



Sunday, December 30, 2018, 11 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas Day

PRELUDE	Prelude in E-flat	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
WELCOME	Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. People: And also with you.	
INTROIT	What Child is This Katherine Riddle, soprano	English folk tune
CALL to WORSHIP <i>Adapted from Psalm 148</i>	Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! People: Praise him, you highest heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD! Leader: Let us worship God.	
✦ HYMN 152	What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright	<i>Puer Nobis Nascitur</i>

✦ *Please stand or sit.*

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

PRAYER <i>of</i> 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 against you and against one another, by both our actions and our inaction. We have failed to love you with our whole hearts, and failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive our sins, amend our ways, and set us towards the call to which you have called us in Christ Jesus. (Silent prayer)
ASSURANCE <i>of</i> PARDON	Leader: Friends, believe the Good News. People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
✦ GLORIA PATRI <i>Glory to God, #581</i>	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 <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>
✦ HYMN 136	Go, Tell It on the Mountain <i>Go Tell It</i>
PRAYER <i>for</i> ILLUMINATION	Elder Susan Bell
FIRST LESSON	Genesis 18:1-8 p. 15
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!
ANTHEM	In the Bleak Midwinter Harold Darke (1888-1976)
SECOND LESSON	Luke 2:1-7 p. 59
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!
SERMON	<i>Revisionist Christmas</i> Rev. Christopher Chatelaine-Samsen

✦ HYMN 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum Mysterium

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

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
arr. C. Courtney

✦ 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 DEDICATION

✦ HYMN 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

✦ BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

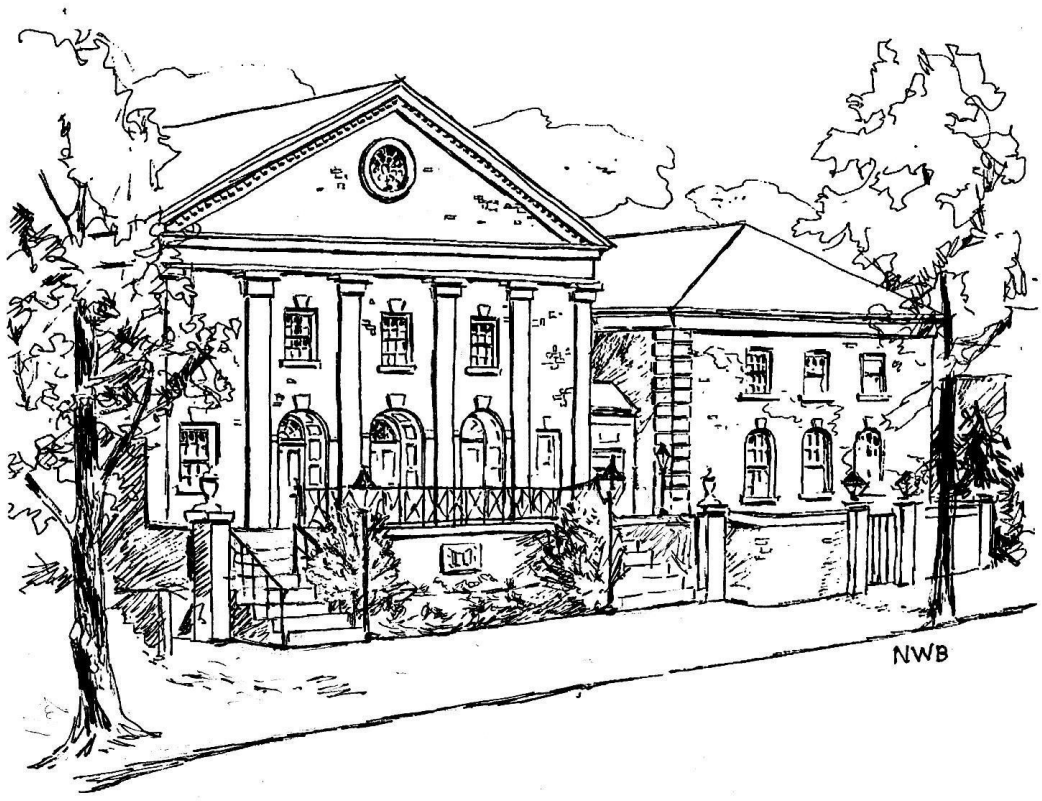
What Child is This

English folk tune

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C minor

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



NWB

About Today's Service

Today's Music: This morning, we welcome Katherine Riddle as the vocal soloist, and Jess Lightner on the keyboard. Katherine is a regular GPC Choir member and soloist, and Jess plays in the U.S. Air Force Band. The anthem, "In the Bleak Midwinter," is originally a poem by English poet Christina Rossetti, adapted as a Christmas carol by Harold Drake. Drake's 1911 setting was named the best Christmas carol in a poll of the world's leading choirmasters and choral experts in 2008.

Flowers: The flowers in the Chancel today are dedicated to Katie Novaria for her dedication to Children's Worship.

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.

Lunch Bunch: Join us after the service for lunch bunch hosted by the Wisdom family.

Sunday School Teachers and Children's Worship Leaders: Regina Andrade, Monica Sarmiento, Michele Wilson, Laura Yost, and Sharon Gibson.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 30

10:45am Nursery Opens

10:45am Children's Praise Music in Chapel

11am Worship

12pm Lunch Bunch

5pm Yoga

Monday, December 31 & Tuesday, January 1

GPC Offices Closed

Friday, January 4

10:30am Music for Tots

Saturday, January 5

5pm Epiphany Party at Nancy Bradley's

Sunday, January 6

9am Choir Rehearsal

9:45am Adult Ed & Sunday School Resume

11am Worship - Communion

12pm Lunch Bunch

5pm Yoga

5pm Youth Group

Happy Birthday

Dec 30 Ann Hunt

Betsy Issacson

Chase Lubbock

Jan 1 Christina Mead

Jan 2 Ashley Goodspeed

Talis Leon Saulski

Jan 3 Richard Bennett

David Cheek

Jake Clark

Jan 4 Jeremy Ebie

Jan 5 Rick Del Sontro

Yian Liu

Announcement Highlights

Epiphany Party for all ages at Nancy Bradley's, 1330 Mercer Ln, McLean, VA 22101! 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 or dessert. Call the church office or email info@gtownpres.org to RSVP.

Join us 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. *January 6* is the last day to RSVP to Deacon Mary Beth Ray at mbray4526@gmail.com. Visit gtownpres.org/BuildingCommunity for more information.

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 Psalm 148

Mon 1 Kings 3:5-14

Tue Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Wed Proverbs 1:1-7

Thu Luke 8:16-21

Fri Isaiah 6:1-5

Sat Jeremiah 31:7-14

Sun 1 Cor 1:1-9

Worship

gtownpres.org/worship

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.

Connect

gtownpres.org/connect

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.

The winter session of **Music for Tots** is now open! 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.

What could be better than a potluck dinner where you can enjoy old friends and get acquainted with newer GPC members and friends in a relaxed setting. The dinners are open to everyone: singles, couples, young and young-at-heart, members, and those who just attend and enjoy our fellowship. There has been a special interest this year among the GPC Young Adults, so we are looking forward to getting to know many of them. **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.

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, *January 9, 16* and *23* at 5:30 - 7:15p.m. No RSVPs necessary!

Learn

gtownpres.org/learn

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 (I)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!

Serve

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 on *January 13* and *January 26*.

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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