

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – April 14, 2024

Older Adult Sunday Service

Church in person at 9:30 and 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

“God of the Sparrow”

CARL F. SCHAIK

Steve Ward, trombone

Katherine Williams, piano

Call to Worship *[responsive]*

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**We come running and on walkers,
with hurried steps and halting,
to join together in response to your call.**

This is the day you have made for us, our Creator,
a day for us to join in praise and worship of you.

**We give thanks for this day, for this world,
and for this whole creation which you have called good.**

You gather us together as our good Shepherd.

For your care of us our whole lives long, we praise your name.

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn *[stand]*

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Glory to God, #611

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *[together]*

Dear Lord, you have created all of us, but sometimes we want to look only to youth and ignore our elders. Sometimes we act as though only the oldest, the longest standing members, have anything to offer. Remind us, oh God, we are all your called-out people. Forgive us when we forget one group; by age or race or gender or ethnic origin. Help us to see you in each person. Restore us all by your grace into one family. Amen.

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon *[responsive]*

This is the good news we have received – that anyone, no matter what age or origin, is forgiven; for they are now welcomed by God if they put their trust in Jesus as Lord.

Thanks be to God for this good news.

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

You're Worth It!

Nancy Sanders

Musical Response *[seated]* "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

W. THOMPSON

Lucille Baur, soprano

Katherine Williams, piano

Prayer for Illumination *[together]*

Your word is a table set before us that sustains us all of our lives. May our hearts and minds be open so we will be nourished by these scriptures and this worship and then be ready to be Christ's disciples, going where you send us. Amen.

Scriptures

Philippians 4:4-7, New International Version

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

I Corinthians 13, New Standard Revised Version

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and I have faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

Sermon

Rejoice in the Lord

Steve Olin

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn [*stand*]

"How Great Thou Art"

Glory to God, #625

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"It is Well with My Soul"

P. BLISS

Fred Mosher, bells

Katherine Williams, piano

Sung Response [*stand*] "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

Glory to God, #606

Prayer of Thanksgiving [*together*]

For all the gifts you give us, O God, gifts that come with age as well as those that are part of youth, we give you thanks. In response to your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we respond with these gifts we offer. May the gifts and the giver be blessed and may the gifts be used to bring good news to your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.

Minute for Mission

April 20, JumpStart Gathering

We Depart for Service

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*]

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Glory to God, #306

Closing Blessing

Closing Music [*seated*]

“Minuet Suite in A Minor”

G. TELEMANN

Jackie Miller, flute

Katherine Williams, piano

Passing the Peace

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

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Participating in the service:

Carol Vandrey Curtis, Bob Hortin, Susan Linz, Janet Fujikawa,
Pam Carlson, Steve Olin, Cindy Zammit; Worship Leaders (9:30)
Larry Masselink, Francie Whitlock, Asenath Asang, John Travis, Steve Olin,
Pat Keziah, Mark Wilson, Nancy Sanders; Worship Leaders (11:00)
Katherine Williams, piano
Barb Woodward, organ
Steve Ward, trombone
Lucille Baur, soprano
Fred Mosher, bells
Jackie Miller, flute

*The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Joyce Deppe
in Thanksgiving for GPC and the privilege of worshipping together on Sunday mornings.*

Thank you for
worshiping with us!

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Events & Announcements



Time to RSVP for the Living Legacy Dinner – Good food, good company, and good information are all available to you at GPC's annual Living Legacy Fellowship Dinner. It takes place on Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 pm in Lindsay Hall. The delicious, catered meal is free, but you need to **RSVP by April 20** to Kay Penn at mkpenn@aol.com.

Earth Day is April 22 – "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Let your words become thanksgiving and love in action for the Creator and "for all who dwell." The Creation Care Committee invites you to celebrate Earth Day during coffee hours after services on Sunday, April 21. You can enjoy Creation Care information, giveaways, and delicious veggie snacks! Join us to learn how to become a better caretaker of God's earth!

Rebuilding Together Montgomery County – Saturday, April 27, 8:00 am–4:00 pm – GPC is sponsoring a home again this year. We could use at least 30 volunteers to perform maintenance (painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbing) on an older townhome. Questions? Contact Yaw Obeng or Jerry Brown.



Join us next Saturday for Jumpstart!

Our All-Church Mini Retreat

April 20, from 9:30-2:30 in Lindsay Hall

The anticipated results of the Jumpstart mini retreat are to...

- Help us gain clarity about our priorities for mission and ministry
- Provide an opportunity to get things moving for a future direction for GPC
- Create our Ministry Discernment Profile (the required next step in our process)

Are You Coming to Jumpstart? Let us Know! – In order for the Congregational Life Ministry to provide enough food for lunch at our April 20 JUMPSTART mini-retreat, please sign up to attend in Lindsay Hall. (Suggested donation of \$5).

Now is the Time – Sign up for Table Fellowship, previously known as Dinners for Eight (D48). Table Fellowship will take place inside or outside, will involve adults with or without children, and will not require everyone to host. As eight adults sign up, groups will be created. After you participate in one group, you can sign up to be included in another group. Contact Clara Pratt at office@gpchurch.org to be added to a group.



Monday Morning Coffee – All are welcome to join us on Zoom, every Monday morning, at 10:30 am. Come for a few moments to say hello or stay the whole time. Have you never been before? We would love to see you. Email office@gpchurch.org for the Zoom link.

Little Free Food Pantry – The need never lessens for our food-insecure neighbors. Please continue to provide shelf-stable, quality food, and cans with pop-top lids. Place donations directly in the pantry or in the wooden bin in the Gathering Space. You can also make a monetary donation online or via check designating the Pantry. This week's featured item is **Rice**. Thank you for your support of our Food Pantry.