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*November 21, 2021*

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

*\*Please stand.*

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Domine Deus, Rex Coelestis*

François Couperin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 93)

Mr. Dan Work (8:30)

Mr. Jim Boyd (11:00)

Leader: The Lord reigns and is robed in majesty. The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

**People: Your throne was established long ago, O God, and you have lived in all eternity.**

Leader: The seas have lifted up, Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice.

**People: Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea – the Lord on high is mighty.**

Leader: Your statutes, Lord, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.

**People: Let us worship the Lord our God.**

\*HYMN 151

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Holy and loving God, we worship you with heart, soul, mind, and strength. Doing so requires honesty about ourselves, which we are often reluctant to offer. We sin against you and others by our thoughts and our actions. We defy your good ways for human life, and we cross over the boundary between right and wrong. Please forgive us, in the name of Christ. Look upon us and see Christ instead: His obedient heart and His righteous life. May we be forgiven in His name, we pray.**

*(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.**

# THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Mr. Christopher Greco

ANTHEM

*The Church's One Foundation*  
Chancel Choir

Jay Althouse

1. *The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is His new creation by water and the word. From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride. With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*
2. *Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*
3. *Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:33-38 (Pew Bible pg. 881)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Engaging Our Potential Through Sharing

Dr. Jones

ENGAGING OUR POTENTIAL

Children and Youth Ministry

Chancellor Reynolds  
Rachel Bouldin

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Heidelberg Catechism*, Question One:

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

OFFERING OF COMMITMENT CARDS TOWARDS ENGAGING OUR POTENTIAL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Mike Lyle

**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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*The Lord is My Light and My Salvation*  
Kerriann Otaño, soprano

Frances Allitsen  
Psalm 72

*The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid? Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; And tho' there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him. For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle. Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.*

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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 155

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

DARWALL'S 148TH

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

\*POSTLUDE

*March Triomphale: Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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***WORSHIP ARTS TODAY***

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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!* **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 [amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Remember when** we used to wear our name tags on Sundays? Do you know where yours is located? Let's start wearing them and if you can't find yours make a note on the Friendship Pad on Sunday and we'll make a new one for you.

**Church Family Prayer Program:** Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Jean & Ray Carroll; Kelly & Richard Fast, Carter, Jordan; Virginia Herrin; Anne & George McGaha; Elizabeth & Don Powell; Carl Woods.

### **Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of November 21, 2021**

***Engaging Our Potential (EOP):*** Commitment Sunday is **TODAY!** November 21, and GPC is doing something new by combining our regular annual funding campaign with a debt-retirement campaign into one consolidated effort called *Engaging Our Potential*. Over the last three Sundays you've heard about different areas of focus in GPC's new strategic plan for ministry and mission, and today you hear about the 4<sup>th</sup>, sharing – connecting, growing, caring, and sharing. *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. Questions? Call Fred Turverey or Alex Ivy at 901-754-5195.

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

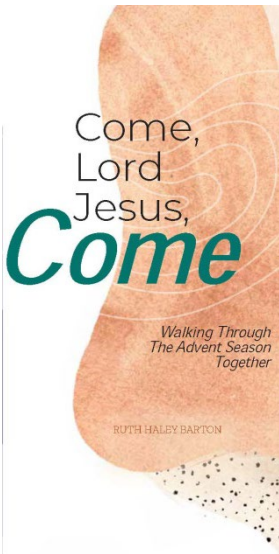
### ***New News!***

**Reminder, the GPC office will be closed on Friday, November 26 in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday.**



## News

### Wednesday Evening Advent Offerings for Adults & Kids



**Wednesday Evening Advent Devotional Series *A Season of Preparation & Celebration*.** Over the last 18 months, we have had so few opportunities to spend some good quality time together as a family of faith. And that's crucial for the deepening of our relationships with one another and with Jesus. But that all changes this Christmas! This Advent, we are excited to invite you to experience four delicious and delightful evenings that will be meaningful for the whole family. Join us during the four Wednesdays of Advent, December 1, 8, 15, and 22, for dinner and a wonderful new devotional series called *Come, Lord Jesus, Come*.

Participants will be given three ways to enjoy this devotional together:

- Women's Group led by Candace Askew & Susan Shirley Hurt
- Men's Group led by Garrett Guynes & Jay Galyean
- Joint Group led by Pastor Mike Lyle

So come join us this Advent season as we celebrate the birth of the King of kings together!



### 2021 Wednesday Evening Advent Devotional Schedule –

- Dinner: 5:30pm - 6:00pm in Warren Hall
- Adult Advent Devotional: 6:00pm - 6:55pm
- Children's Lessons & Carols: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- Closing Prayer: 7:00pm

**Children's Wednesday Evening Advent *Lessons & Carols!*** We are so excited to welcome our children, ages 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, during the four Wednesday evenings of Advent, December 1, 8, 15, and 22, to learn and experience the true meaning of Christmas! Children will not only grow in their faith through stories, crafts, and well-loved carols, but will also have the exciting opportunity to share the carols they've learned as they help lead worship during GPC's 3:30pm Christmas Eve Service. Full nursery care will be provided for all infants and toddlers. Registration is super helpful but not required.

Register your child here: <https://germantownpres.org/christmas-for-gpckids-2021/>.



**Christmas Caroling in December.** This favorite seasonal GPC activity is back. Sunday, December 19, meet in the Activity Center Lobby to go out Christmas Caroling to GPC members in their homes and retirement communities. Wheels up(!) buses leaving at 3:30pm and should return to the church by 5:30pm.

**Chili Cook-off/Dessert Bake-off.** Once again this favorite GPC activity returns. Come to the Activity Center on Sunday, December 19 at 5:30 with your \$1 bills and plan to vote on your favorite pot of chili and your favorite dessert. Adults will make the chili, and kids will present their best dessert. Winners will be announced at the end of the evening. The proceeds this year will go to Binghampton Christian Academy. Online and in-person registration is now open.

**Advent Schedule for Your Planner:** 8:30am/11:00am/6:00pm – special Christmas music in all GPC worship services.

December 5, Sunday – 8:30am/11:00am, sanctuary – selections from Handel’s Messiah by GPC Chancel Choir Ensemble

2:30pm, sanctuary – Sounds of the Season with Kallen Esperian, accompanied by Gary Beard, GPC Chancel Choir Ensemble, Soloists, Strings, Horns

December 12, Sunday – 2:30pm, Activity Center – AMPlify Winter Concert (the music part of the GPC Special Needs Ministry)

December 18, Saturday – 3:00pm, historic Evans Chapel – Blue Christmas Worship Service (for those grieving during the season)

December 19, Sunday – 3:30pm, AC Lobby – meet to go Christmas Caroling  
5:30pm, Activity Center – GPC Chili Cook-off/Dessert Bake-off

December 24, Friday – Christmas Eve Worship Services

3:30pm, sanctuary – Family-oriented Worship

5:30pm, sanctuary – Traditional Worship

11:00pm, historic Evans Chapel – Christmas in the Chapel

**Activity Center Kitchen.** Odd dishes and containers have accumulated in the Activity Center kitchen. Check to see if anything there belongs to you. All unclaimed items will be donated after Sunday, November 21, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month moving forward.

### Families

**Ukuleles Needed!** The children’s music program is offering ukulele lessons. Yes. Ukulele lessons! The goal here is to teach the ukulele to GPC 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 [alex@gpctn.org](mailto:alex@gpctn.org)).

**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.

### Special Needs

**Special Needs Program Save the Date!** Sunday, December 12 at 2:30pm GPC's AMplify group, the musical program in the Special Needs Ministry, is presenting their Winter Concert in the Activity Center. This is always an amazing event, and you won't want to miss it. Come, tell your friends, bring your neighbors, and celebrate Christmas in this most special way. For more information, please contact Jackie Classen Williams at [specialneeds@gpctn.org](mailto:specialneeds@gpctn.org).

### Missions

**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](http://www.mamsports.org/volunteer).

### Congregational Life

**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](mailto:children@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](mailto:communications@gpctn.org).

**Women at GPC:** Presbyterian Women (PW) Circles meet the first Tuesday of each month - Day Circles meet at 10:00am, and the Night Circle meets at 6:45pm. Gatherings are every other month and will feature a guest speaker or service project. We are all strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Our study for 2021 - 2022 is *What My Grandmothers Taught Me - Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Books are \$10. New members that are interested in joining or have questions, contact Bonnie Algee - [bbalgee@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbalgee@bellsouth.net) or Brenda Jeter - [bjeter3044@gmail.com](mailto:bjeter3044@gmail.com).

**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 Bonhoeffer*. Currently this group is meeting 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](mailto:Anthony.Duke@ipaper.com)).

**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](mailto:jeancarroll1@comcast.net) or (h) 901-755-6950 or (c) 901-674-6950.

**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: 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.

## Congregational Care

**Grief Support Ministry:** The Grief Support Group meets regularly 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](mailto:office@gpctn.org).

**Church Family Prayer Program:** Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Jean & Ray Carroll; Kelly & Richard Fast, Carter, Jordan; Virginia Herrin; Anne & George McGaha; Elizabeth & Don Powell; Carl Woods.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Clarkton, MO

First Presbyterian Church, Kennett, MO

# A Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

You have come close to each of us.  
You have extended to us your own special love,  
and have given to us such special gifts.  
Thank you God for these.

Thank you for all the other gifts  
that are present in these people around me.  
Together we are a gifted people - Your people.

You gave us these gifts for a purpose.  
They are to be used by us,  
to serve the needs of others.  
Give us courage, Lord, and the confidence too,  
to take these gifts with us now as we go.

Open our eyes and hearts to those we meet.  
Help us to see their need, and to show your love,  
and to use Your gifts that are invested in us,  
to bring them hope, and life.

We go now with unwrapped gifts, ready to be used.  
We go as your servants,  
Ready to touch others with your love.  
And we don't go alone.

Amen.



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