

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – August 11, 2024

Twelfth 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, with the online link, or on paper in the church Gathering Space. Need help? Ask any usher.

Opening Music

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”

ARR. MARCHAND

Steve Ward, Trombone

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

We have come together because of God:

We are created and sustained by the power of God’s love.

We have come together because of Jesus:

We accept his example that shows us what life means.

We come together because of the Spirit:

We experience that presence that inspires and blesses our fellowship.

Let us worship God, the Great Trinity of Love.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Glory to God, #753

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin to the One who hears our voice and is deeply moved by our distress.

Prayer of Confession [*responsive*]

God of peace, reveal to us those times when we have denied your wisdom and forged our own way.

Give us the courage to repent and reorient our lives toward you.

If you, O God, should mark our iniquities, who among us could still stand?

Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message (11:00)

Carolyn Hayes

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

Musical Response [*seated*]

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

Glory to God, #92

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

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

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn [*stand*] "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry" Glory to God, #799

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "Serenade" SCHUBERT
Steve Ward, Trombone

Sung Response [*stand*] "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Glory to God, #609

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People and for the Pastoral Search

Eternal God, you are wise beyond our knowing.

We trust that you are the one leading us on this wilderness journey, and we trust that you already know who you are calling to serve as the next pastor of Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church.

We pray for the pastor you are preparing who will someday soon be leading this congregation.

We pray that they will be open to your holy nudge and respond to that invitation; and we pray that you might remove any obstacles in front of them as they discern the path you are setting before them.

And we pray for our Pastoral Nominating Committee as they begin the work of prayerfully reading applications and preparing for eventual interviews.

Grant them your wisdom, God, so that they may be attentive to your will. Continue to work through each member to speak and to listen from a place grounded in their faith in you.

As we strive to be patient with the process,
teach us how to trust in your timing, and how to faithfully wait.

[*Prayers Continue*]

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

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*]

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Glory to God, #623

Closing Blessing

Closing Music [*seated*]

“Sunday Joy!”

SMITH

Passing the Peace

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

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Participating in the service:

Katherine Williams, Director of Music

Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families

Rev. LeAnn Hodges

*The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Dottie Slavcoff, in memory of John Slavcoff,
whose birthday was August 12th.*

Photo by Lukas Hartmann: <https://www.pexels.com/photo/photo-of-person-pressing-the-button-of-pedestrian-box-1827232/>

Thank you for
worshiping with us!

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August 11, 2024 Announcements & Events

GPC Stewardship Campaign – “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 ESV

Backpacks for Summit Hall Students! – Marilyn is collecting for Summit Hall again: new backpacks, #2 pencils, pencil sharpener, pencil case, ruler, glue sticks, small box of crayons, rounded-edge scissors. Donations may be placed in the Summit Hall box near the north entrance.

Fall PDA Trip – Our trip to New Bern, NC is filling up fast, but we still have room for YOU! We leave Sunday, September 22 and return Friday, September 27. Have you always wanted to go? Now’s your chance! Please speak with Rev. Lawrence SOON!

The Sunday Morning Group – Sundays at 8:15 am in Room 33 and on Zoom. Join the group as they study Richard J. Foster's Celebration of Discipline. For the Zoom link please email Steve Olin at office@gpchurch.org.

Little Free Food Pantry – Our food-insecure neighbors continue to need help. Please continue to provide shelf-stable, quality food and cans with pop-top lids. Place donations directly in the pantry or the wooden bin in the Gathering Space. If you would rather, you can make a monetary donation online or via check designating the Pantry. This week’s needed item is **rice**. Thank you for faithfully donating to our Food Pantry.

Monday Morning Coffee – All are welcome to join us at 10:30 am on Zoom. Monday Morning Coffee is held on the first and third Monday of the month. Come for a few moments to say hello or stay the whole time. Please email office@gpchurch.org for the Zoom link.



TABLE FELLOWSHIP

Sign up for Table Fellowship as an individual, with a friend, or as a couple.

This new program does not require everyone to host. As eight adults sign up, groups are created. After you participate in one group, you can sign up to be included in a different group.

If interested, please contact Clara Pratt at office@gpchurch.org.



YOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR

AUGUST

Aug. 11 | Sunday Youth Time, dismissed from 11:00 am worship.
Aug. 14, 6:00 pm | Parent & Youth Potluck
Aug. 15, 6:30 pm | Ice Cream Night at Jimmie Cone
Aug. 21, 6:45–9:00 pm | Annual Gutterbowl Event