WORSHIP
May 27, 2018 | 10 a.m.
Trinity Sunday

PRELUDE
Lobe den Herren
David Cherwien (b. 1957)

WELCOME
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

MOMENT FOR MISSION
Elder Cynthia Farrell Johnson

INTROIT
O Holy Blessed Trinity
tune: Leipzig, 1593

CALL TO WORSHIP
Adapted from Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord
       glory and strength.
People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the
       Lord in holy splendor.
Leader: The voice of the Lord flashed forth flames of fire.
People: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the
       Lord bless his people with peace!
Leader: Let us worship God.

HYMN 35
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Lobe Den Herren

Please stand or sit.
As a courtesy to others, please turn off 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: Lord, we confess that we have sinned, and that we are sinners. We have turned our backs on you and on one another, forsaking the poor, lost, and lonely, and seeking after our own good. Our sin is ever before us, and we cannot fix it ourselves. So we come to you not through righteousness, but in humility. In your loving mercy, accept our confession. (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 goes upstairs, K-2nd goes downstairs, and 3rd-5th go to the Chapel. There are leaders for each, and children can be picked up from the narthex.

HYMN 45 I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes Dundee

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elder Susan Bell

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8 p. 704
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM I Will Not Leave You Comfortless William Byrd (1543-1623)
I will not leave you comfortless, Alleluia.
I go, and I will come to you, Alleluia.
And your heart shall be joyful, Alleluia.

SECOND LESSON John 3:1-17 p. 96
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
SERMON  Things that Go Bump in the Night  Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Murray

**HYMN 353**  My Hope is Built on Nothing Less  *Solid Rock*

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

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.

**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.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**  The Name We Treasure  Joseph Taylor (1885-1966)

**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 DEDICATION**

**HYMN 307**  God of Grace and God of Glory  *CWM Rhondda*

**BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**  The Lord Bless You And Keep You  John Rutter (b. 1945)

**POSTLUDE**  Prelude, Fugue & Chaconne  Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
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 PULPIT TODAY OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

**TODAY’S MUSIC:** The anthem is from the pen of William Byrd, one of the greatest of Renaissance composers. His early career was marked with some run-ins with the musically conservative Puritans, but in 1572, he was appointed to the prestigious post of “Gentleman of the Chapel Royal.” Queen Elizabeth was more moderate, fond of elaborate ritual, conditions that enabled Byrd to stretch his wings compositionally and explore the richness of polyphony.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** today are given in honor of Heidi, Abby and Hokies everywhere! May they continue to grow in God’s grace.

**THE USHERS FOR MAY** are Rick Del Sontro (Captain), Karla Addess, Robert Amanfu, Lucy Coble, Catherine Johnson, Ian McDonald, Will Quinn, Bryan Scott, Michele Tate Wilson and Jimmy Wilson.

**TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE** all are invited to join us in the Georgetown Room for Punch Bunch hosted by Shelley and Kathleen Jennings.

**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.

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP**

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

- Pre-K goes upstairs to *Early Children’s Worship*
- K-2nd grades go downstairs to *Intermediate Children’s Worship*
- 3rd-5th grades go to the Chapel for *Older Children’s Worship*

Children should be collected by their parents immediately after the service. All children are welcome to remain with their families in the service and age-appropriate worship bags are available in the narthex.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlights

Save the Date for Distinguished Preacher
Rev. Dr. Kenyatta R. Gilbert, Associate Professor of Homiletics at the Howard University School of Divinity, will preach “Almost Christian” during worship service next Sunday, **June 3**.

Summer Singing!
Sunday school is over but singing continues at 9:45 a.m. before the service in the chapel. Join Ms. Regina and the elementary school kids for fifteen minutes of praise and worship before the 10 a.m. service.

Volunteer Opportunity!
Are you interested in a creative and easy way to work with flowers while giving your time and talents to GPC?

Making boutonnieres for new members is the perfect opportunity!

New Member Sundays are scheduled for August 19, October 21, and December 16, 2018.

If you want to learn a useful new skill, need practice, or would like more information, send an email to member.team@gtownpres.org to get started. You’ll have fun and help create a meaningful experience GPC members will always cherish!

Mission

Excel Greeting Cards
Beginning today, greeting cards featuring Excel Academy student artwork will be available in the Georgetown Room. 100% of the proceeds from these cards will go to the Family Assistance Fund, a fund dedicated to helping students and families who are at-risk with food, clothing, and shelter assistance.

G’town Sat/Sun Dinners
Please join us second Sundays at GPC and last Saturdays at Mt. Zion UMC as we serve our neighbors in need. The next date is **June 10**. Sign up to serve at gtownpres.org/serve.

Fellowship

Young Adults

**June 23** - Save the date for a Nationals game against the Philadelphia Phillies at the ball park. Stay tuned for forthcoming details.

**Aug 25** - Save the date for a build-day with Habitat for Humanity in DC.

Interfaith Meal
Join an annual interfaith gathering on June 13th at 7 p.m. at the Ezher Bloom Mosque in Fairfax. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast during the day, and break that fast with a meal called an "iftar" in the evening. We’ve been invited to participate in that evening meal, with education, interfaith dialogue, and delicious Turkish food. Email Pastor Chris for more information.
Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 27
9:30am  Nursery Opens
9:45am  Summer Singing
10am   Worship
11am   Punch Bunch
5pm    Yoga

Monday, May 28
GPC Offices Closed - Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 29
9:30am  GPC Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 30
7pm     Leadership Intensive

Friday, June 1
10:30am Music for Tots

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Happy Birthday

May 27  Robert Amanfu
       Cary Didden
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May 28  Kai Saulski
       Nathaniel Semple

May 29  Kristen Tyagi

May 30  George Colclough

June 1  Bob Davis
        Grace Foster
        Bryan Scott

June 2  Penny Farthing
        Peyton Miller

Daily Readings

Sunday  John 3:1-17
Monday  Revelation 4:1-8
Tuesday  1 Corinthians 2:1-10
Wednesday  Mark 4:21-25
Thursday  Romans 12:9-16
Friday  Psalm 139:13-18
Saturday  John 7:19-24
Sunday  1 Samuel 3:1-20
The Georgetown Presbyterian Church began in 1760 as a small group of worshipers and organized into a church in 1780 under the eminent Stephen Bloomer Balch, Revolutionary War soldier and pupil of religious leader John Witherspoon. It was the first Presbyterian Church in what was to become modern-day Washington, DC, and is the oldest DC church of any denomination with an unbroken ministry. Until long after the national capital was established, many of Washington’s baptisms, weddings and funerals were solemnized in our church. People of all denominations worshiped with us, including many leaders of the young republic.

In 1782 our congregation erected the first – and for many years the only – Protestant church building in Georgetown. Additions were made in 1794 with Thomas Jefferson among the contributors. A rare charter, still in effect, was granted in 1806 to “the Presbyterian Congregation in George Town” by an act of Congress signed by President Jefferson. In 1810 our seal, with its seven stars and Bible, was given to the church by the superintendent of the Mint.

Our church pioneered in both the religious and cultural life of this community. In 1781, Dr. Balch became headmaster of the Columbian Academy to which George Washington sent his nephews and wards, and later a school for girls was founded. Dr. Balch wrote the first book published in the District of Columbia and he helped found the first public library. Out of our church and under Dr. Balch’s broad-minded leadership, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches were established in Washington and Maryland.

Our church bell tolled all day when President Washington died. In our church George Washington Parke Custis, grandson of Martha Washington and father-in-law of Robert E. Lee, delivered a speech on Napoleon’s defeat. Memorial services for President William Henry Harrison were conducted here in 1841. During the Civil War, our building became a hospital for both Union and Confederate soldiers, including casualties from the Second Battle of Manassas and the Battle of Fredericksburg. In these and in other ways, this church identifies with the history of the nation it continues to serve.

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