



The Geist Family – Gig Harbor, WA

April 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

As we have put focus the past few months on being intentional and deliberate about our congregational singing, the opening to the 149th psalm sums up our goal: **Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.** We recently purchased new hymnals and have been learning some older and less familiar hymns. Some of these have become new favorites, such as *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*, which is an arrangement of Psalm 148 put to music by William Kirkpatrick. Every opportunity to lift our voices in praise to our great God is a joy!

Michelle B. first visited our services over a year ago and has come to the Sunday morning services sporadically ever since, often bringing her granddaughter Nolea with her. After one sermon in early March about the cities of refuge (Joshua 20), she approached me with some questions about church membership. I was able to walk through the plan of salvation with her and dispel some misconceptions she had about baptism. She has begun attending Sunday evening and midweek services as her health and work schedule allow, and I am prayerful that she will come to a saving knowledge of Christ.

My family and I first met our current next-door neighbors before we had even moved into our house in late 2022. We have developed a good rapport with them but they have not been very open to conversation about spiritual matters. In mid-March Jeanette (the wife & grandmother of the multi-generational family) went into the ER with acute pancreatic issues, and for a time was in danger of not surviving the episode. Amidst this crisis she sent a friend to come knock on our front door and ask if I would come see her in the hospital. I was able to share the gospel with her for over an hour, and though she did not

make a profession of faith she was greatly comforted to learn that Christ's death is sufficient to atone for the sins that we could never pay for ourselves. She is now back home, though with multiple serious ongoing medical concerns. Please pray that the Lord would provide more open doors to preach the gospel to her, her husband Walt, and their orphaned grandsons Nicolai and Alec.

Thanks to all who have interceded over the past several months for Gale and Jeff & Janine. All three were baptized and added to the membership on March 30th, which was a blessed answer to prayer. They have quickly become integral parts of the body, growing by leaps and bounds and looking for opportunities to serve and minister to others. We thank the Lord for bringing them to us!

While there is ongoing finish work to be done, our auditorium renovation is mostly complete with new carpet, pew chairs, curtains, paint, etc. in place. We don't measure success by attendance, but it was a blessing to preach about the resurrection of Jesus Christ on April 20th and see the new chairs filled with the largest crowd we've had since I was ordained (including eight first-time visitors). God is good and we are excited to be a part of what he is doing!

In Christ,

Andrew, Anna, and Clara Geist

*"For the perfecting of the saints,
for the work of the ministry,
for the edifying of the body of Christ:"*
Ephesians 4:12