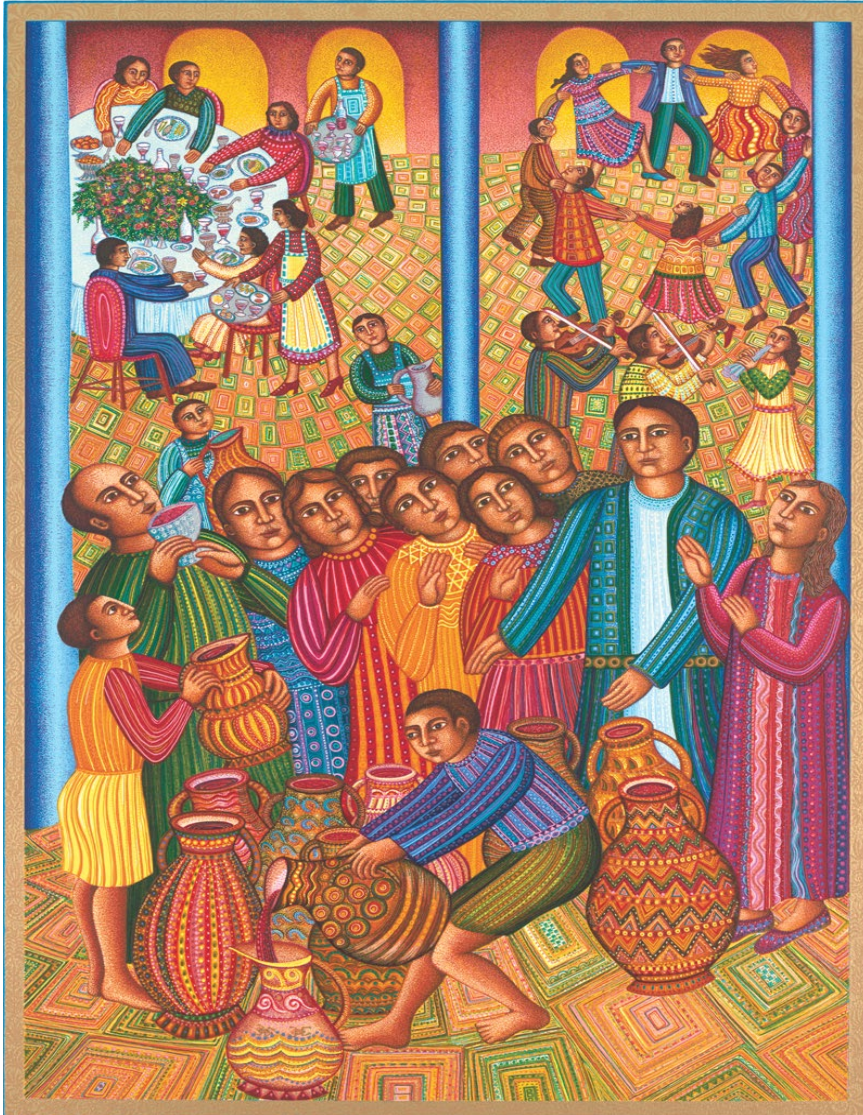




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*January 16, 2022*  
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*A Wedding Feast, Op. 18*

Ernest Farrar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

CHIME INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Mrs. Elaine Cates  
(11:00) Dr. Noel Florendo

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come before our God with joyful songs.

**People: There is joy in this place!**

Leader: God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

**People: God reaches out to us in forgiveness and compassion.**

Leader: Give thanks to God! Praise God's Holy name!

**ALL: Let us worship God with joy in this place!**

\*HYMN 356

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Holy God, how we must try your patience! We often doubt when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life, so we place ourselves at the very center of our own universe.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith.**

*(Time of personal prayer)*

Leader: Through Christ our Lord we pray.

**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 THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mike Lyle

## *THE WORD*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Wiggins

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 62:1-5 (pew bible pg. 604)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: John 2:1-11 (pew bible pg. 863)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Living with Joy: Called to Delight*

Rev. Wiggins

## *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (from *The Iona Community*)

Rev. Lyle

**We believe in God: Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*  
Marcus King, baritone

arr. K. Lee Scott

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

*In Cana at a Wedding Feast*

ELLACOMBE



1. In Ca - na at a wed - ding feast, Christ worked his first great sign.  
2. The blind, the poor, the out - cast too, found Christ to be their friend.  
3. O Lord, we see your won - droussigns and know through faith-filled eyes:



There Je - sus' mo - ther told her son, "They don't have a - ny wine!" He  
"Have mer - cy!" Bar - ti - mae - us said. "I want to see a - gain." With  
You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that sa - tis - fies. You



called for six stone wa - ter jars; they filled them to the brim;  
great com - pas - sion and with grace, Christ gave him back his sight.  
give clear vi - sion to your church, you make the wound - ed whole.



Through wa - ter changed to wine that day, his friends be - lieved in him.  
Through deeds of pow - er, deeds of love, he filled our world with light.  
You gives us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in con - trol!

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Wiggins

\*POSTLUDE

*Marche Nuptiale*, Op. 77 No. 2

Alexandre Guilmant

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## *WORSHIP TODAY*

**On the cover:** John August Swanson. *Wedding Feast*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

**Today's sending hymn:** Tune: *Gesangbuch der Herzoglich Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784 ("I Sing the Mighty Power of God"; "Hail To the Lord's Anointed") Text: Copyright © 1999 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

**Today's solo** is presented in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. It is excerpted from Scott's *Band of Angels: A Service of Remembrance*, written to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, in which four children lost their lives. It was premiered as part of Birmingham's official 50th anniversary celebration of the civil rights events of 1963.

**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](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.

**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. You can sign up to volunteer your time or talents here: <https://buff.ly/3qbs1sg> Alternatively, you may email [SFienuip@HobsonRealtors.com](mailto:SFienuip@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 Anne Allen; Jan/Hank Davis; Mary K/David Grantham, James, Wells, Thomas; Jennifer Hitt, Mary Carter; Patty/Steve Jackson; Mary Lange; Barbara Ragsdale; Ruby Reid.

## *Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of January 16, 2022*

*GPC office will be closed Monday, January 17 in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.*

### *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>.



**Presbytery-wide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration:** The Presbytery of the Mid South and The Greater Memphis Area Chapter of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus Invite You to Join Us For Our DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION. Sunday, January 16 at 3:00pm at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church, 1005 East Shelby Drive, Memphis, 38116. Natalie Toombs, Regional Representative, Mid-South Region of the National Black Presbyterian Chapter. This event will be livestreamed on Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church Facebook page

**Statements of Giving for 2021 were mailed on January 12.** This statement also contains the confirmation of your pledge for *Engaging Our Potential*. Please review the statement carefully to be sure your gifts in 2021 were allocated according to your wishes and the amount recorded for *Engaging*

*Our Potential* in 2022 and 2023 is correct. Please contact Fred Turverey or Amber Miller in the Church Office if you have any questions. If you haven't made a pledge for *Engaging Our Potential*, it's not too late. Every pledge is important. Just return the pledge card or sent to you in November, pick up one at the church or call the office and have one sent to you, or fill one out online. Questions? email Fred at [fredt@gpctn.org](mailto:fredt@gpctn.org) or call him at 901-754-5195.

***Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*** Join together with your GPC family for a night of fun, fellowship, food, and an opportunity to meet new friends or dine with existing GPC friends. You can register online (link on church home page and in weekly email) or in person in the AC Lobby on Sundays or you can click this link in your digital bulletin (<https://germantownpres.org/guess-whos-coming-to-dinner-2022/>).



**How it works:** The hosts will prepare for a dinner party and won't know who their guests are until they arrive. Guests will register online or in person and find out by email or phone call which dinner party they are going to and get directions to the host's home.

**When:** 6:30 PM Saturday, February 5

**Where:** Hosts are needed to volunteer to prepare a dinner party in your home. The host will decide the size of party: six, eight, twelve or more including the hosts. Hosts may want to recruit co-hosts for larger parties. Hosts can be creative with their planning: a barbecue, pizza party, chili dogs, a formal dinner or your favorite meal.

**Reservations Required:** You can sign up online or in person. The online link is on the church homepage as well as in your weekly email from GPC or you can click this link in your digital bulletin (<https://germantownpres.org/guess-whos-coming-to-dinner-2022/>). Contact Sherrie Horner ([sherriehorner@gmail.com](mailto:sherriehorner@gmail.com)) for more details or to volunteer as a host.

## GPCConnect

~A fantastic evening for the whole family~

We are so excited to share that starting this month (January 28 in fact), 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.



You can register your child(ren) here in your digital bulletin  
(<https://germantownpres.org/gpconnect-parents-night-out-registration/>)

One evening a month, from 6pm-9:30pm at the church, GPConnect 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 go to the Children's Ministry webpage to register or register here on your digital bulletin (<https://germantownpres.org/gpconnect-parents-night-out-registration/>). Sign up to receive the GPCKids weekly e-blast by sending your email to Blair Hayes at [blairh@gpctn.org](mailto:blairh@gpctn.org).



You can register online here: <https://germantownpres.org/gpconnect-parents-night-out-registration/>. Or look on the Children's Ministry webpage for more information.

### **Spring 2022 GPConnect Dates**

- January 28 – Friday Evening
- February 25 – Friday Evening
- March 27 – Sunday Morning Brunch
- April 29 – NaCoMe Family Retreat Weekend
- May 20 – Friday Evening

***Worship Works – Children's Music Resumes!*** Starting January 23, children pre-school through 5th grade are invited to join us on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 for Worship Works, our rebooted music and arts experience! Combining all the elements of our pre-pandemic "Ring and Sing" and adding in even more creativity with art and drama (and yes, ukuleles!), please join us as we begin preparing for Children's Sunday right around the corner!

***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 on Monday evenings 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](mailto:CarlinStuart@gmail.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 or here in your digital bulletin (<https://germantownpres.org/2022-23-commitment-card-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.

***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)).

***Youth Auction – Save the Date! – Sunday, March 6.*** Tickets go on sale in February and reservations are required. Mark your calendar and watch for ways you can get involved.

***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).

***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](mailto: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](mailto:specialneeds@gpctn.org) to register as a volunteer (or participant needing help with registration).

*GPC Staff*

Alex Benford, Organist/Music Associate

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Jerold Teachey, Director of Music Ministry

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Laurie Henderson, Director of Communications

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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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day.



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