



LITANY of PRAYER

Leader: We praise thee, we bless thee,

**People: we worship thee, we glorify thee.**

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.*

MOVEMENTS

III. Laudamus te

IV. Gratias agimus tibi

V. Propter magnam gloriam

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Elder Jay Grauberger

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

p. 995

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

MOVEMENTS

VI. Domine Deus

VII. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

VIII. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

*O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

p. 61

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION

Polished for Christmas

Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Murray

✦ HYMN 105

People, Look East

*Besançon*

✦ AFFIRMATION of FAITH  
*Apostles' 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 and  
OFFERTORY  
*Passing of the Fellowship Books*

IX. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

X. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

*That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

PRAYER of DEDICATION

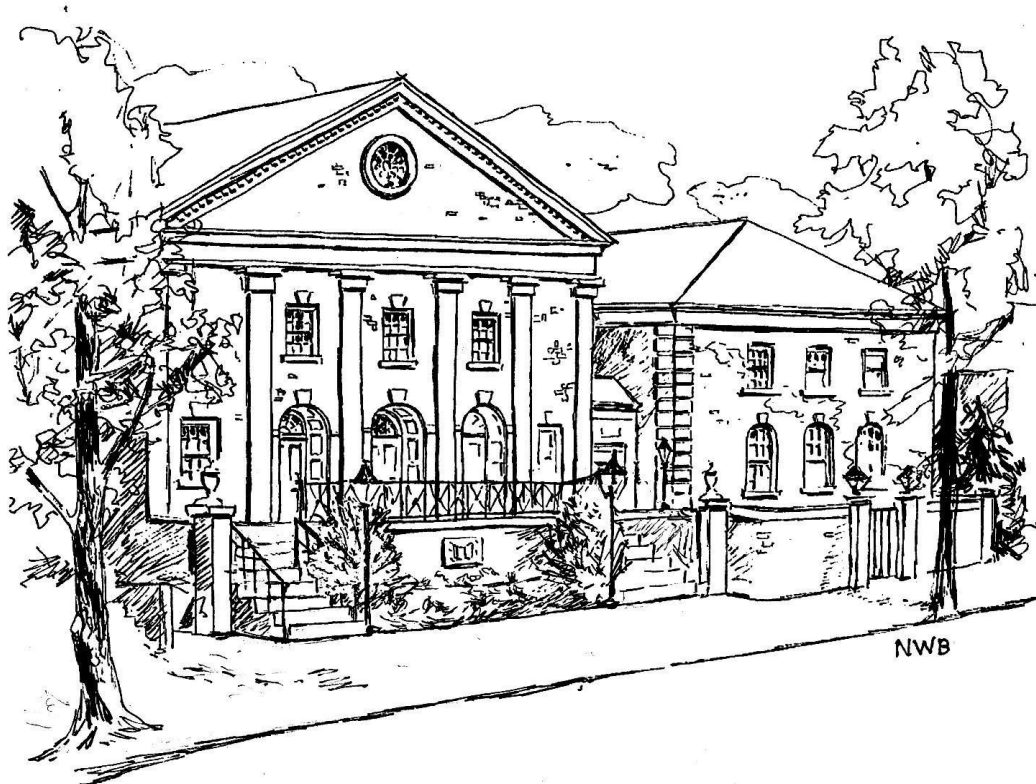
BENEDICTION

RESPONSE and  
POSTLUDE

XI. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.

XII. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*



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## *About Today's Service*

**Today's Advent candle lighting ceremony** tells us how God blessed Mary by making her the mother of his son, Jesus, and about Jesus' blessing upon us all. Those participating are: George Gibson, Will Krokowski, John Henry Bankoff, Katie Krokowski, George Bankoff, Claire Buckley, Sophie Buckley, and Elson Bankoff.

**The Advent Star** shining above the pulpit was given to us by Helen H. Ringe in memory of her nephew, Robert Hopson Larcher, who died in 1961 at the age of 28. I can find no written record of the star, nor do I know the artist who made it, but Bill Watkins, then our music director, remembered Dr. Stroup telling the story that Helen had it made using railroad-tie spikes to symbolize the working life of Christ. - Jill Fri, Heritage Committee

**Today's Music:** Antonio Lucio Vivaldi composed this Gloria in Venice, probably in 1715, for the choir of the Ospedale della Pietà, an orphanage for girls. The Ospedale prided itself on the quality of its musical education and the excellence of its choir and orchestra. Vivaldi, a priest, music teacher, and virtuoso violinist, composed many sacred works for the Ospedale, where he spent most of his career, as well as hundreds of instrumental concertos to be played by the girls' orchestra. This, his most famous choral piece, presents the traditional Gloria from the Latin Mass in twelve varied cantata-like sections. This Italian Baroque choral work actually has interesting American connections. The work was lost for over 200 years, buried in a pile of forgotten manuscripts. After it was discovered in the first half of the 20th century, the first authentic performance of the work took place in 1957 at the First Festival of Baroque Choral Music at Brooklyn College, NY.

**Flowers:** The flowers in the Chancel are given by Susan Page and Carl Leubsdorf in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter, Esther List Leubsdorf.

**Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sundays possible.**

**Greeters:** Catherine Johnson and Bryan Scott.

**Ushers:** Cristian Lopez (captain), Jennie Lopez, Laura Welch, Mildred Grant, Shelley Jennings, Matt Lavin, Nathaniel Semple, Gerardo Martinez, Priscila Rodriguez, and Mary Margaret Hart.

**Lunch Bunch:** Join us after the service for lunch bunch hosted by Jennifer Hillman.

**Sunday School Teachers and Children's Worship Leaders:** Regina Andrade, Casey Nolan, Paige McDermott, Kuang Chiang, Gerardo Martinez, Katie Novaria, Monica Sarmiento, Ann Abanto, and Tory Gentry, and Cynthia Bader.

## Weekly Calendar

*Sunday, December 9*

- 9:30am Nursery Opens
- 9:30am Children Singing
- 9:30am Advent III Rehearsal
- 9:30am Advent Reading Rehearsal
- 9:45am Adult Education
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Advent II Rehearsal
- 11am Worship - Advent II
- 12pm Lunch Bunch
- 4pm G'town Sunday Supper
- 5pm Yoga

*Tuesday, December 11*

- 11am GPC Staff Meeting

*Wednesday, December 12*

- 5:30pm Pizza Wednesday

*Thursday, December 13*

- 6:30pm Session Meeting

*Friday, December 14*

- 10:30am FREE Music for Tots

*Sunday, December 16*

- 9:30am Nursery Opens
- 9:30am Advent IV Rehearsal
- 9:30am Kids Xmas movies in the Chapel
- 9:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45am Adult Education
- 10:15am New Member Rehearsal
- 10:30am New Member Session Meeting
- 10:30am Advent III Rehearsal
- 11am Worship - Advent III
- 12pm Lunch Bunch
- 5pm Yoga
- 5pm Youth Group/ART Xmas Party!

## Daily Readings

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Luke 1:36-40</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Luke 1:56-60</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>Luke 1:41-45</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Luke 1:61-66</i>
<i>Tue</i>	<i>Luke 1:46-50</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Luke 1:67-71</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>Luke 1:51-55</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Luke 1:72-75</i>

## Announcement Highlights

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Join GPC families with children (0 - 5th grade) for **Pizza Wednesday**. We'll take care of the pizza if you bring beverages or sides for your family. The fun kicks off in the Georgetown Room, *December 12* and *19* at 5:30 pm. No RSVPs necessary!

Join us for a special Christmas session of **Music for Tots** on *December 14* at 10:30 a.m. in the Georgetown Room. The class is **FREE** for everyone; no registration necessary! All tots, ages 0 - 4, and their caregivers are welcome.

Thank you to all who came out for the **Member Photo Directory!** We received so many entries that Lifetouch is giving us the option to submit absentee photos by *December 17*. Visit [gtownpres.org/photodirectory](http://gtownpres.org/photodirectory) for more information!

What could be better than a potluck dinner where you can enjoy old friends and get acquainted with newer GPC members and friends? **Tables of 8** dinners are open to everyone! Mark your calendar for *January 26* and *March 9*. Contact Judi Crowson at 202-333-1603 or [jdcrowson@verizon.net](mailto:jdcrowson@verizon.net) to participate.

Mark your calendar to meet Prof. Eric Barreto on *March 23 - 24* at our annual **Guest Preacher Weekend**. He is an Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary and a leader in the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium. His upcoming publication is on theology and ethnicity in the Acts of the Apostles. Contact Katy McBride at [kmcbride@wt.net](mailto:kmcbride@wt.net) if you would like to join the planning committee for Prof. Barreto's visit.

## Advent & Christmas Worship

### *Advent II:* **Special Music**

Vivaldi's Gloria

*December 9, 11 a.m.*

### *Advent III:* **Reception of New Members & Children Singing**

*December 16, 11 a.m.*

### *Advent IV:* **Lessons and Carols**

With brass, percussion,  
and GPC Choir

*December 23, 11 a.m.*

### **Christmas Eve Pageant & Candlelight Service**

*December 24, 5 p.m.*

This **Advent**, join us in reading the Christmas story from Luke's Gospel, by signing up for **Bible in Your Inbox** at [www.gtownpres.org/advent](http://www.gtownpres.org/advent).

The fresh holiday greens and flowers during Advent are made possible through your contributions to the **2018 Christmas Flowers Fund**. The majestic Fraser Fir Christmas Family Tree is enabled by your donations to the **GPC Family Tree Fund**. Flower donation envelopes are in the pews for the Christmas Flowers and Christmas Family Tree Funds.

## Connect

[gtownpres.org/connect](http://gtownpres.org/connect)

Join the Young Adults today for **Christmas Caroling** for some of GPC's members out in the community. No experience necessary! Just meet in the Georgetown Room *today* after worship.

**Adult Ed** meets at 9:45am on Sunday in the Washington Room (or as indicated):

*Dec 9*, Parish Associate Rev. Olivia Lane will lead *16* a three-part Advent Series: "A Turbulent World and The Practice of Advent"

*December 9:* Returning to Christ (Advent and the Gospels)

*December 16:* Proclamation in the Midst of Darkness

## Serve

[gtownpres.org/serve](http://gtownpres.org/serve)

**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 *today* and on *December 29*. *This evening* the **Youth Group** is serving!

Thank you for your generous donations to Threads to Success, a new program through Lutheran Social Services. GPC collected 11 sewing machines and fabric kits, 30 sets of bed sheets, over 1000 diapers, and plenty of household supplies to help **Refugee Families**. In the new year, the **Refugee Team** will be asking you for hands-on help to make this program a success!

## Happy Birthday

*Dec 9* Kristen Henderson O'Brien

*Dec 10* James Pollock

*Dec 12* Lauren Mattison  
Kirk von Seelen

*Dec 13* Lynn Cannon  
Cristian Lopez  
Susie Trees

# 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](http://gtownpres.org/us/history).

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