

**GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ONLINE WORSHIP BULLETIN
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WELCOME AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE

“What Child Is This?”

Susan Martinez
arr. Line

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist – Mike Gallagher

Leader: We meet in the name of God, Creator of the universe, source of true humanity,
mother and father of all.

**All: We meet in the name of Jesus, Word made flesh, Savior of fallen humanity,
lover of all.**

Leader: We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, midwife of new
humanity and inspirer of all.

All: Come then, eternal God! Be present here. Befriend us here. Renew us here.

HYMN

“Here in this Place” (Gather Us In)

#401 (Vs. 1, 3 and 4)
Hymn Insert

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor: Holy God, because you made the world, and intended it to be a good place, and
called its people your children; because, when things seemed at their worst, you
came in Christ to seek and to save us, we gladly say:

**All: Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger
than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

Pastor: Because confusion can reign inside us despite our faith; because anger, tension,
bitterness, and envy distort our vision; because our minds sometimes worry small
things out of proportion we trust in your grace and mercy.

**All: Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger
than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

Pastor: Because you have promised to hear us, are able to change us, and are willing to
make our hearts your home, we ask you to confront, forgive, encourage, and guide
us as you know best. We cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

**All: Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger
than darkness, truth is stronger than lies.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS – In Christ, we are forgiven and given peace. Not an easy
peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the peace of the Lord
Jesus Christ is ours to receive and to share. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Rick Founds

*Lord, I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life.
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from Heaven to Earth
to show the way.
From the Earth to the cross
my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high.
(repeat all)*

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)

Liturgist – Mike Gallagher

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

John 1:1-4, 14-18 (NRSV)

Rev. Judy Wellington

The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

RESPONSE

The Nicene Creed

Liturgist-Mike Gallagher

Liturgist: Let us confess the faith of the universal church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontus Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have not end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the Offering Donations slot in the Sanitization Stations located at each entrance. You may also go to the church's website:

<https://www.azqpc.org/giving-options.html> for giving options. We encourage you to continue supporting GPC's ministry if you are able and thank you for giving what you can.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation – This is the Lord's table. It is to be made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So, come....

Thanksgiving Prayer & The Lord's Prayer – (Pastor and congregation)

PASTOR: Gracious God, we praise you and bring you our gratitude, for when we were nothing, you made us something.... So now, in gratitude, we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven saying together:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PASTOR: Lord God, for us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught, and showed the way to heaven; for us you were crucified, and of us, after death, you rose again....We pray together the prayer Jesus taught saying:

****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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen***

Communion of the People – “This is my body, given for you.” “This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take it, all of you, to remember me.”

Prayer after Communion

HYMN

“Go with Us, Lord”

#748

Hymn Insert

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Pastor: Be blessed through the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer now and in the year to come.

Liturgist: As God has fed us with spiritual food, may we be strengthened to go into this week ready to love, feed, and strengthen others.

Why not share the love and peace of Christ today and this week through a call, text, or email? This ends our worship.

Let our service begin!

POSTLUDE

“Ding-Dong! Merrily on High!”

Susan Martinez



***Unison/the Congregation joins in**

Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams, Gaill Blackburn, Susan Martinez, Ray Zubler, Jennifer Nagy, Dave Mossman, David & Jennie Burel and Roy Martin.

Thank you to those Serving today:

Liturgist: Mike Gallagher

Hymn Leader: Ray Zubler

Ushers: Ginny Goodbar, Betty Walford, Dennis & Mary Ann Wilkie

The Nursery is open with Britney Blackburn our Nursery Attendant.

HYMN INSERTS

Here in This Place Gather Us In

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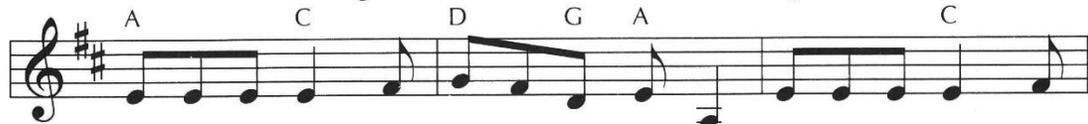
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Go with Us, Lord

748

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and

ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it

strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**May be sung as a canon.*

This very accessible sung prayer was created by the director of children's ministry at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, for use by their children's choir, but it is suitable for people of all ages. The familiar tune makes it easy to learn and to memorize.

GPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS: 11 AM ON ZOOM .

Our topics for January, will be:

- Jan. 3. Pentecostal Churches
- Jan. 10. Pentecostal Churches (continues)
- Jan. 17. Presbyterian Churches
- Jan. 24. Reformed Churches
- Jan. 31. Postscript: Unity in Diversity

In February, the class will begin a study 1 Corinthians followed by 2 Corinthians using the books in the Interpretation Bible Study series of Westminster John Knox Press. This is the series the midweek Bible study group was prepared to begin when the church shut down for such groups and most people in that group already have the books. If you want to join the Sunday morning study and need books, contact Frank Walmsley (see Church Directory for contact information or call the church office).

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF GPC?

Virtual classes will be held in January. You can join a zoom class on Saturday, January 9 from 10 - 11:30 am. The same class will be repeated Saturday, January 16 from 2 - 3:30 for those who cannot make it on the 9th. Please call the office and speak with the pastor if you have any questions.



Happy Birthday to:

January 1 ~ Joyce Carren
January 1 ~ Susan Martinez
January 2 ~ Dylan Nape
January 3 ~ Linda Savarese
January 5 ~ Carl Hansen
January 9 ~ Ethan Nasiff



Happy Anniversary to:

January 2 ~ Brian & Margaret Hansche

This Week's Zoom Meetings

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00 am Children's Sunday School on Facebook

9:30 am – On Line & In Person Worship Service

10:15 am On Line Only - Fellowship Time

11:00 am – On Line Only- Adult Sunday School Class

<https://zoom.us/j/4808926753?pwd=K3J3bk9CNDFsdlI2ZCtuOGxCL2FzZz09>

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

6:30 pm – Called Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

6:00 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2021

7:00 pm – Mission Committee Meeting

Friday, January 8, 2021

7:00 pm – GPC Connection Hour

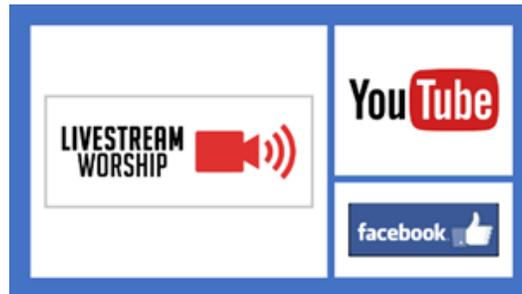
Please note: if people have not logged on by

7:10 pm the host will end the connection hour.

<https://zoom.us/j/4808926753?pwd=K3J3bk9CNDFsdlI2ZCtuOGxCL2FzZz09>

Saturday, January 9, 2021

10:00 am – Inquirers Zoom Class



January 3 Worship Service Links

1/3/2021 Gilbert Presbyterian Church

Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/139979268129/posts/10159106160683130/>

YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QswyUjvTi8>