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November 7, 2021

6:00P.M.

Gathering & Approaching God in Worship

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

Dr. Will Jones

Song *Worthy Of It All* Upperroom Worship

Verse 1:

All the saints and angels/ Bow before Your throne/ All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

Chorus:

You are worthy of it all/ You are worthy of it all/ For from you are all things, and to You
are all things,/ You deserve the glory

Bridge:

Day and night, night and day, let incense arise

Song *I Surrender All* Cece Winans

Verse 1:

All to Jesus I surrender/ All to Him I freely give/ I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Verse 2:

All to Jesus I surrender/Humbly at His feet I bow/Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me, Jesus, take me now

Chorus:

I surrender all/I surrender all/All to Thee my blessed Savior/I surrender all

Verse 3:

All to Jesus I surrender/Make me Savior wholly thine/ May Thy Holy Spirit fill me
May I know Thy power divine

Passing of the Peace

Listening to God's Word

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 12:38-44

Dr. Jones

³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Engaging our Potential... Growing Through Giving

Dr. Jones

Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God

Offering & Prayer before Communion (& Lord's Prayer, contemporary version)

Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Song

We Are An Offering

Chris Christian

Verse 1:

We lift our voices/ We lift our hands/ We lift our lives up to You/ We are an offering

Verse 2:

Lord use our voices/ Lord use our hands/ Lord use our lives they are Yours/ We are an offering

Chorus:

All that we have/ All that we are/ All that we hope to be/ We give to You/ We give to You

Song

Great Are You Lord

All Sons and Daughters

Verse 1:

You give life, You are love/ You bring light to the darkness/ You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken/ And great are You, Lord

Chorus:

It's Your breath in our lungs/ So we pour out our praise/ We pour out our praise/ It's

Bridge:

And all the earth will shout Your praise/ Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing/ Great are You, Lord Your breath in our lungs/ So we pour out our praise to You only/ Great are You Lord

Benediction and Blessing

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Special thanks to the following for their participation in this service:

Vocalists: Jaylah Tate Karissa Walhof Britni McCullough John Johnson

Keyboardist: De'Merteiro Lee *Acoustic Guitar:* David Oppel

Electric Guitar: Kyle Wright *Bass player:* Nathan Spohn *Cajon:* Jeff Williams

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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 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: alexb@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 to 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.

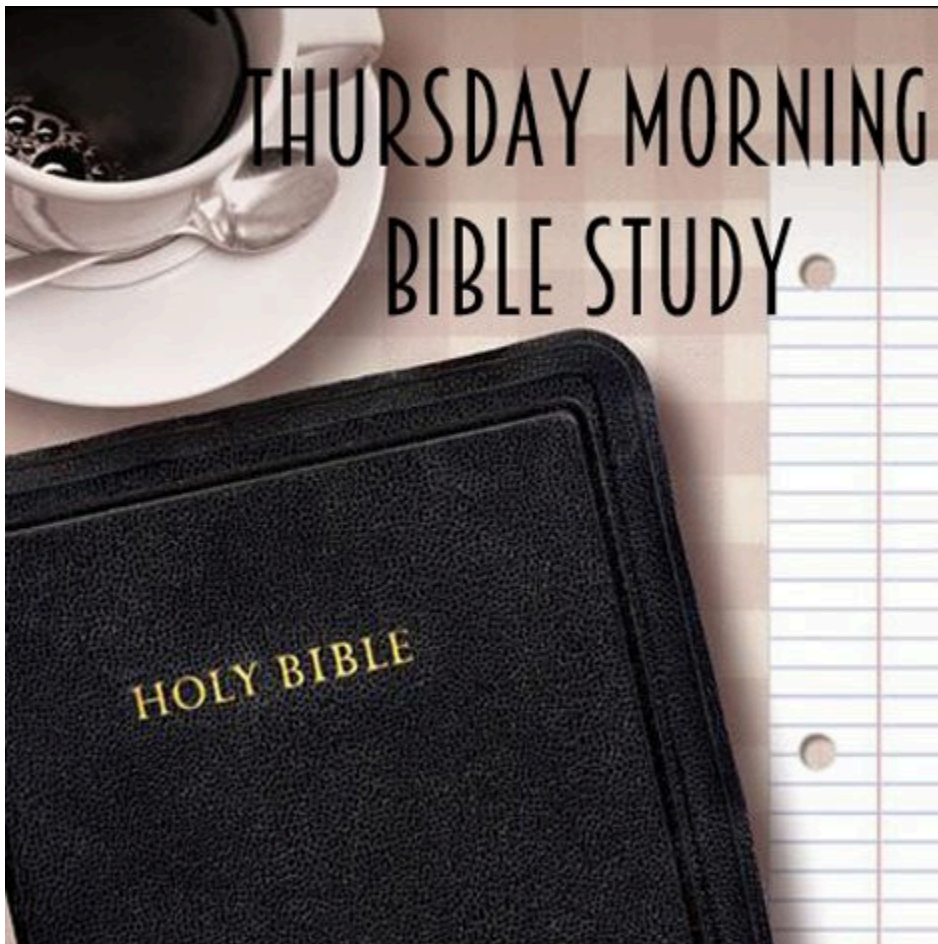
After a long break, GPC will host their first guests through [Room in the Inn](#) overnight on Saturday, November 13. We will host one time monthly for a total of 5 months. You can sign up to volunteer your time or talents here: <https://buff.ly/3qbs1sg> Alternatively, you may scan this code with your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



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

First Presbyterian Church, Clarkton, MO

First Presbyterian Church, Kennett, MO



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ENGAGE 2021

12-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL, NOVEMBER 19 On Friday, November 19, GPC will hold a 12-hour prayer vigil from 6:00am-6:00pm just before Commitment Sunday on November 21.

A Sign-Up Genius form is being created, and you will be asked to choose a 1/2 hour time slot in which to pray. The hope is that church members will be praying for the church, her members, her ministries, and her missions during the full 12-hour time span. You don't have to pray for 30 minutes straight, just any time within that time frame. Prayer prompts are provided in the devotional guide you'll receive in the mail. You may pray anywhere; GPC's historic Evans Chapel will be open for those 12 hours for those who want to come into the chapel and pray onsite. Hard copy prayer prompts will also be available in the chapel for you to use.

Watch your email for the Sign-Up Genius link and choose a time to pray for the church and each other and God's work in the future.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

As hearts turn toward thankfulness and Thanksgiving in November, GPC also begins to think about stewardship and budget-planning for the future. GPC's focus word this year has been Engage and has been all about engaging and reengaging membership in the life of the church as everyone begins coming back in person and re-establishing church as a priority in your and your family's lives.

This year, GPC's stewardship campaign, Engaging Our Potential, is slightly different from those in previous years. Rather than asking for a one-year commitment, GPC wants everyone to consider a two-year commitment that includes a debt-retirement element in the budget plan. As Commitment Sunday on November 21 approaches, please prayerfully consider how you want to use your resources to support the work of the church for the next two years and even further into the future. As always, thank you, GPC, for your generosity.

As Pastor Will said in his letter: In this Engaging Our Potential campaign, we are coming together as a generous church to join in God's powerful love at work in the world. God has invited us to minister in several places where our gifts and talents match the world's needs. As we witness to the goodness of God in Christ, I invite you to consider prayerfully your role in this effort. Will you join in the church-wide prayer initiative we are having this month? We will pray for each other by name, along with praying for our church and community. We will pray for this campaign and our ministries that will be funded by it, and we will pray prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving during this month of joyful gladness.

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.)



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