

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – November 21, 2021

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

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Music

“Prelude in D-flat major, Op. 28, No. 15”

Frédéric Chopin (9:30)

“When He Calls Me, I Will Answer”

Christian Women Fellowship (11:00)

Welcome

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

O God, Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

Glory to you forever!

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

Glory to you forever!

Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giver:

Glory to you forever!

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

Glory to you forever!

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

Glory to you forever!

Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:

Glory to you forever!

God who was, God who is, God who is to come:

Glory to you forever!

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

“This is My Father’s World”

Glory to God #370

We Listen to God’s Word

Children’s Message

Carolyn Hayes (9:30)

Natalie Jorges-Castellanos (11:00)

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*]

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

Glory to God #59

[*please sing refrain twice*]

Scripture**Micah 6:6–8**

⁶ ‘With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Luke 19:1–10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.’ ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, ‘He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.’ ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.’ ⁹Then Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.’

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

Sermon

What Risks are You Willing to Take? Rev. Dr. Roy Howard

We Respond to God’s Grace

Hymn

“In My Life”

Glory to God #468

Moment for Mission

Olanda Carr, Presbyterian Foundation

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Wade Meyers (9:30)

"I Have Found a Treasure in Jesus"

Christian Women Fellowship (11:00)

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

The Prayer of Confession is at the end today, wrapping up our series on confession and repentance, so we know that we go out into the season of Advent as forgiven people.

Invitation to Confession *[seated]*

"Create in Me A Clean Heart" *verse 1*

Glory to God #423

[Please sing twice]

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Prayer of Confession *[responsive]*

For our self-indulgent appetites, and the ways we exploit other people,
have mercy on us, O God.

For our anger, and our envy of those more fortunate,
have mercy on us, O God.

For our love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
have mercy on us, O God.

For our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
have mercy on us, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of
human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
have mercy on us, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation and for our lack of concern for those who come after us,

have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon *[responsive]*

God has rescued us from the power of evil,
and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ,
where we have redemption.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God."

Passing the Peace

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

Sending Song *[stand]* "For Everyone Born" *verses 1, 3, 5* Glory to God #769

Announcements

Closing Blessing

Closing Music

"Étude in C minor, Op. 10, No. 12"

Frédéric Chopin (9:30)

"Singing Glory to the Lord, He Reigns"

Christian Women Fellowship (11:00)

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Participating in the service:

Rev. Dr. Roy Howard, Guest Preacher

Mr. David Mecklenburg and Ms. Carol Anderson, Worship Leaders (9:30)

Ms. Alvine Pouemi, Worship Leader (11:00)

Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families

Rev. Mary Austin

The Call to Worship, Payer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are from
the *Book of Common Worship*.



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