

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

March 19, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



seeking: Who sinned?

Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith
A Lenten Worship Series

**Whoever you are, from wherever you come,
you are welcome here.**

*The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church seeks to be a congregation where God is the center of our lives;
we celebrate children and youth and equip them with faith to meet life's challenges;
we work for justice in local and global communities.*

We Gather Together

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| The Prelude | <i>Largo and Vivace from <u>Sonata in A Minor</u></i> | Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767) |
| | Melissa Lindon, flute; Marissa Murphy, violin; Julie Evans, piano | |
| The Greeting | | The Rev. Keith Thompson |
| Introit | Still, I Search for My God | Francisco F. Feliciano, 1977 |
| | Still, I search for my God in silence, I marvel at the universe, the world it contains, the beauty, the harmony! Creator of such perfection, who else could it be? | |
| *Call to Worship | | Ruling Elder Susan Dentzer |
| | Scripture is full of questions...Where are you? Am I my brother's keeper? Whom shall I send? Who do you say that I am? Who sinned? How many times shall I forgive? If God is for us, who can be against us? Scripture is full of questions, so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space. Let us ask and seek after our merciful God. | |

***Hymn 410**

God is Calling Through the Whisper

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Bold indicates congregational response. * Please stand as you are able.

Zoom participants, please write your prayer concern in the chat box and we will include them in the Joys and Concerns.

***Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Who here has sinned?

We have sinned.

We put our heads in the sand.

We ignore people in need.

We make false assumptions and fail to be kind.

We are in need of forgiveness.

Time for silent confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, join me in this good news!

Our God is a merciful God.

God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score.

When we suffer, God weeps.

When we sin, God forgives.

When we lose our way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for love like this. **Amen.**

***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

Let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

Children are invited to come forward to the chancel area.

***The People's Response – Hymn 175, vs. 1.**

Lafferty

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Allelu, alleluia!

Time with Children

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

Following the Time with Children, Sunday School is available for children ages 3 – Grade 12.

Childcare is available for children ages 2 and younger.

Gathering Song – Hymn 175, vs. 2

Lafferty

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.*

Allelu, alleluia!

We Share Community Joys and Concerns

Joys and Concerns

Please write your prayers on the connection card in the pew or in the chat box on zoom. We will read your prayer in worship and include them in the email prayer list.

If you would like to submit a confidential prayer request, please email a pastor.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

...We ask these things in the name of the one who teaches us to pray together saying, **Our Father and Mother, 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 Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination – Hymn 175, vs. 3

Lafferty

*You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!*

God of Good news, there is *reading* your Word, there is *hearing* your Word, and then there is *tunneling* ourselves into your Word— building a home in your Word, planting ourselves like a garden in your Word. We want to know you. We want to grow in you. With hopeful hearts we pray, amen.

The Gospel (Reader's Theater)

John 9:1-41
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible+ NT, pages 102-103

Sermon

How Do You See?

The Rev. Keith Thompson

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a merciful God,
a God who does not keep score, a God who wants good for us.
We believe in a creative God,
a God who would heal with mud, a God capable of seeing what we cannot.
We believe in a saving God,
**a God who heals, a God who greets our questions with patience,
a God who sends us out with hope in our step.**
What wondrous love is this. **Amen.**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Music at the Offertory

The Lord is My Shepherd
Oliver Toussaint, soloist

Howard Goodall (b.1958)

*People's Thanksgiving

Old Hundredth

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

*The Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Allegro ma non presto from Sonata in G major, bwv 1039
Melissa Lindon, flute; Marissa Murphy, violin; Julie Evans, piano

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

+ The scripture translation is the NRSV Updated Edition 2021; the pew Bible is 1989 NRSV.

***Leaders in worship include** The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Senior Pastor; The Rev. Keith Thompson, Acting Associate Pastor; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music ; The Chancel Choir; Susan Dentzer, Liturgist; Tom Cherukuri, Reader. **The flowers today are presented in God's glory. For future flower dedications, please contact John Cox at johnwcox13@gmail.com or donate on the church's website. Flower donations are \$75.**

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| WEEKLY CALENDAR | | |
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| March 19 – March 26, 2023 | | |
| Sunday, March 19 | 9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:15 1:00 – 3:00 1:00 – 2:30 2:00 – 7:00 4:30 – 7:00 | Nursery Childcare – Room 108 Worship — In-person and Online at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 180, 370, 360, 380, Firesides Coffee Hour – Chadsey Hall Faith Trek – CCPC Conference Room Chapel Choir — Room 308 Confirmation – Firesides ESL Classes – Rooms 104, 122, 130 46 th Annual Bach Marathon - Sanctuary Youth Group – Geneva Hall |
| Tuesday, March 21 | 12:30 – 2:30 7:00 – 9:00 | Needlework Group – Library Session Meeting – Geneva Hall and Online at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92292414449?pwd=emJMSEgtdlN1SUorbGN5eEhpdmldlZz09 |
| Wednesday, March 22 | 11:00 – 12:00 | Bible Study – Firesides and Online at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84927017477?pwd=bmRjV2p1WjRmelh4SFhsRSttQS9UQT09 |
| Thursday, March 23 | 7:30 – 9:15 | Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 300 and Sanctuary |
| Friday, March 24 | 8:30 – 10:30 | WNS Parent Coffee and Education Event – Geneva Hall |
| Saturday, March 25 | 7:00 – 10:00 | WNS Annual Auction & Party – Dauphine's (1100 15 th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005) |
| Sunday, March 26 | 9:00 – 12:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:15 11:00 – 12:30 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 1:00 11:15 – 12:15 1:00 – 2:30 4:30 – 7:00 | Nursery Childcare – Room 108 Worship — In-person and Online at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 180, 370, 360, 380, Firesides Annual Meeting -- Sanctuary Faith Trek – CCPC Conference Room Annual Meeting Lunch – Chadsey Hall Chapel Choir — Room 308 ESL Classes – Rooms 104, 122, 130 Youth Group – Chadsey Hall |

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington DC, is hereby called for Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. following the service. The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports; elect Elders, Deacons, an Auditor and the Congregational Nominating Committee; consider changes in the Terms of Call for the Senior Pastor; and consider any other business that may rightly come before it. By Order of Session February 21, 2023

CCPC thanks Danielle Most and Peter Cherukuri for providing today's Coffee Hour food.