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*January 2, 2022*  
*8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.*

*\*Please stand.*

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## ***GATHERING***

PRELUDE

*Variations on "In Dulci Jubilo"*

Theodore Beck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 147)

(8:30) Mrs. Barbara Beauford  
(11:00) Ms. Barb Poier

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God.

**People: For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Leader: The Lord builds up Jerusalem and gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**People: The Lord heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: God determines the number of the stars and gives to all of them their names.

**People: Great is our Lord and abundant in power, and whose understanding is beyond measure. Let us worship God!**

\*OPENING HYMN 63

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

DIX

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**God of new beginnings, we start this year with much hope. We yearn to be more faithful, more loving, and more devoted. We confess that our sinfulness is stubborn within us, and we know we cannot be better disciples without your grace. As we start this new year, we pray for your mercy to flow within us. Please forgive our transgressions, and renew us in our faith, hope, and love.**

*(Silence for personal prayer)*

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**\*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 that you cannot be with today. As you think of them, please pray for their health and well-being. Please contact them later today and offer your love.)*

***THE WORD***

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

Dr. Jones

ANTHEM (11:00)

*A Love Beyond All Loves*  
Chancel Choir

Kimberly Hill

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14 (Pew Bible pg. 641)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible pg. 783)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Living with Joy: Where?

Dr. Jones

***THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
Clara Norell, soprano

Michael Larkin

*Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see evermore and evermore.*

*O ye heights of heav'n adore him, angel hosts his praises sing, pow'rs, dominions bow before him and extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore.*

*Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unending praises be, honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory evermore and evermore.*

\*DOXOLOGY

GREENSLEEVES

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Mike Lyle  
Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

*Invitation to the Lord's Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer*

*Words of Institution*

*Sharing of the Elements*

*Prayer after Communion*

## *SENDING*

\*CLOSING HYMN 44

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

\*POSTLUDE

*Fuga Modale su "Puer Natus"*

Christian Alejandro Almada

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## *WORSHIP TODAY*

***Welcome to worship*** today at Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We are so glad you can join our service today; we are truly glad God brought you here!

***On the cover:*** Moyers, Mike. *Awake My Soul*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://www.mikemoyersfineart.com/about>

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 and my email is [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.

***Room in the Inn:*** After a long absence, we are hosting RITI guests once again. If you missed helping in December, see the future dates and put them on your planner –January 8, February 12, and March 12. You can sign up to volunteer your time or talents here: <https://buff.ly/3qbs1sg>. Alternatively, email [SFienup@HobsonRealtors.com](mailto:SFienup@HobsonRealtors.com) or text 901-860-5086.

***Church Family Prayer Program:*** Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Christine/Tom Adams, Kirsty; Cathy/Ruffin Borden; Jennie Fulmer; Susan Green Jones; Norma Miles; Leigh Powers; Mary/Rodney Strop; Katie Wiener, Katie, Bailey.

### **Race for Reconciliation 5K January 17**



The Missions Leadership Team is supporting an area-wide effort to foster relationship-building across diverse ethnic lines through participation in the first ever Race for Reconciliation. Please join other GPC members and staff as we celebrate God's grace and power in bringing people together for the common cause of racial reconciliation. You can learn more about the R4R and register at: <https://raceforreconciliation.raceroster.com>.

## ***Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements***

### ***Week of January 2, 2022***

***Engaging Our Potential (EOP):*** This year GPC is combining our regular annual funding campaign with a debt-retirement campaign into one consolidated effort called *Engaging Our Potential*. As GPC moves into the Advent season let's look at how we can focus on the different areas of GPC's strategic plan for ministry and mission – 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. If you haven't made your commitment yet,

you still can, either by mailing your commitment card in or filling one out online. 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. Questions? Call Fred Turverey or Alex Ivy at 901-754-5195.

### *News & Events*

#### **GPCConnect - Coming Soon!**

~A fantastic evening for the whole family~



We are so excited to share that starting this January, GPC is launching a newly revamped experience that is fun and relaxing for the whole family - GPCConnect. This program has evolved over the years as 'Parent's Night Out', and most recently as 'Breathe'. But it's a new day and a new year, and so too we have recast this experience to more inclusively support the unique demands of young families today.

One evening a month, from 6pm-9:30pm at the church, GPCConnect is a time for children, kids, and students up to the age of 12, to enjoy a fantastic evening that includes dinner, themed crafts and activities, Bible-based story time/lessons, and a movie. Pickup and drop-off will take place at the preschool entrance under the overhang. And that's only half of the experience.

For parents, this is an opportunity to intentionally connect with one another in deep and meaningful relationships. With all the demands on parents today, it can be so hard to find the time and energy to build lasting friendships. So, we offer these evenings as an opportunity for parents to connect and enjoy a great faith-filled night out together, with the comfort and confidence of knowing your child is well cared for.

Watch for dates, more specifics, and registration info in the GPC communications.

### **Congregational Life**

**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. Men's Lunch Devotions: 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)).

### Congregational Care

**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](mailto:office@gpctn.org).

### Missions

**GPC's Christmas Eve offering challenge** encouraged you to match the money you spent on gifts for family and friends with a donation to the church. This year's Christmas Eve gift will go to benefit Binghampton Christian Academy and Rising Together Foundation. If you were unable to give on Christmas Eve, you can still participate in this meaning offering to celebrate and support GPC's local mission partners in the community.

## *GPC Staff*

Alex Benford, Organist/Music Associate

Amber Miller, Accounting Secretary

Angie Richardson, Curriculum Coordinator to Children's Ministry

Ann DeVere, Church Secretary/Receptionist

Anna White, Director of Family Ministry

Carl Woods, Maintenance Assistant

Christopher Greco, Director of Youth Ministry

Fred Turverey, Business & Facilities Administrator

Jackie Williams, Director of Special Needs Ministry

Jennifer Gentry, Director of Preschool

Jerold Teachey, Director of Music Ministry

John Johnson, Worship Leader, Musician

Karen Schowalter Cooper, Coordinator of Children's Choirs

Laurie Henderson, Director of Communications

Mike Lyle, Associate Pastor for Evangelism & Discipleship

Randy Smith, Maintenance Technician

Stephanie Wall, Grief Counselor

Susan Carter Wiggins, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Nurture

Tara Marbury, Nursery Supervisor

Tom Sauer, Associate Pastor for Senior Adults

Will Jones, Pastor



