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January 9, 2022

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

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**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Psalm 29

Wim Bomhof

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Youth Auction

Mrs. Karen Fesmire
Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Mr. Xander Batey (8:30)
Dr. Noel Florendo (11:00)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!

*HYMN 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Merciful God, like sheep who wander from the shepherd, so also have we wandered from you. In our sin, we have denied you and denigrated others. Have mercy on us, we pray. Save us from our own wrong choices and forgive us for our harmful actions. Forgive us, and then give us courage to repair the breaches we have caused – in our lives and in others’.

(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 CHRISTIANS

ANTHEM (11:00)

Every Valley
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck
Isaiah 40: 4-5

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low, and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 30:1-12 (Pew Bible pg. 585)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 3:15-22 (Pew Bible pg. 834)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Living with Joy: How Natural....and How Elusive

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed

Dr. Jones

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

At the River
Jerold Teachey, baritone

Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of 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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Jones

SENDING

*HYMN 492

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

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WORSHIP TODAY

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 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.

On the cover of the bulletin: *The Baptism of Christ, II*, Daniel Bonnell, oil on canvas, 2005.

The flowers on the chancel today are given to the glory of God to celebrate the marriage of Abby Powell and Kail Powers who were married on Saturday, January 8 here in the sanctuary. Abby is the daughter of GPC members Elizabeth and Don Powell.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of January 9, 2022

This week GPC welcomed a new Director of Children's Ministry, Blair Hayes, to the staff family. When you see her around the church, be sure to welcome her! In her own words: "Hello GPC Family, my name is Blair Hayes and I am thrilled to be the Director of Children's Ministry here. My education is in Child Development. I've worked with children of all ages by teaching in the classroom or volunteering. I'm passionate about making sure kids and families can grow and learn about Jesus and can connect on a deeper level within our community."



Name Tags: We used to wear our name tags on Sunday. 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 that will be available in the narthex the next time you attend.

Room in the Inn: After a long break, GPC will host their guests through [Room in the Inn](#). We will host one time in January, February, and March. 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.



GPC is picking up a new support ministry! We are glad to be the new host home of the Germantown Career Support and Networking Group. The group has been active for 15 years and is relaunching after the Covid shutdowns. Its purpose is to assist people in career networking, interviewing skills, and general support during times of job/career transition or loss. There are no

fees: NONE -- all is pro bono support. The bi-weekly meetings will be held every other Monday evening beginning January 10 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the community room on the lower-level in the chapel building. The hosts for the meetings are Mark McKee, Rob Mann, and Carlin Stuart. If you have questions, please email CarlinStuart@gmail.com.

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected to be lifted up each week. This week please pray for Bonnie Algee; Woodie Whited, Johnathan; Ruth Grosshuesch; Jerry Huff; Susan/Chuck Hurt, Charlie; Jennifer/Bill Prest, Walton; Elaine/Bill Skoog.

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>.

Engaging Our Potential (EOP): For the next two years 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 new year 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, please pray about how you can contribute and either mail your commitment card in or fill 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.

GPCconnect - Coming Soon! A fantastic evening for the whole family. We are so excited to share that starting this month, 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 Parents' 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.

So, mark your calendars and watch for more registration information to come your way on the church website and the GPCKids weekly e-blast. Sign up to receive the GPCKids weekly e-blast by sending your email to Blair Hayes at blairh@gpctn.org.

Spring 2022 GPCConnect Dates

- January 28 – Friday Evening
- February 25 – Friday Evening
- March 27 – Sunday Morning Brunch
- May 20 – Friday Evening

Fall 2022 GPCConnect Dates

- August 26 – Friday Evening
- September 23 – Friday Evening
- October 21 – Friday Evening
- November 13 – Sunday Morning
- December 9 – Friday Evening

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.

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 or Brenda Jeter - 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).

Special Needs All are welcome at GPC! Would you or someone you know enjoy joining the activities of our Special Needs Ministry?

Wednesday afternoons:

We invite volunteers and participants to join us on Wednesday afternoons (12:15-2:30) for in-person and Zoom-based Friendship Circle luncheons. These luncheons include fellowship, prayer support and encouragement, and Bible-based lessons with various crafts and games. Participants and volunteers are welcome to come for all or part of the time! Please register [here](#) to join as a participant: [Friendship Circle Registration - Germantown Presbyterian Church](#) or email Jackie Williams at specialneeds@gpctn.org to register as a volunteer (or participant needing help with registration).

Thursday mornings:

We invite volunteers and participants to engage in making a joyful sound unto the Lord and in the hallways of GPC on Thursday mornings (10:00 – noon). We meet in-person in our Activity Center (to allow for social distancing) as we play a variety of instruments under the skilled mentoring of our ORFF instructor(s). No musical experience or prerequisite skills are needed, and it's so much fun!!! Please register [here](#) to join as a participant: [Amplify Registration 2021 - Germantown Presbyterian Church](#) or email Jackie Williams at specialneeds@gpctn.org to register as a volunteer (or participant needing help with registration).

Youth Auction – Save the Date! – Sunday, March 6. Mark your calendar and watch for ways you can get involved.

All youth activities resume today – youth Sunday morning breakfast club and afternoon fellowship. Come back in the new year and start your good habits now!

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.