

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – November 19, 2023
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Church in person at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



Welcome

Welcome to all! Please register your attendance with the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or with the online link, or on paper in the church Gathering Space. Need help? Ask any usher.

Opening Music

“Give Thanks”

Call to Worship *[responsive]*

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

to preach the good news of God’s love and liberation for all people.

Opening Prayer

Hymn *[stand]*

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Glory to God, #643

Call to Confession

Our faults and failings may remain hidden from others and even from ourselves. Yet nothing is hidden from God. In our silent prayer let us invite God to clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts as we offer our prayers of confession.

Prayer of Confession *[Together]*

Restoring God, help us to see how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten about your love and your law.

We pray for forgiveness for the times when we have denied love, and the healing of wounded and hardened hearts so that our relationship with you and those whom you love might be restored, through Jesus Christ in whom we trust.

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Children and youth leave for class. Children can be picked up after church in Room 30/31 or Room 32/33. At 11:00, youth will be released from class to find you.

Musical Response *[seated]*

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Glory to God, #466

sing 3 times

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12–26

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, '**Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body**', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, '**Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body**', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, '**I have no need of you**', nor again the head to the feet, '**I have no need of you.**' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. **But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.** If

one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. LeAnn Hodges

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn [*stand*]

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Glory to God, #300

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"I Thank You, Lord"
Praise Team

JOSEPH M. MARTIN

Sung Response [*stand*]

"For Everyone Born"
Verse 1 – Praise Team

Glory to God, #769

Verse 5:

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

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,



November 19, 2023 Weekly Announcements

We need your input! Yes, you! – As of Friday 11/10, 55 have taken our church-wide check up with a CAT Scan (Church Assessment Tool)! As the leadership of GPC plans for what is next, we need to hear **from everyone who is 16+ and is active in the life of the congregation** to help determine what our priorities will be for the coming season. We have extended the deadline so this survey will be available online until Thursday, **November 30**. All responses will be submitted anonymously. Room 202 will be open after worship today for those who want to complete it here, either electronically or manually. You can access the Congregation Assessment Tool using this link or by scanning here. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GAITHERSBURGPCMD>



More of a Good Thing! – We are currently taking requests for a second side to GPC name tags being worn on lanyards. When worn with a clip your name always shows, but when worn on a lanyard, your name tag may flip over to its blank side. Just sign up with a “(2)” by your name and we’ll make a copy to add to your current plastic name tag sleeve.

Add Your Smile! – Have you looked at the GPC online directory lately? There are new beautiful smiling faces to greet you, and we can’t wait to add more. Just stop by Lindsay Hall after either service and we’ll photograph your smile and post it for you. However, there are also directions and a video on the Member Portal of the website (general password 610sfrederickave) so you can post your own photo yourself. Let’s keep this GPC gallery growing!

What’s Popular in the Pantry? – Of course, we are happy to receive a variety of shelf-stable food donations, but some items fly off the shelves faster than others. This week we’d like to highlight the need for **Soup**, with pop-top lids if possible. Place these or other items directly in the pantry, or in the wooden bin in the Gathering Space.

GPC Events

Christmas Giving Tree – The Christmas Giving Tree is here! Take an ornament off the tree and provide a welcome gift for local and global needs.

Community Thanksgiving Service – Come, all thankful people, come! The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, 119 North Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 pm. Choir members, come at 6:00 pm to rehearse.

Weekly Events

Sunday Morning Adult Class – Join us for this hybrid class every Sunday from 8:15-9:15 am in Room 33 or virtually on Zoom. The group is studying the book, *How to be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi. All are welcome! Please contact Steve at office@gpchurch.org with questions and for Zoom links.

Children's choirs have begun! – Every Wednesday evening our children learn about music and how to make music together to glorify God. The vocal choir begins at 5:30 pm and the chimes and bells begin at 6:00 pm. Special thanks to Carol Anderson and Kris Maldarelli for their faithful leadership.

WEEKLY Virtual Meetings

Monday Morning Coffee – 10:30 am on zoom

All welcome. Please join us for a few moments to say hello or stay the whole time.
Never been before? We'll be glad to see you.

Joshua Bible Study – Wednesdays at 7:30 pm on Google Meet

The Wednesday evening group is studying Joshua with the Discover Bible books available from Faith Alive. Scan the codes to purchase them.



Email office@gpchurch.org to request the links

