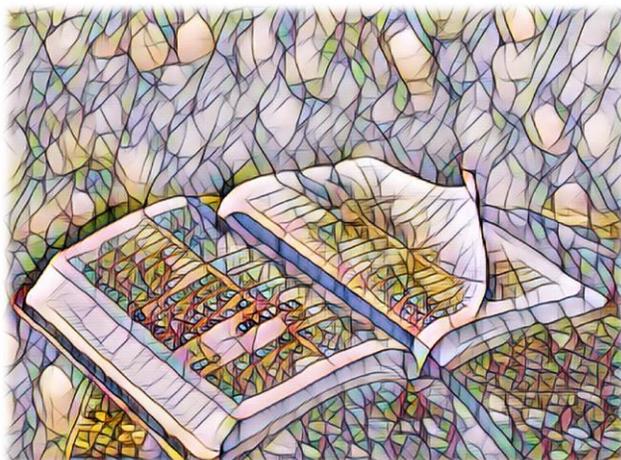


# Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – August 14, 2022

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

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



## Opening Music

(9:30)

Instrumental

Wade Meyers

(11:00)

“We Praise the Lord”

Christian Women Fellowship

## 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]*

In quiet and in darkness,

In peace and in confusion,

Jesus Christ makes his home and meets his friends.

**He is the light of life; he is the hope of the world.**

In him there is neither Jew nor Gentile,

neither male nor female,

for all are one in Jesus Christ.

**He is the light of life; he is the hope of the world.**

In him there is neither black nor white,

neither rich nor poor,

for all are one in Jesus Christ.

**He is the light of life; he is the hope of the world.**

## Opening Prayer

**Hymn** [*stand*]

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

Glory to God, #10

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession** [*together*]

Awesome and compassionate God,  
you love us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
and we do not love you fully.  
You constantly call us, and we do not listen.  
You ask us to love,  
and we walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,  
we repent in spirit and in truth,  
and ask for your forgiveness. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

**Assurance of Pardon**

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**We Listen to God’s Word**

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**Children’s Message**

Mystery Box!

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

**Sung Response** [*seated*]

(9:30)

“Jesus, We Are Here”

Glory to God, #392

(11:00)

“I Will Sing Unto the Lord a Joyful Song”

CWF

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

**Matthew 5:38–42**

‘You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

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

## We Respond to God's Grace

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**Hymn** [*stand*]

"Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

Glory to God, #750

(9:30)

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

*Please refer to page 5 for baptismal liturgy.*

### **Invitation to Generosity**

#### **Offertory**

(9:30)

Instrumental

Wade Meyers

(11:00)

"I'm Gonna Enter the Golden City"

CWF

### **Special Thanksgivings for the Life of Joseph Kum (11:00)**

### **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*]                      “Jesus We Are Here”                      Glory to God, #392

## Passing the Peace

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

## Closing Blessing

## Closing Music

(9:30)	Instrumental	Wade Meyers
(11:00)	“Vanity Upon Vanity”	CWF

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## Participating in the service:

Mr. Phil Nana, 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

The Call to Worship is adapted from the worship resources of the Iona Community.

*The flowers in the sanctuary were given by John and Dottie Slavcoff  
“in thanksgiving for our daughter, Julie.”*

## (9:30) We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear also these words from Holy Scripture:

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

By water and the Holy Spirit,

we are made members of the church,

the body of Christ, and joined to

Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism,

as we celebrate this sacrament.

### **Presentation of the Candidate on Behalf of the Session**

On behalf of the session, I present Eli Chaz Kwabena Okattah-Asare,  
the child of Laurence and Seibatu Okattah-Asare.

### **Questions for the Parents**

### **Questions for the Congregation**

**For the congregation:**

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Eli by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? Do we? **We do.**

### **The Apostles' Creed** *[together]*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Baptism and Welcome**

Eli has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

The people respond, saying: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

Dear GPC Members,

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards, calls, and many acts of kindness and concern while Mom and I were sick. It truly helps the healing process to know that other are also encouraging you. When I joined GPC in 1973, I could not project how church members would become my family. The longer I have been here it is evident that I chose the right church! Thanks for everything!

Lovingly,

*Irene and Carolyn Coleman*

**Back-to-School Supplies for Summit Hall Elementary – August 1-21** Join us for a three-week blitz of collecting school supplies for the children of Summit Hall Elementary. Bring items to the bins in the Gathering Space.

- #2 Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Pencil boxes
- Clear glue sticks (*nontoxic*)
- Purple glue sticks
- Dry erase markers (*various colors*)
- Scissors (*round tip and pointed*)
- Pack of larger erasers (*latex free*)
- Pack of eraser caps
- Hard cover composition books
- Pocket folders for binders (*3-hole punched*)
- Spiral notebooks (*1 subject, wide ruled*)

**Frederick Keys Baseball Game – Saturday, August 20, 7:00 PM** – Make plans to attend this all church event with your Friends in Frederick. All GPC members and friends are welcome, plus guests. **Tickets are \$12.** Sign up online at <https://www.gpchurch.org/baseball>.

**Ready to Walk or Run with the GPC Striders on Labor Day?** All walkers and runners are welcome to join GPC at the **Montgomery County Interfaith 5K** on Labor Day, **September 5**. Speed is not the point – it's all about fun! Sign up at [mointerfaith5k.org](http://mointerfaith5k.org), and be sure to include GPC Striders as your team. Registration fees: July 12–Aug 11 = \$35, Aug 12–Sep 4 = \$40. **ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES 9:00 p.m. September 4.** (No onsite registration)

**Who Should Be Using Our Building? – Sunday, September 18, after 11:00 service**

– There are lots of ways we could use our beautiful building to serve the community, or to help generate some funds. GOT IDEAS? Come and help make a list of possibilities. This is the start of the process, with more research to be done along the way. Your ideas and positive contributions are most welcome. **All ages invited!**

**Help Others in Our Community** – Work with one of GPC’s mission partners to help meet pressing needs in our community. **Kindworks** projects include: setting up apartments for refugees, cooking soup at home for our neighbors needing help feeding their families, and bringing food to shelters. To learn more, visit [www.dokindworks.org](http://www.dokindworks.org)

**Pray Without Ceasing**

- 1) Join GPC’s prayer network at [gpchurch.org/prayernetwork/](http://gpchurch.org/prayernetwork/) if you want to join others in prayer for the needs and emergencies of our church family, friends, the community, and the world.
- 2) Confidential prayer requests can be sent to [prayer@gpchurch.org](mailto:prayer@gpchurch.org).

**Domestic Violence Can Happen Anywhere** – If you or someone you know needs confidential help, call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). Text “START” to 88788

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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