

# Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – July 31, 2022

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

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



## Opening Music

Instrumental

Adam Stout, piano

## 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.*

## Call to Worship *[responsive]*

The earth is the Lord's, for God made it:

**Come, let us adore God.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**Come, let us praise God.**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

**Come, let us follow God.**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Come, let us worship together.

## Opening Prayer

## Hymn *[stand]*

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Glory to God, #240

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession *[together]*

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent  
and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

**We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with you, our God.  
Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your loving-kindness.  
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Amen.**

*[Silence for Personal Prayer]*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **We Listen to God's Word**

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#### **Children's Message**

Mystery Box!

*Youth stay in worship. Children and youth leave for class. Children can be picked up after church in Room 30/31 or Room 32/33.*

#### **Sung Response** *[seated]*

Glory to God, #300

*"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"  
Verses 1 and 3.*

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture**

#### **Revelation 21:10–21**

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup>It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup>The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. <sup>17</sup>He also measured its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits by human measurement, which the angel was using. <sup>18</sup>The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. <sup>19</sup>The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup>the

fifth onyx, the sixth cornelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.

### **Revelation 10:22–27; 22:1–5**

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

**22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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

**Sermon**

**Home Buying for Newbies**

Rev. Mary Austin

## **We Respond to God’s Grace**

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**Moment for Ministry**

Gary Schumacher

**Hymn** [*stand*]

“This is My Father’s World”

Glory to God, #370

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

Adam Stout, voice and piano

**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

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### Announcements

**Sending Song** [*stand*]      "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"      Glory to God, #729

### Passing the Peace

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

### Closing Blessing

### Closing Music

Instrumental  
Adam Stout, piano

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### Participating in the service:

Ms. Ninna Nana, Worship Leader (11:00)  
Mr. Adam Stout, guest pianist  
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families  
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence  
Rev. Mary Austin

The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are adapted from the Worship Sourcebook.

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Don and Nancy Wilson  
"in celebration of our 57th wedding anniversary."*

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