



GERMANTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
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October 17, 2021
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

“Engaging Our Potential”

Mr. Alan Callicott

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 94)

(8:30) Mrs. Morgan Paris

(11:00) Mrs. Missy Gwin

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

People: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works

People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

*HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, have mercy on us, your servants. We sin and do not follow in the path you have set before us. You lived as a servant of humanity, washing feet, offering healing, and elevating others. The humility you desire not come quickly to us, but other traits do. We are eager to judge, boast, and condemn, sometimes overtly and sometimes silently – but always sinfully. Forgive us and offer us grace, we pray, so that we may live like you, O Christ, a servant to the world around us.

(Silence for a time of personal confession)

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.

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS (11:00)

Christopher Greco

THE WORD

ANTHEM (11:00)

Create in Me
Chancel Choir

Michael Larkin

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Upside Down Kingdom: Choosing Chairs

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Mike Lyle

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 Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins
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 Sally DeFord
The Greatest Among Us
Brianna Reilly, mezzo-soprano

He came as a servant, this King among men to lift and to heal by the power in his hand. He labored unceasingly knowing our need, and he calls us to follow in spirit and deed. The greatest among us taught us to love, to serve one another as He willingly served. And if I would follow Him such is my call, for the greatest among us was the servant of all.

The greatest among us nourished the weak, brought hope to the hopeless, and joy to the meek. The sufferer never beseeched Him in vain. May I follow the Master in kindness unfeigned. Jesus, to whom all dominion is giv'n humbled Himself in the service of man. And He calls through the ages, "Come, follow me." I will follow the Master where e'er He may lead

*DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH
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.

SENDING

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Lyle

*HYMN 357 MARYTON
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

*CHARGE and BLESSING Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE Hal H. Hopson
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

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Welcome to worship online and 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!*

Scan the QR code to sign in to the online Friendship Pad.



Interested in joining GPC? You are welcome here! For more information on how to join, please contact Amy Phillips at (901) 647-6433 or by email is amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com.

The flowers in the service today are given to the glory of God to celebrate the marriage of GPC member Laura Brown to Danny Albritton in the sanctuary yesterday, October 16, 2021.

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.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of October 17, 2021

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Martha & Dennis Drexler; Cheri & Mike Howle; June & Mark McClellan; Barb Poier; Suzanne Ray & Gracie; JoEllyn & David Slott; Nancy & Dave Wells.

Engaging Our Potential: In 2018 Germantown Presbyterian Church finished Phase II of our Campus Master Plan. This phase encompassed a new Education Building, which includes a stunning Warren Fellowship Hall, and a renovated Evans Chapel. The historic Evans Chapel has always been a sacred space on our campus, and the recent renovations have made the entire chapel building fully accessible for persons with physical limitations. Other rooms in the building house essential counseling and recovery ministries as well as a Community Room below the chapel for larger groups in the community. All that remains is to retire the debt of \$1.5 million. We also need to fund our ongoing and new ministries for the next two years. Our total need for 2022-2023 is \$5.6 million.

This year GPC is doing something new by combining our regular annual funding campaign with a debt-retirement campaign into one consolidated effort, and we're calling it *Engaging Our Potential*. You will see more and more information on this as we move further into October and closer to Commitment Sunday on November 21, but the gist is that *Engaging Our Potential* is a two-year financial stewardship campaign to fund our annual operations budget and to eliminate the remaining \$1,500,000 of capital debt. While this is new for GPC, this method has been very successful for many churches and educational institutions over the last ten years. Watch for more material in your mail and around the church, and if you have any questions, you can call Fred Turverey or Alex Ivy at 901-754-5195.

Please prayerfully consider a commitment to *Engaging Our Potential* that will encompass your annual giving for two years AND a commitment to debt retirement.

GPC is searching for a new Director of Ministry to Children. This is a full-time job, and a position description may be found on the church website. There are also copies available on tables outside the entrances to the sanctuary. For more information, please contact September Eason at children@gpctn.org.

GPC's 4th Annual Women's Retreat is Back! This year the retreat will be a one-day event held at GPC on Saturday, November 6 from 9am – 4pm. Mouth-watering cinnamon rolls will be provided by Pinecrest, and lunch and snacks will be provided by the Women's Retreat Planning Team. This year's theme is: *Generation after Generation: Learning From, Becoming, and Handing Down Women's Wisdom*. And for those of you with kids, Pastor Will is working with the Retreat team to come up with a dad/kid event for that day. Women's retreat tee shirts are available for purchase as well. Registration is now open on the GPC website. For more information, contact Pastor Susie at susiew@germantownpres.org.

Nursery Open Sunday Nights: The nursery is now open Sunday evenings from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. If you haven't come on Sunday nights because you need childcare, now is your time! Come join us.

Special Needs Program: There are many volunteer opportunities each week in our special needs program, including our Wednesday lunch and Friendship Circle, our Thursday morning *Amplify* music program, and our Friday morning JoyLife901 Breakfast Club meetings. For more information about participation and/or volunteering, please contact Jackie Classen at specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

Grief Support Ministry: The Grief Support Group has begun meeting regularly again on the second Thursday of every month from 6:00-7:30pm in Warren Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact the church office (901-754-5195) or office@germantownpres.org.

Germantown Presbyterian Church

Nomination for Officers

Please prayerfully consider nominations for the next class of church officers. These are very important roles of service and responsibility. You can submit your nomination form directly to the church office, in the offering plate, to a Nominating Committee member or via email to nominations@germantownpres.org. The Nomination Forms will be available through the month of October.

Consider the following qualifications before completing the back of this form:

Church Involvement

- regular attendance at Sunday worship and participation in church activities
- areas of service in church ministries
- demonstration of commitment to the church and its mission

Christian Living

- love of Jesus Christ and dedication to Christ as Lord and Savior
- strong faith
- demonstration of grace and compassion in common life (family, work, community)
- spiritual maturity
- acceptance of the Bible as the unique and authoritative witness to God's work in the world and guide for Christian living

Personal Characteristics and Skills

- cooperativeness: willingness to learn and listen
- ability to follow through on assignments
- openness to new ideas

Particular Qualifications for Offices

Deacon

- gifts of sympathy, compassion, and sound judgment in ministry to others

Elder

- gifts of good judgment, fair-mindedness
- spiritual leader with a vision to provide oversight and direction for the congregation
- willingness to teach and preach

Nominating Committee Member

- gifts of spiritual discernment and wide knowledge of the members of the congregation to seek God's will for the leadership of the congregation

Officer Nomination Form

I suggest _____ for

nomination to the office of:

____ Elder

____ Youth Elder (*current high school 10th or 11th gr*)

____ Deacon

____ Youth Deacon (*current high school 10th or 11th gr*)

____ Nominating Committee

____ Nominating Committee, Youth Member (*current high school 10th/11th gr*)

What spiritual gifts does this person possess?

What church activities/programs does this person participate in?

Submitted by _____

(Please print your name here.)