and darkness, and yet we cling to those old, familiar places. You have made us to be bold, and yet we live in fear. You have made us to love others, but we are captivated by ourselves. By your power, free us from that which holds us captive, and remake us into the image of your Son, firstborn of the new creation.

(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

After Time with Children, ages two years through 5th grade recess with leaders up the center aisle to worship. Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.

✠HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Cynthia Farrell Johnson

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 32 (pg.559)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 12:38-42 (pg. 13)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Resurrection Sign

Rev. Dr. Brian Blount

✠HYMN 247

Now the Green Blade Rises

Noël Nouwelet

OFFERING

OFFERTORY The Trumpet Shall Sound G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Melville Moses Andrade, bass

✠DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God, #607*) *Old Hundredth*

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 men, 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 worshiped 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

Prayer continues...

Today we welcome The Rev. Dr. Brian Blount as our 2017 Distinguished Guest Preacher. Dr. Blount is our first biblical scholar, specializing in Luke, Mark, and Revelation. He served in the New Testament department at Princeton Theological Seminary before becoming the current President of Union Seminary in Richmond, VA. An ordained Presbyterian minister, he has published multiple biblical studies and homiletic books.

About today's music: The anthem is an arrangement by American composer Dan Forrest, Jr. of the beloved and storied hymn "Nearer, My God, To Thee." The text was written in 1841 by Sarah Flower Adams and the tune by Lowell Mason. Legend has it that this hymn was played during the sinking of the RMS Titanic by the ship's string ensemble.

The flowers in the Chancel today are given to the glory of God by Judy and Steve Hopkins in honor of their daughters' birthdays.

The ushers for March are Martin Crowson, Captain; Judi Crowson, Roy Henwood, Maria Jimenez, Jesus Jimenez, Nancy Kuhn, Drew Marrs, Stephanie Marrs, Donna McGreevy, Tyler McGreevy, Alex Pollock and Victoria Tigwell.

Today after the service visitors and members are cordially invited to join us in the Georgetown Room for a free barbeque lunch and discussion with Dr. Blount.

Assisted listening devices may be found at the back of the sanctuary. Each device comes with a headset, but you may bring your own from home to plug in. Please let the ushers know if you have any problems.

Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated. Blue Bibles are located at the end of each pew.

Children's Ministries

During the service, Children's Worship continues after *Time with Children*.

- 2s-Kindergarten, escorted by leader upstairs to the West Worship Room for *Young Children & Worship*
- 1st-5th grades, to Chapel for *Children's Church*

YCW children should be collected upstairs by their parents immediately after the service. Children's Church dismisses into the Georgetown Room. All children are welcome to remain with their families in the service and age-appropriate worship bags are available in the narthex.

Nametag Sunday

Remember, Communion Sundays are Nametag Sundays. Please pick one up when you come in! -The Deacons

WELCOME

Our congregation has been welcoming members and visitors to worship on the Lord's Day since March 16, 1780. If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to introduce yourself to one of the pastors or speak with an usher if you have any questions. If you are looking for a church home and would like to talk with one of the pastors, please fill out the fellowship pad in the pew today or call the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****FREE Fat Pete's BBQ** after today's worship service. Join us for discussion and a great lunch!**

“¿Question Mark?”

Lenten Youth and Adult Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark raises tough questions and avoids easy answers. Join us for the season of Lent.

Session 1: This Changes Everything

Session 2: The Plot Thickens—Conflict and Controversy

Session 3: With Friends Like These . . . The Disciples

Session 4: Shh! Jesus's Secret Identity

Session 5: The Crucifixion in Mark

Session 6: When Words Fail—The Resurrection

Sunday Morning Bible

Sundays at 10 a.m.

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 23

Wednesday Morning Bible

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

Midweek Bible

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

One Great Hour of Sharing Begins Today!

From Lent 1 to Palm Sunday join us in giving and prayer with the OGHS “sharing calendar,” available in the entryway. Get interactive with our mission partners at pcusa.org/oghsmap.

Niger Mission Trip March 24 — April 1

Thank you for supporting the six members of our mission trip: Alice Bell, Robert Bell, Tory Gentry, Kathleen Jennings, Michele Wilson, and Rev. Chatelaine-Samsen. We have raised over \$5,000 for this trip, but we still have a little ways to go. In the Georgetown Room today, you'll find a tree of “helping hands” with numbers on them from one to 100. As you feel called, we invite you to take a hand which corresponds to a donation amount. Your support will help us tell the story here in the U.S. of educational opportunities in Niger here in the U.S. in order to grow support.

Mozart's Sacred Music

March 19 at 11 a.m.

Our service that Sunday will feature the sacred music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Known primarily as a composer of secular opera, symphonies and other instrumental music, Mozart's vast output also includes a great quantity of service music for the church, from his Mass settings to his church sonatas. A consort of instruments, choir and vocal soloists will present a sampling of this exquisitely-crafted music.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Liza and Michael Boyd on the birth of their daughter, Ella Grace Boyd, born on February 28.

Lunch Bunch Volunteers needed!

It's easy, it's fun, and it's for you. Each week volunteers put together simple lunches for the congregation. Come and join us after church! To find out more on what goes into hosting, see gtownpres.org/serve/hospitality.

Happy Birthday

March 5	Betty Alexander Preston Kerr Katy McBride
March 6	Mekenzie Hord
March 7	Melissa Hunsiker Jack Porter
March 9	Barclay Kass Catherine McEaddy Philip McGreevy Gibbs Rehlen
March 10	Juniper Banks
March 11	Stuart Campbell-Jourdan Charles Gnaedinger Elizabeth Jackson

Adult Issues

March 12 A panel discussion regarding the talk, sermon and general theology of our Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, President, Union Seminary in Richmond. Panelists include Rev. Rachel Vaagenes, Elder Alan Wisdom and Zoe Williams.

March 19 Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen and members of the Niger Mission Trip team discuss plans for the forthcoming trip to Niger with our mission partner, *Remember Niger*, as well as some of the broader issues regarding international mission.

March 26 John Schlageter, Executive Director, Bethlehem University Foundation will discuss: "Hope in a Land of Conflict: The Story of Bethlehem University, the Only Christian University in the Holy Land."

Young Children and Worship Workshop

Saturday, April 15, 9-2

YCW is one of the most transformative ministries in our church. For kids and leaders alike, it opens hearts and minds up to the wonder of the story of Jesus. The workshop is for those who want to learn more. OPEN TO ALL. Capped at 15. RSVP to Rev. Vaagenes.

2017 Chancel Flower Donations

There are many available openings in the flower schedule in the coming months. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by contributing to the Chancel Flowers, please fill out a donation sheet (located in the narthex) and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 5

- 11am Worship-Dr. Brian Blount
 Lord's Supper
11:15am Young Children & Worship
11:15am Children's Church
12pm BBQ lunch & discussion
4pm Yoga
4pm G'town Sunday Dinner

Tuesday, March 7

- 9:30am Staff meeting
6:30pm Deacons' meeting

Wednesday, March 8

- 10am Bible Study
7:30pm Bible Study

Sunday, March 12

- 7am Winter Shelter ends
9am Choir rehearsal
9:15am Nursery opens
9:45am Children's Music
9:45am Adult Issues/GPC Café
10am Sunday Morning Bible
11am Worship-Cannon Baptism
11:15am Young Children & Worship
11:15am Children's Church
12pm Lunch Bunch
12:15pm Reformation Program
 Planning Meeting
4pm Yoga
4pm G'town Sunday Dinner
5pm Youth Group



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Daily Readings

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-9
Monday	Acts 7:30-34
Tuesday	Romans 11:1-6
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Thursday	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Friday	Psalms 32
Saturday	Romans 5:12-19
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11

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