

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – January 22, 2023

Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



Opening Music

“Invention No. 14 in B-flat major”

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Wade Meyers, organ

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.

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

Let us worship the God of peace.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Glory to God, #623

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Emboldening God, you have not given us a spirit of fear,
and yet we are so often afraid.

We fear what we don't understand.

We are afraid of change.

We are frightened by difference.

You have blessed us with a wide world
and yet we shrink back and keep our vision small.

Forgive us, boundless God.

Renew in us your Spirit of peace, we pray.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Moment for Mission

Young Adult Volunteers

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.

Sung Response [*seated*]

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Verse 1

Glory to God # 1

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 46:1-3, 8-11

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations God has brought on the earth.

⁹ The Lord makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
God burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ 'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Inner Peace for Amateurs

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn [*stand*]

"Christ be Beside Me"

Glory to God, #702

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"How Shall I Sing That Majesty?"
Chancel Choir

ARR. RYAN HEBERT

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer [*together*]

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.

We Depart for Service

Moment for Ministry

Souper Fellowship

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*]

“O Lord My God / How Great Thou Art”

Glory to God, #625

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Closing Blessing

Closing Music

“The Grace”
Chancel Choir

RICHARD SHEPARD

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Participating in the service:

Mr. Charles Duncan, Worship Leader (9:30)
Dr. Carolyn Coleman, Worship Leader (11:00)
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence
Rev. Mary Austin

The Call to Worship is adapted from the worship resources of Thom Shuman.

Thank you for
worshipping with us!

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