



GERMANTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



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November 7, 2021

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

**Please stand.*

Communion Sunday

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Before Thy Throne I Now Appear, BWV 668

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 146)

(8:30) Mrs. Elaine Cates
(11:00) Ms. Kathy McCoy

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

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

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; He upholds the orphan and the widow,

People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN 364

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

God of majesty and mercy, we live in awe of your glory. Hear us now, we pray, as we confess our weakness in the face of sin. No matter how hard we try and no matter what do: we still contradict your will for us. We act, think, and speak in ways that displease you, and for this we are sorry. Look upon us with compassion, and forgive us in the name of Christ, we pray.

(Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glorify 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 others in our church family who cannot be with us today. As you think of them, please pray for their health and well-being. Please contact them later today and offer your love.)

ALL SAINTS' LITURGY..... Mr. Tom Sauer

Leader: God of all time, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For all those who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in the faith, we praise you, O God.

People: God of the ages, we give you thanks for saints, those of our day and of days before, who nurtured us in faith, who told us the stories of Jesus, and who cultivated among us the sense of our own vocation to follow the way of Christ.

Leader: For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, we praise you, O God.

People: Help us not only to remember them, but also to follow their example, to nurture their expectant hope, and to live our lives so that others might see your love reflected in all that we say and do. Thank you, God, for the gift of these, your saints. Amen.

READING OF THE NECROLOGY

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins and Dr. Jones

Billie Green Martin	(October 20, 2020)	Chelsea Marie Miller	(February 22, 2021)
Bernard John Froelich	(November 1, 2020)	Jane Eleanor Duepree	(March 15, 2021)
Andrew Wilson Arthur, Sr.	(November 3, 2020)	Hazel Irene Canon	(April 5, 2021)
Howard Clarence Westmoreland	(November 18, 2020)	Sandra Elizabeth Franks	(April 12, 2021)
Peter David Hawkinson, Sr.	(December 6, 2020)	Elizabeth G. McCallen	(May 15, 2021)
Willa Lowry	(December 5, 2020)	Diane Turner Stearns	(July 9, 2021)
Charles Thomas Cates	(December 23, 2020)	James A. Kinney	(August 8, 2021)
Walter McClung Pepper, Jr.	(September 1, 2021)	Barbara Benson Arthur	(January 1, 2021)
Richard Wayne Nokes	(February 5, 2021)	Lalla Bright Brown Mellor	(September 19, 2021)
Elizabeth Stout Green	(February 8, 2021)	Margaret Cook Williams	(October 5, 2021)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

Mrs. Jackie Williams

ANTHEM (11:00)

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place
Chancel Choir

Johannes Brahms
Psalm 84

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God. O blest are they that dwell in thy house: they praise thy name evermore.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 12:38-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Engaging our Potential...Growing Through Giving

Dr. Jones

ENGAGING OUR POTENTIAL: *Growing Through Ministry* (11:00) Crystal & Sarah Bollinger

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Offertory
Jeff Day, tenor

John Ness Beck
Micah 6: 6-8

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

*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.**

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

Rev. Wiggins & Mr. Sauer

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

Hal H. Hopson

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! **The next New Member joining day is Sunday, December 12.** For more information on how to join, please contact Amy Phillips at (901) 647-6433 or email at 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.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements **Week of November 7, 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.

Honey, I Shrunk the Guitar! The children's music program is offering ukulele lessons. Yes. Ukulele lessons! The goal here is to teach the ukulele to GPC 4th and 5th graders to play during the Christmas Eve service that they'll lead, December 24, at 3:30pm. So, of course, before those lessons get started, GPC needs ukes! Ukulele donations are being sought. Even used ukes can be fixed up and re-strung. The instruments are needed prior to Wednesday, December 1 when the lessons begin. If you have questions, please contact Alex Benford (901-754-5195 or alexb@gpctn.org).

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Carolee & Stewart Carlin, Cat, Will; Alinda & Charles

Fahrenkopf; Barbara & Randy Greebon; Kelly & Brett Hogan, Austin & Kelsie; Betty & Bill Potter; Kim Ramos; Wes Robinson; Linda & Bob Thurman; Marty & John Wheeler.

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.

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! 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: alex@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/508084eaaac22aafa7-idlewild) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eaaac22aafa7-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.

After a long break, GPC will host their first guests through [Room in the Inn](#) overnight on Saturday, November 13. We will host one time monthly for a total of 5 months. You can sign up to volunteer your time or talents here: <https://buff.ly/3qbs1sg> Alternatively, you may scan this code with your phone or email SFienup@HobsonRealtors.com or text 901-860-5086.



Eat, Pray, Read Women's Book Group: Come as you are for fellowship, prayer, and study. Eat, Pray, Read is a study group for those interested in expanding their faith and spiritual growth through Christian books and Bible study. This women's group meets on the second Monday of the month in the church parlor unless otherwise specified. The meetings are 10:00am-11:30am beginning with snack and fellowship followed by prayer and book discussion. Participants take turns leading the discussion, prayer, food, and fellowship. Each person is responsible for purchasing her own book and reading it before the day of discussion. Everyone is invited! Come for one, come for some, come for all! The schedule for the rest of the year is: November - A Place Called Heaven, Dr. Robert Jeffress December - Gift From the Sea, Anne Morrow Lindbergh January - The Second Mountain - The Quest for a Moral Life, David Brooks February - Dietrich Bonhoeffer - Writings Selected with an Introduction by Robert Coles, Robert Coles March - We Need to Hang Out - A Memoir of Making Friends, Billy Baker April/May - TBD

Men at GPC: Men's Breakfast: Men's Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 6:30am in Warren Fellowship Hall (with occasional exceptions for holidays). Breakfast starts at 6:30am (bring \$3) and Bible study at 7:00. Different men lead each week's study using Scripture from the lectionary. Come one, come all! Currently the meetings take place in a hybrid format, so you can attend in person or via Zoom. All men are invited to come as you can on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 12:00pm. The group is currently discussing readings from the book Mornings with Bonhoffer. Currently this group is meetin in person in Warren Fellowship Hall. Keep watching the newsletter for updates. Part of GPC's Men's Ministry, the contact person for this bimonthly lunch study is Anthony Duke (Anthony.Duke@ipaper.com).

Advent Wednesday Evening Devotional Series! Thursday Morning Bible Study Invites You to Join! This Advent we're gathering together each Wednesday evening in Warren Fellowship Hall, starting December 1, from 5:30-7:00pm for dinner and an evening devotional for adults with a separate and exciting Lessons & Carols unit for our kids. More information to come during the month of November. Mark your calendars and join us as we prepare to welcome the Christ child this Advent Season!

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

First Presbyterian Church, Clarkton, MO

First Presbyterian Church, Kennett, MO

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.)