

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



Opening Music

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Wade Meyers, piano

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*]

In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside—
like this time, now—
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.
Let us worship God with thanksgiving.

Opening Prayer

Hymn [*stand*]

“Morning Has Broken”

Glory to God #664

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Loving God, you are always speaking,
directing our attention,
and telling us your love.

We confess that we are not very good listeners.

We aren't sure what is your voice, and what is ours,
and what is just noise.

We are easily distracted.

Yet, even when we are too busy, you still call.

We ask for your help to listen.

Open our minds and hearts.

Tune our ears to your voice, we pray.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

Carolyn Hayes (9:30)/Natalie Jorges-Castellano (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*]

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Verses 1 and 3.

Glory to God #465

Scripture

Psalm 40:1-8

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ² He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴ Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. ⁵ You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required. ⁷ Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of

the book it is written of me. ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.'

John 10:1–10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Sermon

The Voice of a Generation

Rev. Whitney Fauntleroy

We Respond to God’s Grace

Hymn [*stand*]

“Take My Life”
Verses 1, 2, 5, and 6.

Glory to God #697

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem

“Thy Word”
The Chancel Choir

Amy Grant & Michael Smith

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*] “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” Glory to God #721

Passing the Peace

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

Closing Blessing

Closing Music “Invention No. 10 in G major, BWV 781” J. S. Bach
Wade Meyers, organ

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Participating in the service:

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

Ms. Ninna Nana, Worship Leader (11:00)

Rev. Whitney Fautleroy, Minister to Young Adults, Preacher

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 writing of Joanna Harader.
The Prayer of Confession is adapted from the writing of Teri Peterson.

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About our preacher:

Rev. Whitney Fautleroy is our part-time Minister to Young Adults, a new position at GPC. The session heard a call from God to minister more fully to our young adult members and friends, and this position grew from that. If you consider yourself a young adult (or even if you don't) please introduce yourself to Whitney and make her welcome. She brings us a wealth of experience with young adults and in youth ministry.



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