



Sunday, December 23, 2018, 11 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Lessons and Carols

PRELUDE	Three Versets on 'Away in a manger'	Mark Blatchly (b. 1960)
WELCOME	Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. People: And also with you.	
MOMENT <i>for</i> CommUNITY		Deacon Mary Beth Ray
LIGHTING <i>of the</i> FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE		
INTROIT	All my heart this night rejoices	Johann Georg Ebeling (1637-1676)
OPENING PRAYER		
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7	Deacon Gonzalo Ferro
✦ HYMN 133	O Come, All Ye Faithful	<i>Adeste Fideles</i>
SECOND LESSON	Isaiah 11:1-10	Deacon Mary Beth Ray
CAROL	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	15th c. German carol, arr. Bradley Nelson
DEDICATION <i>of</i> TIMOTHY CAMPBELL		

✦ *Please stand or sit.*

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

TIME <i>with</i> CHILDREN	<i>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.</i>	
CAROL	Wexford Carol	Irish traditional carol, arr. Jon Rutter
THIRD LESSON	Luke 1:26-38	Deacon Ed Lewis
✦ HYMN 121	O Little Town of Bethlehem	<i>St. Louis</i>
FOURTH LESSON	Matthew 1:18-23	Deacon Ashley Mattison
CAROL	Infant Holy, infant Lowly	Polish carol, arr. David Willcocks
FIFTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-16	Deacon David Slentz
✦ HYMN 143	Angels, from the Realms of Glory	<i>Regent Square</i>
SIXTH LESSON	Matthew 2:1-11	Deacon Victoria Tigwell
CAROL	One Star GPC Children Singers	Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)
PRAYERS <i>of the</i> PEOPLE <i>and the</i> 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 <i>and</i> OFFERTORY <i>Passing of the Fellowship Books</i>	My Dancing Day	Gerald Near (b. 1942)
PRAYER <i>of</i> DEDICATION		
SEVENTH LESSON	John 1:1-14	Deacon-Elect Joelle Justus
✦ HYMN 119	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
✦ BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Ding Dong Merrily on High	French Carol, arr. Jack Parton



About Today's Service

Today's Advent candle lighting ceremony tells us to proclaim Jesus' birth as the shepherds did. Those participating are: Evangeline Vaagenes, Prater Sterchi, Alex Davis, Elinor Supple, Barton Holmes, Asher Starun Stroh, Ryan Wilson, and Megan Yost.

Today's Music: To celebrate the joy of Christmas, we are joined by some of the finest brass (and percussion) players in the world. They are: Nathan Clark, Mike Delaune, and David Workman, trumpets; Josh Cullum and David Sisk, trombones; Willie Clark, tuba; and Nate Lavy, timpani.

Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sundays possible.

Greeters: Liza Marshall, John Marshall, and Emma Marshall.

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

Punch Bunch: Join us after the service for a Christmas Punch & Cookie reception hosted by Victoria Tigwell.

Sunday School Teachers and Children's Worship Leaders: Regina Andrade, Gonzalo Ferro, and Sean Buckley.

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About Today's Service

The Christmas flowers, greens, wreaths and Fraser Fir decorating the church today are given to the glory of God by:

- Mike and Elissa Baly in honor of our family
- The Bankoff Family in memory of Beverly Elson "Mimi"
- Elizabeth Avery and Alex Bullock in memory of Hal Avery
- James Bennett in memory of Ruth Bennett and Michael Bennett
- Marjie and Bruce Calvert in honor of our pastors
- The Cannon Family in honor of Lois Thompson, Martha and Douglas
- Margaret Carvin in memory of Diane Webber Johnson
- Anne and Dru Crawley in honor of Dru's mother, Mrs. Drury B. Crawley III
- Tracy Davis, Ralph and Stokley Voltmer in honor of Stokley's grandparents
- Catherine Elwell in memory of her father, L.D. Elwell, Jr
- Mildred Grant and Family in memory of Gordon Mitchell Grant
- Jay Grauberger in honor of the many volunteers who help make our worship services possible, including the Worship Committee (Crystal Espie and Sheldon Ray); Cliff Ford; the Sound Board Team (Tim Shand, Daniel Wisdom, and Lauren Mattison); the Usher Teams, our Greeters; the Flower Committee; as well as the Elders and Deacons who serve Communion each month. Thank you all!
- GPC Staff in honor of Latesha Kelly, GPC Office Manager/Communications Coordinator
- Jennifer Hillman, Ben and Dan Berger in memory of Charles Hillman and Lila Berger
- Judy and Steve Hopkins in memory of our parents
- Ann Hunt in memory of Steve Hunt
- Stephen and Cynthia Johnson in honor of the GPC Musicians
- Jane Lewis in memory of James and Betty Lewis
- The Lopez Family
- M. W. Mainwaring in honor of Alexandra Preston
- John and Liza Marshall in honor of Charles and Betty Alexander, and the GPC Staff
- Karl, Ashley, Lauren and Charlotte Mattison in honor of Dr. Joel Mattison
- Bill, Paige, and Mary McDermott in honor of GPC Sunday School!
- Susan Page in memory of her parents, Bob and Marge Page
- Barry Phelps in memory of Esther McDonald and Sybil Phelps
- Julia Rowland in memory of Ben Rowland
- Michele Saranovich in honor of Cassia Alex Saranovich
- Michele Saranovich in honor of Matthew Burke, brother of Charla Twyla, and Krista
- Katie Seaman and Josh Pitcock in memory of our grandparents
- Linda Goforth Schilder and Daniel McAtee in memory of Mary A. S. Goforth McAtee
- Anna and John Schuhart in honor of our granddaughter, Diana Belle Inglefield
- Pamela Lynne Sorensen in memory of my grandparents and Aunt Lynne
- John and Amy Struble in memory of Arthur W. and Anne Hale Johnson
- The Vaagenes Family in honor of Tim Campbell (safe travels!) Odette, Heidi, Lulu, and Archie Ann
- Leonard Wilson and Charles Leonard in loving memory of our father, Stephen Leonard

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 23

No Sunday School or Adult Ed

- 9:30am Nursery Opens
- 10:30am Advent IV Rehearsal
- 11am Worship - Advent IV
- 12pm Punch & Cookies
- 5pm Yoga
- 5pm No Youth Group

Monday, December 24

- 4:30pm Pageant Call
- 5pm Christmas Pageant & Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25 - Tuesday, January 1

GPC Offices Closed

Saturday, December 29

- 4pm G'town Saturday Supper

Sunday, December 30

No Sunday School or Adult Ed

- 10:45am Nursery Opens
- 10:45am Children's Praise Music in Chapel
- 11am Worship
- 12pm Punch Bunch
- 5pm Yoga
- 5pm No Youth Group

Happy Birthday

Dec 24 Brannan Meyers

Miley Thomas

Dec 25 Ellora Berthet

Lee Minichiello

Chuck Schilke

Dec 26 Caitlin Franklin

Esther Wisdom

Dec 27 Paige McDermott

Dec 28 Natalie von Seelen

Dec 29 Cathy Sterling

Announcement Highlights

GPC Offices will be closed *December 25 - January 1*.

Contact Pastor Chris in the event of an emergency at ccs@gtownpres.org or call the church office. Offices will reopen on *January 2*.

Epiphany Party for all ages at Nancy Bradley's! Join us for an enchanting evening of fellowship and festivities as we enjoy conversation and food on *January 5* at 5pm. Please bring your favorite dish. Call the church office or email info@gtownpres.org to RSVP.

RSVP today for the **Building COMMUNITY** dinner and discussion on *January 12*. We will uncover what it means to be United in Christ in a partisan city, and discuss being better listeners with Dr. Angela Huebner, PhD, LMFT. RSVP to Deacon Mary Beth Ray at mbray4526@gmail.com by *January 6*.

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. Contact Katy McBride at kmcbride@wt.net if you would like to join the planning committee for Prof. Barreto's visit.

Thank you to the 97 pledges who have committed to our 2019 **Stewardship** campaign. We need your help to reach our ambitious budget goal of \$675,000. To pledge, turn in your pledge cards, call the church office, or go to gtownpres.org/stewardship. Pledge envelopes are available in the narthex *today*. We are grateful for your support!

Daily Readings

Sun Luke 2:26-32 *Thu* Proverbs 8:32-36

Mon Luke 2:33-35 *Fri* Revelation 21:1-7

Tue Luke 2:36-40 *Sat* 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Wed Chronicles 24:17-24 *Sun* Psalm 148

**Christmas Eve Pageant
& Candlelight Service**

December 24, 5 p.m.

This year, we're telling the story from the beginning of the church to the end of the world in three parts: **Born. United. Sent.** Our "**United.**" Series launches *January 6*. Take a deep dive into 1 Corinthians and learn how you can participate at gtownpres.org/united.

Connectgtownpres.org/connect

The winter session of **Music for Tots** is now open! Class starts *January 4*. Caregivers and tots (0-4) are invited for a weekly Friday class of singing, bible stories, and dancing with beloved children's music director, Ms. Regina! Sign up at gtownpres.org/music-for-tots.

Join the Young Adults for an **New Year's Party** hosted by the Voltmer-Davis's on *January 11*. Fun, games, and white elephants! RSVP to marissabaly@gmail.com.

Join GPC families with children (ages 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, *January 9, 16 and 23* at 5:30 - 7:15p.m. No RSVPs necessary!

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 to participate.

Adult Ed will resume in the new year on *January 6*.

Jan 6 Rev. Vaagenes examines the complex and exciting early church ferment with an overview of 1 Corinthians. Church unity, sexuality, treatment of the poor... it is a jam-packed epistle!

Jan 13 David Greer enacts Dr. Martin Luther King's Last Speech in Memphis 1968: Where Do We Go From (T)here?

New Year Reading Assignment! Resident scholar Adrian Vaagenes (M.Div., MILS) will spend 2 Sundays in February discussing George Saunders' Lincoln in the Bardo. Go to gtownpres.org/bardo for more information.

Born. United. Sent. launches *January 6*. Sign-up at gtownpres.org/united to receive daily scriptures from 1 Corinthians in your inbox!

Servegtownpres.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 dinner on *December 29*.

Thank you again for donating sewing machines, fabric, and other supplies for **Threads to Success**, Lutheran Social Services new program to assist Afghan refugee women in the area with vocational training. With your help, GPC has been able to donate all 35 sewing machines to make this program possible!

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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