

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: Holy and Gracious Lord, we have sinned and we have fallen short of your plan for our lives. We are silent when we should speak. We forget to listen with compassion. We lack imagination and conviction when faced with the challenges of this world. We are broken, petty, and tired. We cannot even pray as we should. Come Lord Jesus, have mercy on us. In you alone do we trust.
(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 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Schumann

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

Elder Steve Hopkins

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9

p. 14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:10-17

p. 14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

From Understanding to Enlightenment

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Murray

✦ HYMN 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

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OFFERING *and*
OFFERTORY

Absolve Domine

Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

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*

The Lord be with you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 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
Today's prayer was written by
one of our newly ordained officers.

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

ANTHEM

Lass Dich Nur Nichts Nicht Dauren Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

✦ HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

✦ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Pange Lingua

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C minor

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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About Today's Service

Today's Music: This morning's music takes us to the height of Romanticism in Germany, represented by music of Johannes Brahms, Anton Bruckner, Peter Cornelius, and Josef Rheinberger. As with last week's exploration of French Romanticism, many of the developments of music during this time and place were happening outside the walls of the church, in the salons, and on the concert and opera stages. Still, these musical styles and philosophies of self-expression found their way into the music that was written for the church. Anton Bruckner, composer of the opening and closing responses, was a prolific symphonic composer, but also a professional organist. The "Pange lingua" sung by the choir at the end of the service was the first composition written by Bruckner when he was just 11. Of course, we can't visit Germany in the middle of the 19th century without a stop by Johannes Brahms, one of the most influential composers of the period and indeed in all of music. He was known as a musical craftsman, creating works that were harmonically and melodically beautiful and intricately constructed. The anthem is a remarkable example. The vocal parts sing a double canon between the soprano and tenor lines and the altos and basses at the interval of a ninth. Brahms manages this technical feat while creating a piece of music that just sounds beautiful to the listener and is a fitting musical accompaniment to the text, by Paul Fleming (1609-1640):

*Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee;
heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee.
Why brood all day in sorrow?
Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy.
Be true in all endeavor and supply bravely;
what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen.*

Flowers: 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

Greeters: Catherine Johnson, Bryan Scott, and Jennifer Hillman

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

Lunch Bunch: Join us after the service for lunch bunch hosted by Jay Sayal.

Sunday School Teachers and Children's Worship Leaders: Regina Andrade, Katie Novaria, Casey Nolan, Paige McDermott, Michele Gast, Laura Yost, Kakie Colclough, and Megan Brew

Nursery Caregivers: Swarna Nawarathna and Gamage Perera

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 3

9:30am Nursery Opens

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am Adult Education

11am Worship - Communion

12pm Lunch Bunch

12:15pm Children's Ministry Meeting

5pm Yoga

5pm Youth Group/ART

7pm Winter Shelter (Week 3)

Monday, March 4

7pm Young Adult Mentorship

Tuesday, March 5

11am GPC Staff Meeting

6:30pm Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

7:30pm Sent. Bible Study

Sunday, March 10

9:30am Nursery Opens

9:45am Sunday School

9:45am Adult Education

11am Worship - Testimony

12pm Lunch Bunch

4pm G'town Supper hosted by GPC Staff

5pm Yoga

5pm Youth Group

Daily Readings

Sun Matt 7:12-8:4

Mon Matt 8:5-27

Tue Matt 8:28-9:17

Wed Matt 9:18-10:4

Thu Matt 10:5-33

Fri Matt 10:34-11:19

Sat Matt 11:20-12:14

Sun Matt 12:15-42

Announcement Highlights

Is ethnic diversity a human difficulty to be overcome or a divine gift to be treasured? What might a church that invites diversity look like?

New Testament scholar, **Eric Barreto** will help us address such questions as our **2019 Distinguished Guest Preacher** on *Sunday, March 24*.

9:30 a.m. - Lecture

11 a.m. - Sermon (during worship service)

12 p.m. - Lunch & Discussion

Eric Barreto is the Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. He holds a Ph.D. in Religion from Emory University, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Seminary, and a Bachelor of Arts from Oklahoma Baptist University. An ordained Baptist minister, Barreto aims to put his biblical scholarship at the service of the church as it wrestles with today's issues. He is the author of *Ethnic Negotiations: The Function of Race and Ethnicity in Acts 16*, co-author of *Exploring the Bible*, and editor of *Reading Theologically*. He is a regular contributor to the Huffington Post, OnScripture.org, EntertheBible.org, and WorkingPreacher.org. Barreto has also been a leader in the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium.

Join us for **Sent. Bible Study** on Matthew: The Kingdom of Heaven, *Wednesdays* from 7:30 - 9 p.m., in the Youth Room (for all ages!). We'll explore the image of the Kingdom of Heaven and how it can be a central theological image for our time. Email Pastor Chris for more information.

Heritage Committee News: The new theme on our Wall of History is GPC's church newsletters from the 1930s onward. The Wall of History is located in the hallway on the lower level. Have a look!

Our **Born. United. Sent.** series finale: “Sent” *begins today* through *April 7*. We will dive into the parables of the Gospel of Matthew that share a vision of a people “Sent by God” to proclaim the good news of God’s Kingdom. Visit gtownpres.org/sent to learn how you can participate and sign up to receive scripture in your inbox.

Connect*gtownpres.org/connect*

Pizza Wednesday will be on a three-week hiatus (*February 20, 27 and March 6*) during the time we host guests at our Winter Shelter.

The spring session of **Music for Tots** will begin on *March 15*. Caregivers and tots (ages 0 - 4) are invited for a weekly Friday class of singing, Bible stories, and dancing with beloved children’s music director, Ms. Regina! Registration is NOW open! Sign up at gtownpres.org/music-for-tots.

Save the date for the **PEP Parenting Workshop** on *April 3* from 5:30 -7 p.m. Parents of children (0 - 5th grade) are invited to discuss *Limit Setting with Children* during **Pizza Wednesday**. The workshop will take place from 6 -7 p.m. Childcare will be provided. Look for details in a Paperless Post invitation soon.

Happy Birthday

- Mar 3* Sean Buckley
Grace Fleming
- Mar 4* Anne Crawley
- Mar 5* Betty Alexander
Preston Kerr
Katy McBride
- Mar 7* Melissa Hunsiker
Jack Porter
- Mar 9* Barclay Kass
Catherine McEaddy
Philip McGreevy
Gibbs Rehlen

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

Pastor Rachel leads a multi-part lecture in the Washington Room on the Gospel of Matthew. It’s not to be missed!

Mar 3 Matthew and the Kingdom of Heaven--Sermon on the Mount and the Lord’s Prayer

Mar 10 Women, Gentiles, and Outcasts in Matthew

Mar 17 The Second Testament: Matthew’s gospel and it’s connection to Hebrew Scripture

Mar 24 Guest Preacher Eric Barreto

Mar 31 Guest Preacher Panel

Apr 7 The Great Commission--the Ethical Imperative in Matthew’s Gospel

Serve*gtownpres.org/serve*

GPC’s annual **Winter Shelter** will take place from *February 17 - March 9*. Serve and eat a meal with a few of our most vulnerable neighbors who are getting inside from the cold and finding hospitality in Georgetown churches. Sign up at gtownpres.org/serve, or email Pastor Chris at ccs@gtownpres.org.

Serve a meal to our neighbors in need. Second Sundays at GPC, and last Saturdays at Mt. Zion UMC, we serve over 70 women and men. Sign-up to serve at our dinners on *March 10 and 30*.

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 a television which shows the service, and resources for small children. For older children, there are purple bags near the front doors with coloring supplies.
- For our youngest children through 2 years old, child care 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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