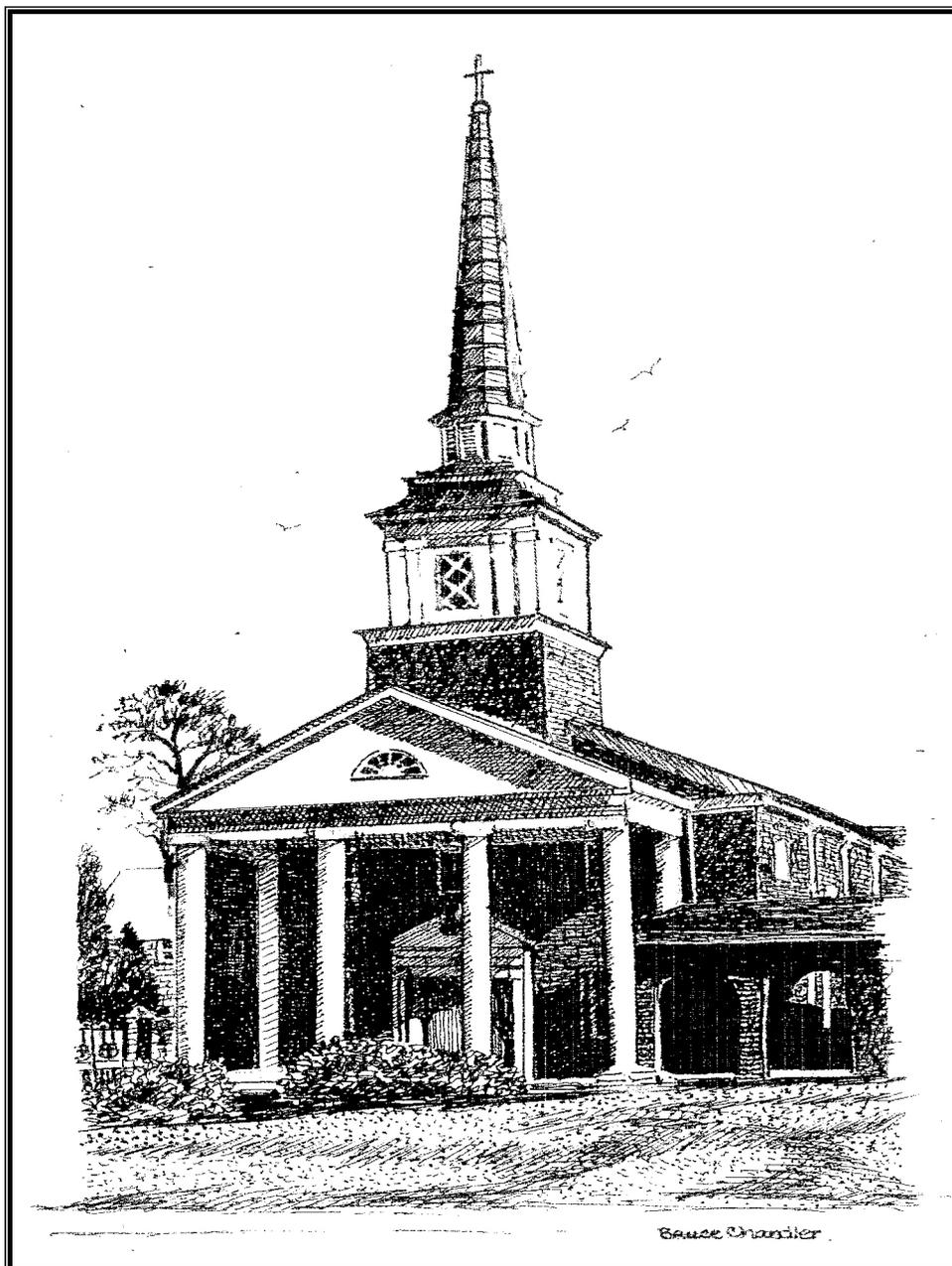


# Georgetown Presbyterian Church

Established 1897



A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

*December 27, 2020 10:00 am*

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**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love."**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. We are so easily distracted. Forgive us for our inattention to all the ways that you make yourself known to us. Help us to see and hear your good news, that we may embrace and share your extravagant love to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

*God, in his great love for us in Jesus Christ has redeemed us and set us free from sin and death, not because of any good works that we have performed, but because of God's great mercy. People of God, rejoice! In Jesus we are forgiven.*

**As the Lord has forgiven us, let us forgive one another. Let the peace of Christ be with us.**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Marcy Carl

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 139:1-18**

*O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made*

*in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.*

## MUSIC MEDITATION

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst

*Jean Power, Soprano; Heather Pelham, Alto*

*Arr. Craig Courtney*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:1-11; Romans 1:14-18

*Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish—hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth.*

## SERMON

Dr. Bill Puckett

"Reflections"

## PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional version)

**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.

## SENDING OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

William Howard Doane, 1875

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THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AMONG US!

You are invited to unite with us as a member of Georgetown Presbyterian Church. New members are received either as **Full Members**, the traditional, full-time membership, or **Affiliate Members**, for those who are seasonal or temporary residents. Get more detailed information from our minister, from the elder of the day, or from written materials found on our Welcome Center table in the narthex.

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### *The Vision of Georgetown Presbyterian Church*

*Georgetown Presbyterian Church is a community of faith bound and driven by the love of Jesus Christ, called to nurture discipleship and share Christ's love with all people.*

### *The Mission of Georgetown Presbyterian Church*

*In order to fulfill our vision faithfully, we must do the following:*

- Foster a vibrant community of faith that shares God's grace with all generations through uplifting worship and music, meaningful fellowship, and mutual care for one another;*
- Challenge each other to grow in commitment and involvement by providing wide-ranging opportunities for spiritual growth;*
- Reach out beyond our doors by serving and providing resources to all God's people in an ever-changing world.*

### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Dr. Bill Puckett, Assistant Minister of Pastoral Care

*Liturgist:* Dr. Corey Ingold, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

Marcy Carl, Director of Children and Adult Faith Formation

Mary Lu Norris, Director of Music Ministry

*Flute:* Molly McNeill Rogers

*Ushers:* Margaret and Larry Miller

*Audio:* Kalib Moyer, Ben Power

## Remember in Your Prayers

*“Pray in the Spirit, on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”* Ephesians 6:18

### Members Needing Prayer

*(Italics indicate new to the list this week.)*

Gen Baumeister, *Maria Davis*, Cal Dawson, Pam and Sam DeMent and Family, Gertie Dorn, Betty English, Mary Lou Gilleland, Virge Harrington, Frankie Hills, Family of Betty Kilgore, Nicole and Jim Lee and Family, Ginger Matthews, Susan Matthews, John Murphy, Martha Jo Poston, Marion and Mark Ricketts, Bailee Sanderson, Mildred Schofield, Earl Small, Kaye and Fred Thomas, Janette Weaver, Jamie, Cindy Williams and Family, Carey Williamson, Hank and Ramona Young, Lewis Young

### Friends/Families

Amy Ard, Corteney Boyle, Family of Ronald Cavalieri, Jurnee Cooper, Lori Young Flaherty, Sherry Gibson, Eve Gvozdas, Marsha Hanes, Family of Richard Jacobs, James McCormick, Jimmy Mundy, family of Jerome Perry, Bill Shehan and Family, Emeline Shoemaker, Family of Janie Koger Thomas, Venters and Martin Families, Family of Frank Williams, Denise Yonkers

### Military Personnel

Sammy Boone, Ben Boyle, Kenny Brown, Nathan Erickson, Ernest Fajardo, Cody Geary, Matthew Godfrey, William Howard, Brock Hursey, Eddie Meador, Will Piepenbring, Will Port, Jay Puckett, Will Puckett, Tristan Porcher, Chuck Power, Faith Power, Josh Power, Elizabeth Rooney, Shaun Rooney, Dylan Stegall, Mark Stephens, Brian Taylor, Bradley Walker, John Walker, Tom Walker, Daniel Yarger

### Our Missionaries in Worldwide Ministries

Mark and Miriam Adams in Mexico, Jonathan & Emily Seitz in Taiwan, Peter Lee in North Africa, Larry & Inge Sthreshley in D.R. Of Congo, Cody Watson in India, Dalit/Untouchables Ministry in India

### Financial Report

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Tithes and Offerings this week	\$21,119
Tithes and Offerings this year through Sunday, December 20, 2020	\$758,227
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings this Year To Date	\$842,500
Variance from Budget	(\$84,273)
Pledge Letters Mailed	205
Pledges returned to Date	105

**TAX PLANNING NOTE:** Due to expected increases in Capital Gains Taxes in 2021, coupled with recent Stock Market activity, now is a good time to review your portfolio and consider donating appreciated stocks or securities to GPC prior to yearend. Just let your advisor/broker know what you wish to gift to GPC. Let them know that the church's account is held at Wells Fargo Advisors (DTC#141) in the name of Georgetown Presbyterian Church. You may call or have your broker call John Stalvey at 843-235-4448 for the account number. Sign and return the form they will prepare for you, and your gift will be processed. Please let our business office know if you have any specific instructions for how we use your gift. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## The Week of December 27, 2020

**Sunday**      **December 27 - FIRST SUNDAY  
OF CHRISTMAS**  
10:00 am      Worship

**Monday**      **December 28**  
*Office Closed*

**Tuesday**      **December 29**

**Wednesday**      **December 30**

**Thursday**      **December 31**

**Friday**      **January 1 – Happy New Year**  
*Office Closed*

**Saturday**      **January 2**  
*Office Closed*

**Sunday**      **January 3**  
10:00 am      Worship

**OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS**, please keep your mask **ON** during the worship service. We thank you for your cooperation.

**OFFICE HOURS** are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**, please call the church office (843) 546 - 5826, ext. 110, or Corey Ingold, (770) 490 - 6831.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY MARKS THE END OF DR. BILL PUCKETT'S FORMAL SERVICE to our congregation as its Assistant Pastor for Pastoral Care.** It was our intention to have a more formal send-off event, but that has been postponed to a later date due to the restraints currently placed upon us all by the pandemic. So, we will have a time for recognizing Bill at a later date. The ministry of Bill and Linda has meant so much, and we are thankful they will remain in the community for the foreseeable future. Well done, good and faithful servants of the Lord!

**MEMBERS THAT REQUESTED OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021**, they are available in the connector on the table. If you would like offering envelopes, please contact the church office, 843-546-5826.

**DECEMBER FOOD PANTRY IS THIS WEEK!** Please remember to bring in your non-perishable food donations for the Helping Hands Food Pantry for our December contribution. Donations may be placed in the boxes in the Connector through Tuesday, 29 December. Sadly, food shortages among the less fortunate in our community are a yearlong reality. At the holidays, especially Thanksgiving, a generous outpouring of community assistance is available. When January opens those with inadequate food resources will still be among us. As the Christmas season approaches its glorious celebration of the arrival of Jesus into this broken world let us remember to show our Christian love by faithfully helping those in need.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST and BIBLE STUDY** resumes Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 8:00 am.

**IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS**, the office is closed Monday, December 28.



