

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – February 13, 2022

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

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



Opening Music “Sonata No. 3 in E Major, II. Andante” Marianna Martines

Welcome

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*]

God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

We praise you!

You made the earth and all that lives here:

We praise you!

You give breath to all creatures and your Spirit to your people:

We praise and thank you, O God!

So that the eyes of the blinded be opened, and the poor hear the good news,
the captives set free, the goodness of the world alive for all people,

Your kingdom come, O God; your will be done!

Then let us sing God a new song.

With joy let us honor our Maker.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*] “Light Dawns on a Weary World” *verses 1 & 2* Glory to God #79

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *[together]*

Heavenly God,
you gifted this world
and made us stewards of it,
gave us family from many lands
put your word upon our hearts.
We think only of ourselves
and the blessings of our lives,
forgetting that your grace
and love are for the benefit of all.
Forgive our selfishness,
enlarge our vision,
and enable us to be
your faithful servants.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

[Silence for Personal Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes

Sung Response "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" Glory to God #469
Children and youth stay in worship today. 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.

Scripture

Exodus 13:1–10

¹³The Lord said to Moses: ²Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine.

³ Moses said to the people, 'Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. ⁴Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. ⁵When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing

with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. ⁶For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the Lord. ⁷Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. ⁸You shall tell your child on that day, "It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt." ⁹It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of the Lord may be on your lips; for with a strong hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt. ¹⁰You shall keep this ordinance at its proper time from year to year.

Acts 2:41–47

⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Sermon

The Origins of the Church Potluck

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn/Music for Reflection

"All Are Welcome" verses 1, 3, 5

Glory to God #301

Invitation to Generosity and 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

Announcements

Sending Song [*stand*] “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” Glory to God #538

Passing the Peace

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

Closing Blessing

Closing Music “Sonata No. 3 in E Major, I. Allegro” Marianna Martines

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Participating in the service:

Rev. Jacob Rodawla, Worship Leader (9 30)
Vivian Chefor, 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

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