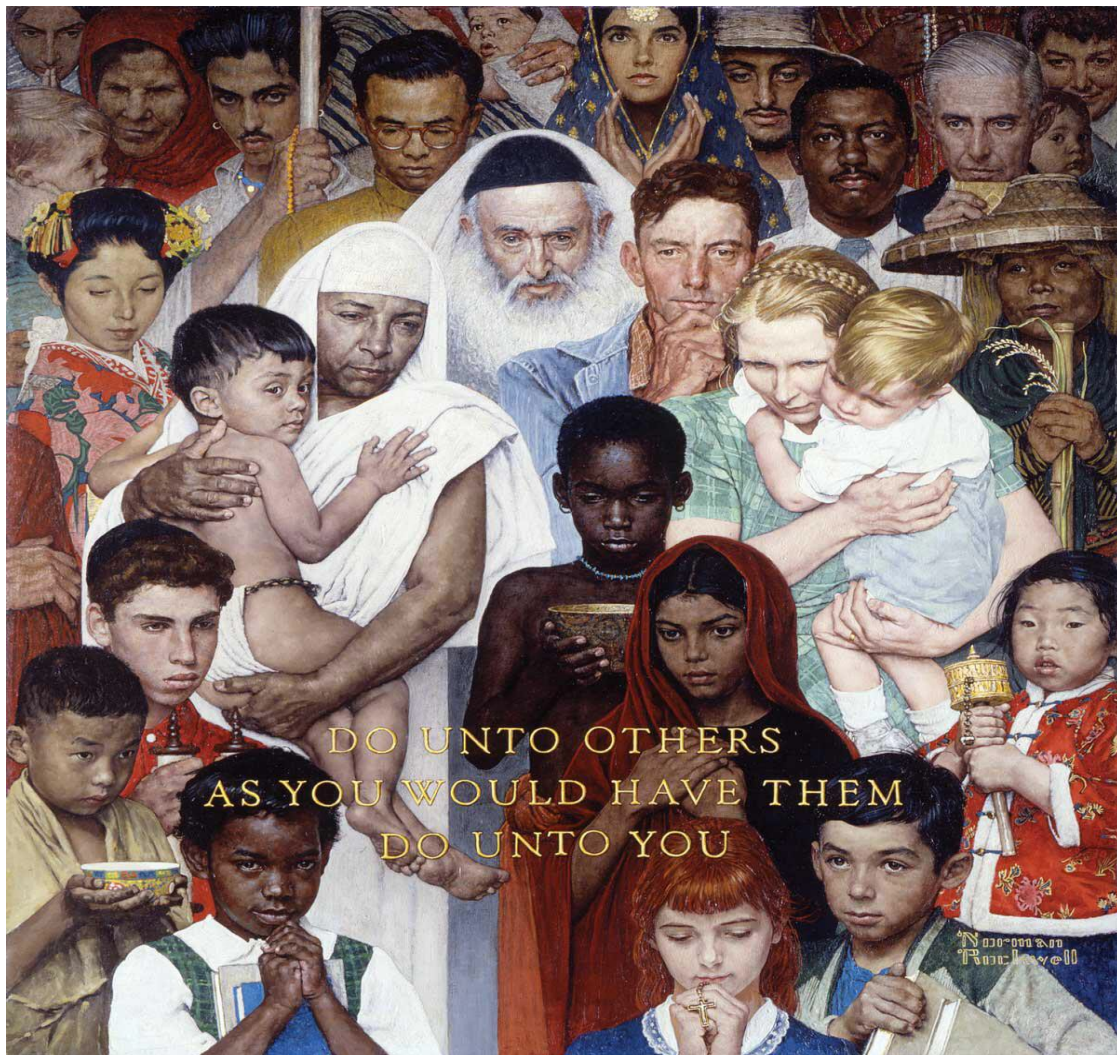




GERMANTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
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October 31, 2021

8:30A.M. & 11:00A.M.

**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Mrs. Barbara Beauford

(11:00) Mr. Terry Pickett

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

People: The Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them -- who keeps faith forever.

Leader: Our God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

People: The Lord will reign forever! Your God, O Zion, will live for all generations.

*HYMN 260

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, have mercy upon us. We are made in your image, and you have given us much grace. In our sin, we speak and act in ways that disfigure your likeness in us. We pray for you to rescue and redeem us. We pray for you to forgive and heal us. In your mercy, show us grace and restore your image in us so that we may follow you as true disciples, forgiven and free.

(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.

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Dr. Jones

THE WORD

ANTHEM (11:00)

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 12:28-34

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;’ ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³² Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³ and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself;’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Engaging Our Potential....by Connecting

Dr. Jones

ENGAGING OUR POTENTIAL:

Connecting Through Prayer

Mr. Paul Gwin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

A Litany for Reformation Sunday

Rev. Mike Lyle

(Composed of excerpts from the Creeds, Catechisms, and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church [U.S.A.]

(Compiled by The Reverend Susan Carter Wiggins)

- One We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,ⁱ Nicene Creed
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.ⁱⁱ Apostles' Creed
- ALL We confess and acknowledge one God alone, Scots Confession**
distinct in three persons:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.ⁱⁱⁱ
- ALL We believe that - Heidelberg Catechism**
we belong – body and soul, in life and in death –
not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.^{iv}
- Women We believe that - Second Helvetic Confession**
all things are governed by the Providence of God.^v
- We believe that - Westminster Confession of Faith
the Lord our God was pleased to make
a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely
offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.^{vi}
- Men We believe that - Shorter Catechism**
the chief end of humankind is to glorify God,
and to enjoy God forever.^{vii}
- ALL We believe that - Larger Catechism**
there is but one only living and true God.
God is a Spirit, infinite in being, all-sufficient,
eternal, incomprehensible, everywhere present, most wise,
most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious,
long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.^{viii}
- Theological Declaration of Barmen
- One The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God
to all people in Christ's stead.^{ix}
- Women We believe that - Confession of 1967**
the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.^x

Men We believe that - Confession of Belhar
unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.
Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force.
At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought.
Our unity must become visible to the world.

One We believe that –
separation and hatred between people and groups is sin,
already conquered by Christ.
Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.^{xi}

ALL **With believers in every time and place** Brief Statement of Faith
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.^{xii}

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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Patti Drennan
Marcus King, baritone

Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels, descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain) Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest, Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)

*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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Lyle

SENDING

*HYMN 335

The Gift of Love

O WALY WALY

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Tocatta in D minor, BWV 565

Johann Sebastian Bach

All are invited to the choir loft for a very special brief organ presentation following the postlude!

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

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Children (of all ages from 1-101!). Stick around after the worship service today because you're invited to the choir loft for a special organ postlude and very brief presentation of "Rex: The King of Instruments!" This fast-moving demonstration piece for organ and narrator is a delight for all ages. Children will have an opportunity to play GPC's pipe organ and even peek inside the pipe chambers!

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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!



Scan the QR code to sign into 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 amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com.

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 baby rose on the baptismal font is given to the glory of God to celebrate the birth of Wesley Brock Martin born on September 10, 2021 in Columbus, OH to Brock & Kara Martin. Wesley's grandparents are GPC members David and Tara Martin.

- ⁱ The Nicene Creed, *The Book of Confessions: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part I*, Louisville, KY: Office of the General Assembly (PCUSA, 2016), 1.3
- ⁱⁱ The Apostles' Creed, Ibid, 2.3.
- ⁱⁱⁱ The Scots Confession, Ibid, 3.01.
- ^{iv} The Heidelberg Catechism, Ibid, 4.001.
- ^v The Second Helvetic Confession, Ibid, 5.029.
- ^{vi} The Westminster Confession of Faith, Ibid, 6.039.
- ^{vii} The Shorter Catechism, Ibid, 7.001.
- ^{viii} The Larger Catechism, Ibid, 7.117.
- ^{ix} The Theological Declaration of Barmen, Ibid, 8.26.
- ^x The Confession of 1967, Ibid, 9.32.
- ^{xi} The Confession of Belhar, Ibid, 10.3.
- ^{xii} A Brief Statement of Faith, Ibid, 11.5, 11.6.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements **Week of October 31, 2021**

Engaging Our Potential: In 2018 Germantown Presbyterian Church finished Phase II of our Campus Master Plan. This phase encompassed a new Education Building and a renovated Evans Chapel. The Education Building includes a stunning Warren Hall, and historic Evans Chapel is a sacred space on our campus, and the recent renovations have made the entire chapel building fully accessible for persons with physical limitations. The rooms adjacent to the chapel house essential counseling and recovery ministries as well as offer 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 into

November leading up 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 \$1.5 million 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.

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Shannon & Vache Cammack; Rebecca & Kevin Floyd, Charlie & Jay; Nancy Hawkinson; Laurie Henderson; Judy Jones; Kelly Phillips; Carolyn & Joel Porter; Robinson, Susie & Jim.

Attention youth: No youth activities this afternoon.

Attention families: The coming calendar change to November helps us to recenter our thoughts on the blessings God gives us. GPC Families, have your family join us this month as we think about what we are thankful for each day in November. You can pick up a November gratitude calendar located at the information tables in the Narthex, AC Lobby, or downstairs at the Welcome Desk in the elementary hallway. The calendar suggests a daily topic for your family to think about as some of the many blessings we have been given. Use this calendar as a starting point to help center your mind on God's blessings.

Volunteer Opportunities: Members of the congregation are offered unique and fun volunteer experiences. See list below and see how you can plug in.

- PEACE Sunday School classroom – Sunday, December 5 – classroom helper (9:40am-10:45am)
- A/V help with services/events – various (see details below)
- Memphis Food Bank & MAM – various (see details below)

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.

Family Event with Pastor Will During Women's Retreat. Pastor Will has set up something for dads and kids to do while the women are attending the retreat. Saturday, November 6, plan to meet Pastor Will at the Memphis Zoo at 11:00am. Everyone will walk around and see the animals then eat lunch. Most special treat of all? Pastor Will will buy ice cream for every child present after lunch. Let us know if you're coming. Call or email the church office – 901/754-5195 or office@gpctn.org.

Thursday Morning Bible Study Invites You to Join! This group meets at 10:00am in room UL-216 on the second and fourth Thursdays. They are studying 1st, 2nd Peter and Jude by N.T. Wright. After the Bible study, for those that are interested, they become a prayer group using the prayer sheet in the “Window” newsletter. They also share and pray for one another. Everyone is invited, and the group is always excited to welcome new members. If interested, please contact Jean Carroll at Jeancarroll1@comcast.net or (h) 901-755-6950 or (c) 901-674-6950.

Children’s Music Wants You! GPCKids is ramping up the music program, but there are some differences. Children from preschool through 5th grade are invited to stay after the 11:00am worship, enjoy a light snack lunch and learn music – vocal and instrumental. They will also play games and take part in fun activities. Pick-up time is 1:30pm. Please email Alex Benford if you have questions and/or would like to be involved: alexbenford@gpctn.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.

Audio Visual 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. 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@gpctn.org.

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@gpctn.org.

Memphis Food Bank Mobile Pantry has set up a mobile food donation site at Idlewild Presbyterian Church, and more volunteers are needed to sign up and help Idlewild volunteers distribute food. The volunteers staff this site two (2) times a month on Wednesday mornings from 8:00am-10:30am; at least 25 volunteers are needed. Go to this website [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084caaac22aafa7-idlewild) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084caaac22aafa7-idlewild>) to sign up to help give out food to our hungry neighbors.

Mentors for Memphis Athletic Ministries: MAM is searching for men and women who will commit to mentor a high school student for this upcoming school year. Mentors will be matched with students accepted into our Mentoring Program. Students are hand selected and hired by MAM to work in our sites and gain college and career training. Mentors will help these students set goals and take the steps to reach those goals and prepare them for life after MAM. For more

information or to sign up, go to: www.mamsports.org/volunteer.

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 the parlor. For more information, contact the church office (901-754-5195) or office@gpctn.org.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, TN
Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN
First Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN
First Presbyterian Church, Somerville, TN
Tiptonville Presbyterian Church, Tiptonville, TN



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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.)