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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Entrée in E major

César Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103)

Mr. Neal Horner, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise the holy name of God.

People: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

Leader: It is God who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

People: It is the Lord who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion

Leader: It is God who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

Let us worship God!

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

God of compassionate mercy, we appeal to your grace as we confess our sin. We are not what we appear to be to others. We have sinful hidden thoughts and desires. We comport ourselves as ladies and gentlemen, but under the surface, we harbor pain, revenge, and lust. We want others to suffer, even while we ask you for relief. Forgive us and heal us completely, we humbly pray. Heal our minds and hearts from the sin that clings so closely, and free us for a life with Christ that you intend.

(Time of personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

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.

*SHARING OF GRACE

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please remember those who usually sit near you, and pray for them and contact them later today to share your love for them.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ms. Kirsten King

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ¹³For it

was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:43-51

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⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus, Man of Mystery: Cognitive Dissonance

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Oh, Lord Most Holy
Dan Suarez, tenor

César Franck

*Oh, Lord most holy. Oh, Lord most mighty. Oh, loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee. Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace. Guide and defend us.
Rule Thou our willful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts. In all our sorrows let us find our rest in Thee.
And in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty pow'r, Thine aid O send us, bear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favor, so shall we live and sing praise to Thee.*

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Wiggins

SENDING

*HYMN

The Summons

KELVINGROVE



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary II in D minor

Samuel Long

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: *Under the Fig Tree*, John Stuart, 2018. www.stushieart.com

Welcome to worship online and limited onsite with Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We know these are difficult days, and we are so glad you can join our service in the way you feel most comfortable. We are truly glad God brought you here!

Interested in joining GPC? *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to join, please contact Kathleen Boyd at 901-833-3413 or kkboyd@comcast.net.

GPC's pastors can always be reached in an emergency or crisis. Please call the church, 901-754-5195, and then press 1 to reach the on-call pastor.

The GPC office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and reopen at 8:30a.m. Tuesday morning.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE AND WOULD LIKE TO, FILL OUT A CARD FROM YOUR PEW AND PUT IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR GO ONLINE TO GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/2021-PLEDGE-COMMITMENT/.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of January 17, 2021

Sign in to the online Friendship Pad [here](#) to indicate you attended the service, whether onsite or online, (and/or to ask the ministers any questions) and thank you for worshipping with us this Sunday.

As part of the Church Family Prayer Program, members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Anne Allen; Jan/Hank Davis; Mary K/David Grantham, James, Wells, Thomas; Jennifer Hitt, Mary Carter; Patty/Steve Jackson; Mary Lange; Barbara Ragsdale; Ali Slott.

In January, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:

Grace Presbyterian Church, Bartlett, TN
The Presbytery of the Mid-South, Staff & Volunteers

*Note: Any text that is [blue](#) is an active link in the electronic version.
You can click on that to go to a webpage or send an email.*

GPC NEWS

Church members and friends beware: churches and members are often targeted for scams, especially during the holidays. Please be aware that **no staff member will ever email or text you asking for help or money.**

GPC's Wednesday evening Compass program will not meet in the winter and spring of 2021 due to COVID. Keep watching social media and the website for more Compass details.

Did you know GPC has 2 video channels? We do! And make sure you subscribe! The more subscribers we have, the more we can post! If you missed any of the videos for any reason, you can catch them on either one of these channels.

> Check out the Vimeo channel [here](#)

> and the YouTube channel [here](#).

Help Needed with Worship Services: GPC is looking for volunteers who want to join an ongoing team that will form the core group who works with the audio-visual process of the livestream during Sunday morning and evening worship services. The people already participating will be happy to train you, and all you have to do is learn the user-friendly system. In addition, the volunteer will switch camera views during certain parts of the service for our livestreaming. It's all very easy, and yet vitally important to our expanding Internet presence. Please consider volunteering, and if you are interested you can contact the church office at communications@germantownpres.org.

ADULTS

Women: Membership in Presbyterian Women (PW) is open to all women and strives to help develop the gifts and talents of all women in our church. It's a great way to meet the other women of the church and grow in your faith. Please consider joining in as we unite with other women of the church and commit to helping every woman develop into the person God intends her to be and grow spiritually through prayer, Bible study, and mission work, keeping our hearts open to God's call to action and involvement. Individual Bible Study Circles meet the first Tuesday of every month on Zoom for now with both morning and evening options. For more information please call Nancy Halter, Moderator, 901-454-3268 or Bonnie Algee, Vice Moderator, 901-674-2613.

Men: The men of GPC have resumed Zoom meetings for their Sunrise Men's Breakfast Friday mornings at 6:30am. If you'd like to be involved in that fellowship and Bible study, contact Drayton Mayers at draytonmayers@gmail.com. In addition, the men's lunch devotion group has resumed meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1pm via Zoom, so if you'd like to be plugged into that group, please contact Anthony Duke at anthony.duke@ipaper.com.

Sunday morning adult class limited onsite and online for parents with children in Sunday School: Coffee and Conversations is a hybrid online/limited onsite class that meets from 10:45-11:45am in the blue Noah's ark room in the elementary hallway downstairs following worship. Beginning this Sunday, January 10, join the class any Sunday as Pastor Will leads this group in exploring what it really means to be a disciple of Christ, to revive our call to serve as Christ's disciples, to enhance the ways we call others to discipleship, and simply to enjoy life together in the body of Christ. For Zoom info, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White [here](#).

SPECIAL NEEDS

PEACE be with you: We are kicking off the New Year with many great ways to engage in the [PEACE](#) programs of Germantown Presbyterian Church! We host weekly meetings for [Friendship Circle](#) (Wednesdays, 12:15pm-2:15pm) by Zoom or in small-group gatherings at the church, with reservations. We also hold weekly meetings to make beautiful music together in our [AMplify](#) program (Thursdays, by appointment between 9:15am-11:30am). AMplify meetings are held in small-group gatherings at the church and also require registration (to let us know how many instruments are needed)! Please contact the Special Needs Ministry Director at specialneeds@germantownpres.org to register for either program and receive more information. You may also visit the church's website: [Germantown Presbyterian](#) to learn more about our programs. We look forward to helping you engage in our fun times!"

Praise God and our volunteers! Thank you for jumping on board!! The Special Needs Elementary Sunday School class has been blessed by you! We are pleased to announce God has provided us with volunteer teachers' assistants who will help support some special friends under the guidance of our exceptional teachers, Mary K. Grantham or Julie Lindow! Your willingness to work with these special friends and their teachers brings us tremendous joy and is worthy of this shout-out: "*Thank you very much!*" (you know who you are)... Anyone interested in volunteering with our special friends may email us at specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

Witness the blessing of AMplify!! AMplify is one of Germantown Presbyterian Church's PEACE ministry programs. This program allows our specially-abled friends to showcase their gifts and talents through rhythm, melody, and spontaneity. AMplify meets weekly (on Thursdays, by appointment) under the talented direction of Noel Wilkins! If you have not seen their [Christmas special performance](#), it remains available through GPC's Social Media networks (Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo). If you would like more information about signing up for the AMplify program, please email specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

Keep watching this space, the website, our print media, and our Social Media networks for upcoming Special Needs events. If you would like to be added to the Special Needs Ministry email list, please email specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

GPC's Breathe/ Parent's Night Out (PNO): Unfortunately, at this time, we're not able to offer PNO, due to increased restrictions relating to Covid-19. We pray this will change soon, because it is our desire to have this program in full swing!! We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding!

CHILDREN

Sunday morning adult class limited onsite and online for parents with children in Sunday School: Coffee and Conversations is a hybrid online/limited onsite class that meets from 10:45-11:45am in the blue Noah's ark room in the elementary hallway downstairs following worship. Beginning this Sunday, January 10, join the class any Sunday as Pastor Will leads this group in exploring what it really means to be a disciple of Christ, to revive our call to serve as Christ's disciples, to enhance the ways we call others to discipleship, and simply to enjoy life together in the body of Christ. For Zoom info, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White [here](#).

Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming children's events. If you would like to be on the Children's Ministry email list, please contact Family Ministry Director Anna White at children@germantownpres.org.

YOUTH

To participate in the Bible reading plans, youth, here's what you do:

1. Download your version
2. Open your your version Bible app.
3. Go to the "reading plans."
4. Search "It's Personal."

If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, please email youth@germantownpres.org.

MISSIONS

In case you missed it. (ICYMI)

Resources to help the homeless: There are some terrific ways to help the homeless in the Germantown/Memphis area. If you want to help, please donate and/or give out the numbers listed here:

1. Hospitality Hub - 901-522-1808 info@hospitalityhub.org
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 jseacat@mifa.org

Remember – don't give out anyone's personal number!

Room in the Inn (RITI) Memphis has temporarily suspended housing the homeless due to the rise of COVID. However, donations are always welcome. You can drop off various toiletries in the bin in the Activity Center labelled RITI.

To sign up and/or volunteer to help and/or for more info about other ways you can get involved, email Susan Shirley Hurt at susanshirleyhurt@gmail.com.

UKirk Memphis is a ministry serving the campuses of Rhodes College, the University of Memphis, and beyond. UKirk is a nationwide campus ministry affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in partnership with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We seek to reach, love, and teach college students to be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. In the season of COVID-19, we have pivoted from our normal in-person events to holding our weekly gatherings online for a time of fellowship, conversation, and prayer. We are holding some small socially distant gatherings outdoors, along with providing opportunities for one-on-one conversation with the campus minister. We have also sent care packages to our students as tangible reminders that they are loved! Although we are doing ministry differently this year, its importance in the spiritual lives of our students has not wavered, nor has our need for support from congregations and individuals.

We ask for your prayers for our students as they navigate life in this time. And if you feel called to donate financially, you can do so online at www.ukirkmemphis.com under the "Support Us" tab. There you can also sign up for our quarterly newsletter. If you would rather write a check, you can make it out to the Presbytery of the Mid-South with UKirk in the memo line and send to the Presbytery office at 449 Patterson St. Memphis, TN 38111. UKirk Memphis sends a big thank you to Germantown Presbyterian Church for their continued support of our ministry!

Questions? Contact Rev. Elizabeth Doolin, the UKirk Campus Minister, at ukirk-memphis@gmail.com.

Follow us on social media! On Instagram and Twitter @ UkirkMemphis, and Facebook @ UKirkatMemphis

Our Ghana missions team asks that you pray for good health and safety for our friends in the Upper Presbytery as well as the country of Ghana. Our committee remains in contact with the Upper Presbytery, as they too are being

impacted by Covid19. They are behind us in numbers of confirmed cases; however, as we have all witnessed, these numbers will climb.

The Upper Presbytery sends their prayers and well wishes to all members of our GPC church family. Our Ghana missions committee will share their needs as we come to know them. If you feel called to support them, we will share more details soon of how you can. If you have questions, please contact team members Erin Bowden (901-371-7884) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262).

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GPC Prayer Ministry - These times are filled with anxiety and unrest. We as a church want to pray for all our members. There are several ways to request prayer. The website has a prayer request link toward the bottom of the homepage page with praying hands graphic. We also have replenished the pew prayer cards. Just fill them out and put them in the offering plate. Another way is the email that church member Margaret Owens oversees. The address is margaretowens1@aol.com. Or you can also send a prayer request to the pastors at prayers@germantownpres.org. The pastors also pray over all confidential prayer requests. This is a great way for us to get renewed strength during these uncertain times.

GPC offers a Grief Support Ministry. The Grief Support Group isn't meeting together currently, but if you or someone you know needs to talk to someone, note your options below. Contact the church office (901-754-5195) or Stephanie Wall, Certified Grief Counselor, American Academy of Grief Counseling and Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, Grief Recovery Institute (901-494-7786) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262) or Linda Oakes (901-237-6566).

GPC family: please be assured that GPCKids, PEACE the Special Needs Ministry, and GPC Youth all follow the CDC/WHO COVID-19 guidelines to ensure the safety of our participants and our leaders as we resume meeting onsite.

If you're reading this digitally, you can click [here](#) to read the updated policies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White at family@germantownpres.org.

GIVING

Even if you're not here physically, you can give to support the ministries of GPC during this time. For more information please call Fred Turverey in the church office at 901-754-5195.



Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.



Download the "GivePlus Church" app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!