



GOOD SAMARITAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Charlotte Mandragos (2027)

Mindy Tracy (2027)

Sandra Webb (2027)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 9, 2025

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“One Sweetly Solemn Thought”

Ambrose

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Mark Gaskill

THE GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, when we wander in the wilderness,

ALL: GUIDE US ON THE FAITHFUL PATH.

One: When we are starving in body and spirit,

ALL: GIVE US THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE LIVING WATER.

One: When anxiety tugs at us to use force and violence;

ALL: SHOW US A WAY OF PEACE AND GRACE.

One: When we are tempted by fear to give in to selfish pride,

**ALL: WELCOME US INTO THE GRACE OF WORSHIP SO THAT OUR
HEARTS TRUST YOU ALONE.**

*HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

No. 411

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 10: 8-13

One: The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart

ALL: THAT IS, THE WORD OF FAITH THAT WE PROCLAIM;

One: Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**ALL: FOR ONE BELIEVES WITH THE HEART AND SO IS JUSTIFIED,
AND ONE CONFESSES WITH THE MOUTH AND SO IS SAVED.**

One: The Scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

**ALL: FOR, “EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD
SHALL BE SAVED.”**

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 3: 1-7

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“Lord I Need You”

See insert

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4: 1-13

SERMON

Singularity

Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

No. 417

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Aspiration”

Croisez

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU!

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUP AND SALAD LUNCH

Today is the first of three Soup and Salad Luncheons, after the worship service join friends and family in the fellowship hall. Please sign-up in the narthex if you would like to bring a soup, salad, bread, or dessert to share with everyone for the remaining luncheons on March 23 and/or April 6.

LILIES FOR EASTER

During Lent, you will again have the opportunity to provide lilies for Easter Day. Plants will cost **\$20 per pot**; checks should be payable to Georgia Henry. Order envelopes are available in the Sunday bulletins on today and March 16 and 23 and may be placed in the collection plate. The last Sunday to order is **March 23**. Plants may be taken after the Easter morning service. When ordering, please indicate if the plants are in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one or other blessing. Contact Georgia Henry with questions – 301-843-6076 or gghenry4@aol.com.

****A reminder that we will continue collecting for the Anytime Bags – all of the donated supplies have been bagged up to distribute to the homeless and now we are in need of more donations for the next batch of Bags.**

“Lord, I Need You”

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart. You’re the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need you oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
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Lord, I need you oh, I need You. Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; oh God, how I need You.

To teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I’ll fall on You.
Jesus, You’re my hope and stay.
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FIRST READING: GENESIS 3: 1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’”⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die;⁵for God knows that

when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

SECOND READING: LUKE 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

A NOTE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

During the next few weeks the Nominating Committee will be considering people to serve as elders for GSPC for the Session Class of 2028. You, the congregation, have an important role in the selection of your church leaders – that being the recommendation of people to be considered by the committee.

In the ordination service, we affirm our church leaders are “chosen by God through the voice of the congregation.” Our Book of Order states that elders should be “persons of faith dedication, and good judgement, whose manner demonstrates the Christian Gospel, both within the church and in the world.” To put that in more specific terms, we have included some categories for consideration on the back of this page.

We encourage each of you to suggest names of people to serve on the Session for the coming three years. Your nominations are held in confidence, and each name will be seriously considered. Please give this matter your prayerful thought and offer up names for us to consider.

Please write your recommendations on the back of this form, fold and drop it in the collection plate or place in the box marked Nominations placed in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact any member of the committee (Names listed below.)

The members of the 2024 Nominating Committee are:

Sandy Webb*	Judy Howell
Charlotte Mandragos*	Bill Koennel
	Holly Banks
	Jackson Gaskill**

*Co-Chairs

**Alternate

Areas to consider when nominating an elder/trustee:

- General Churchmanship
 - Attendance at public worship
 - Participation in church activities
 - Past services to the church
- Christian Living in Daily Life
 - Within the family
 - At work
 - In the community
- Personal Characteristics and Skills
 - Cooperativeness
 - Willingness to learn
 - Ability to follow through on assignments
 - Openness to new ideas
 - Maturity of judgement

I recommend the following person(s) be considered for the GSPC Elder Class of 2028 (3 positions)

The current Session members are:

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
William Wetmore	Sally Brandt	Charlotte Mandragos
Liz Carroll	Michele Gaskill	Mindy Tracy
Al Flora**	Jay Koehler	Sandy Webb

** Not eligible for nomination. Served two consecutive terms.

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*The flowers on the Retable this morning are given by Sally Brandt
in celebration of her grandson, Dylan's 21st birthday.*

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Today's Volunteers: Greeters: Charlie and Janice Eargle; ***Ushers:*** Jim Kriebel
and John Holmes; ***Scripture Reader:*** Ron Banks

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TODAY

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship Service at 10 AM
Soup and Salad Lunch After Worship

THIS WEEK

Mon. (March 10): 10:30 AM – Crafters
Tues. (March 11): 9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study
Sat. (March 15): 5:00 PM – Game Night

COMING SOON

Lenten Lunches – March 23, & April 6