



GOVANS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Shannon Weston | Bridge Pastor
Minister Lea Gilmore and Marie Herrington | Music Director

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

**Indicates all who are able please stand*
GtG = Glory to God | SoZ = Songs of Zion

PRELUDE

“In the Bulb There is a Flower”

WELCOME

Patreena Parson, Lay Leader

*HYMN #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*LITURGICAL PRAYER

Rev. Shannon Weston

We who too often lose our way gather today to say, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.” And yet those same waters are polluted by the plastics we have made and discarded. We pause to ask ourselves again what it would be like to see creation liberated and experiencing freedom and glory. Along with all creation we wait for the glory of God to be revealed and we commit to playing our part, as the children of God. May we find liberation from our plastic addiction and healing for our land and water. **Amen.**

-from Plastic Jesus: Real Faith in a Synthetic World, Creation Justice Ministries

*Sung Response #581 (GtG)) *“Glory Be to the Father”*

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Missy Smith

ANTHEM

“Fall in Love with the Earth” by J & A Creasy, K. Medema
A. Moran, B. Sirchio, and B. VanderMolen

sung by the Govans Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Patreena Parsons, Lay Leader

FIRST READING

John 10:7-10

SECOND READING

Psalm 23

Rev. Shannon Weston

SERMON

*HYMN #20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister Lea Gilmore

The Lord’s Prayer

...so now we join our voices in prayer to you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, our Ally, Guide, and Friend, our Mother and **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.**

CHURCH WORKS

Elder Jennifer Parks

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Patreena Parsons, Lay Leader

You are invited to bring your offering and place it in the offering plate at the front of the Sanctuary. In addition to placing your offering in the offering plate, you can scan this QR code to give through your checking account or credit card.



Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers:

Prayers for the family of Bonny Lewis, who passed away on April 4, 2024
The family of David Clark, brother-in-law of Kit Clark, who passed away on April 8, 2024.
Deb Smith

Homebound Individuals

Bonny Lewis
Marilou Moore
Phyllis Ross
Dottie Sharp

Overseas Mission Partners

St. Andrew's Refugee Service (StARS) in Cairo
David and Danny Guillaume and the children at Kay Papa Nou and Unity House
Paul and Pat Stock and the Presbyterian Education Board (Pakistan)
Butoke in DR Congo

****If you would like someone added to the prayer list, please contact the Pastor or the church office at 410-435-9188 or wilson@govanspres.org. Those added to the list will be removed after three weeks unless we are notified that you would like them to remain on the list****



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT GOVANS

Sunday, April 21

Adult Option, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Soul Kitchen Meal Pick-up, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 22

Music Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24

Govans/Knox Bible Study, 12:00 noon
Band Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

Common Ground Movie Screening, 6:30 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27

Earth Day at Woodberry Crossing, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****Pastor Shannon and Andy Wilson will both be on vacation from April 22-29.*****

*****Annual Congregational Meeting - on May 5, 2024 following worship:** We will be hearing the report of the Elder Nominating Committee and voting on updated By-Laws. All members should plan to attend.***

Knox/Govans Partnership Sunday - April 28 at 11:00 a.m.: Join us for a special joint service of worship with our sister church, Knox Presbyterian. This service will be at Knox (1300 N. Eden St., Baltimore, MD 21213). There will be no service at Govans that Sunday. Note the different start time and their services tend to last about 90 minutes.



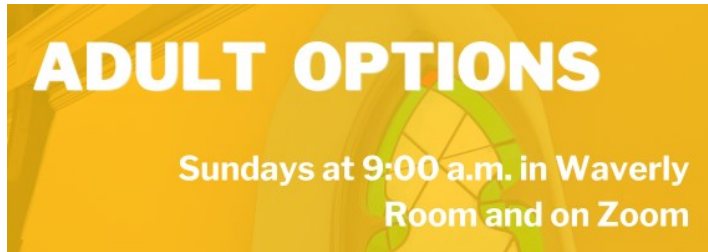
OPEN OFFICE HOURS
with Lea Gilmore
Monday, April 22, 2024

Music Mondays - Open Office Hours with Lea Gilmore - Monday, April 22, 2024: Lea Gilmore, Music Director, will offer three individual meeting time slots. Take this opportunity to speak one-on-one with Lea about music; music for service; music you enjoy; share recommendations; or just chat. Available time slots: 7:00 - 7:25 p.m., 7:30 - 7:55 p.m., and 8:00 - 8:25 p.m. Please email Lea (lea@govanspres.org) to set a time to meet and for your personal Zoom link.

Adult Options - Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Waverly Room and Zoom:

- April 28 - Knox/Govans Partnership Sunday - no Adult Options
- May 5 through May 19 - What are the Resources in the African-American Religious Experience for the Liberation and Redemption of white Americans? - Ed

Loring will lead a three-part series...*Part 1:* Engaging with the Black National Anthem - Lift Every Voice and Sing. *Part 2:* Human Nature and the Quest for Freedom; *Part 3:* What does it look like when a white person practices the resources of the African-American religious experience? Ed has a Ph.D. in American Religious History and his dissertation focused on the use of the Bible to justify slavery and the teaching of the gospel to enslave people following the Nat Turner revolt in 1831.



Govans to participate in Faith Climate Action Week hosting a screening of the film *Common Ground* on April 25 at 6:30 p.m.: Govans Earth Care Committee will be participating in Faith Climate Action Week, an annual initiative spearheaded by Interfaith Power & Light. It spans ten enlightening days around Earth Day, from April 19 to April 28, 2024. Govans will be hosting a screening of “Common Ground: Cultivating connections between Faith, Food and Climate”. This film explores how our food systems contribute to injustice and climate change while also delving into practical solutions that align with our faiths.

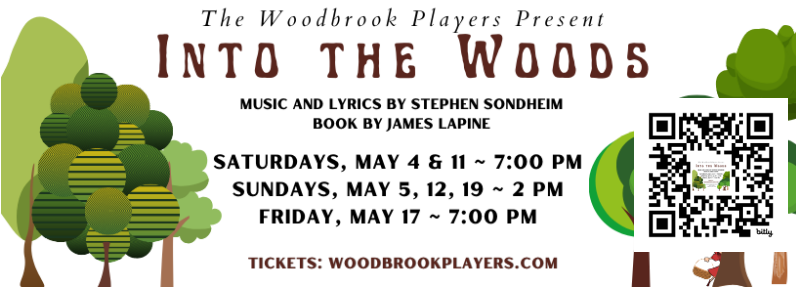
By joining us, you become an integral part of a dynamic community of faith-driven individuals dedicated to preaching, teaching, and actively working towards healing the climate in 2024. Govans film screening will take place on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Sharp Hall, followed by a panel discussion of the film. We hope you will join us. Please register using the QR code.



Scan to register for movie

Celebrate Earth Day with Woodberry Crossing! - Saturday, April 27 - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: This family-friendly event on at the farm includes multiple art projects focused on recycling; interacting with our farm animals; a story tent; lots of great food and libations; and a pavilion full of local artists to support. Woodberry Crossing is located at 925 Stablersville Rd., Parkton, MD 21120.

- **Baked goods are needed:** You can also help by signing up to bring baked goods. Scan the QR code to sign up.



The Woodbrook Players are Back! The Woodbrook Players present *Into the Woods* by Stephen Sondheim. The Brothers Grimm hit the stage with an epic fairytale about wishes, family and the choices we make. One of Stephen Sondheim's most popular works, this timeless yet relevant piece tells the story of a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When

the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results.

Youth Events: Calendar:

April 21 - ROPAGOFA at Roland Park
April 28 - No Sunday School (service at Knox)
May 1 - Youth Servant Leader Meeting

Volunteers Needed for ALL Youth Events: For all events and classes, adults are required and appreciated. We need volunteers for supervision, set up, breakdown, decorating, and everything that we do for adult events and learning. We have recurring events to make it easy to offer support. Guest teachers and activities are also welcome. Have an idea for an intergenerational event? Need youth support for a church project? Please e-mail Missy at missy@govanspres.org to if you would like to help.



Melodic Momentum: A Journey Through Improvisation with Marie Herrington - Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.: Join us for a concert of live, interactive piano improv with Marie Herrington! Free admission/no tickets needed.

Keith Snipes & Company present: *Let Freedom Sing* - May 23 at 7:00 p.m.: Keith Snipes created Keith Snipes & Company to embody the values his mother instilled in him: to say something positive through music; something that affirms our commonalities. The concert will feature the amazing talents of acclaimed musicians Cyrus Chestnut, Eric Kennedy, Brent Birkhead, and Obasi Akoto. You don't want to miss this free concert.

Bring your aluminum cans to church to help raise money for Kay Papa Nou in Haiti: Did you know Govans member, Wayne White collects empty aluminum cans to raise money for Kay Papa Nou in Haiti? Drop your cans off in Sharp Hall on Sunday or contact the church office (wilson@govanspres.org) to drop off during the week.

CARES Food Pantry: Govans is always accepting donations of non-perishable food for CARES Food Pantry. You can bring your donations to worship or to the church office during the week. Contact Andy Wilson (wilson@govanspres.org) with any questions.

Keith Snipes & Company presents: LET FREEDOM SING!

Keith Snipes, vocals

Cyrus Chestnut, piano Eric Kennedy, drums Brent Birkhead, wind instruments Obasi Akoto, bass

Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.
5828 York Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212 | www.govanspres.org

Keith Snipes created Keith Snipes & Company to embody the values his mother instilled in him: to say something positive through music; something that affirms our commonalities.

"I want to emphasize our shared humanity and accentuate our deepest democratic desires and demands. Music allows for all of that."

FREE ADMISSION

GOVANS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | Racial Justice Ministry

*****If you have an item you would like listed in the Sunday announcements or in our weekly email newsletter that is sent each Thursday afternoon, please send your information to Andy Wilson (wilson@govanspres.org) by noon on Wednesday of each week. Thank you.*****

WELCOME VISITORS

Govans Presbyterian Church is a theologically progressive community empowering people to make the world better.

We empower people to make the world better by encouraging each person to develop and nurture a relationship with God as they understand God. God is the source of our life, joy, healing, wholeness, ability to overcome obstacles and make a positive difference in the world. We provide the means for each person to grow in their relationship with God, by inviting and welcoming all people to worship, learn, serve, and care for one another.

For more information about Govans Presbyterian Church, visit us on the web at www.govanspres.org or scan the QR codes to fill out our Visitor Form and sign-up to receive our weekly email newsletter. We hope to see you again soon!



Visitor Form



Email Sign-Up

Church Staff

- **Rev. Shannon Weston**, Bridge Pastor (pastor@govanspres.org)
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Govans Session Members

Rev. Shannon Weston, Moderator

Class of 2024

David Boersma

Ben Hobbs

McKenna Traynham

Maria Wong

Class of 2025

Sam Fuller

Jennifer Parks

Karl Starks

Class of 2026

Akilah Atkinson

Eric Johnson (Clerk)

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Angela Pinaglia



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For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, D3, and F3.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note C5, followed by quarter notes Bb4, A4, and G4. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G2, Bb2, D3, and F3.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G2, Bb2, D3, and F3.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G2, Bb2, D3, and F3. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

715 The Earth Belongs to God Alone

1 The earth be - longs to God a - lone; hard
 2 The fer - tile ground through years of toil has
 3 All life be - longs to God a - lone, in
 4 Till God en - dows the earth once more with

clay, rich soil, fine sand. Give thanks wher - ev - er
 cried for Sab - bath rest— a time of peace for
 wil - der - ness and fields. From fal - low land, or
 E - den's state of grace, may we en - deav - or

food is grown on bor - rowed ho - ly land.
 worn - out soil so land can be re - freshed.
 plowed and sown, God gives the good it yields.
 to re - store all land as sa - cred space.

This text emerged from a study of the attention in Levitical laws to the well-being of the land, especially by calling for fallow periods, or “land sabbaths,” to preserve the soil. 2 Chronicles 36:21 even suggests that the Babylonian exile may have resulted from abusing the land.

Psalm 23 – How We Profess Our Faith vs. How We Sometimes Live Our Faith

We are sometimes reluctant to trust as the psalmist does, we recite, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” But do we live this way? Yet we live in a way that says, “The Lord is not my shepherd; I do want.” Spend a few minutes turning each positive into a negative and each negative into a positive, write the psalm in your own words. See how this changes the psalm. Notice what feelings arise in you with these changes. How does this change your view of the prayer? Then spend a few moments rereading the original psalm. Do you see it differently? What changes do you need to make in order to live the words of the original psalm?

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

