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January 23, 2022

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

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**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude on AZMON* Dale Grotenhuis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19) Mrs. Pam Graddy (8:30)
Mrs. Sherrie Horner (11:00)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

People: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

People: The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy God, our actions frequently contradict our words. We say that we love you, but we disregard your will. We claim to care about others, but we qualify our compassion. We declare that we will follow you, but we have conditions that stifle discipleship. Have mercy on us, we pray, and do not hold our contradictions against us, we pray. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who lived and died in total love and obedience, and in whose 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

Glorify 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 (11:00)

Send Out Thy Light
Chancel Choir

M. A. Balakirev/D. Cherwein

*Send out thy light, O send thy truth, that they may lead me to thy holy hill.
My soul shall trust in God the Lord;
For I will yet give thanks to God, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
Send out thy light, O send thy truth, that they may lead me, Lord, to thy dwelling place.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 61:1-4 (pew Bible pg. 603)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 4:14-21 (pew Bible pg. 835)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ordinary People – Extraordinary Joy

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles Creed

Rev. Mike Lyle

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

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

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

The Call (from *Five Mystical Songs*)
Desirée Soto, soprano

Ralph Vaughan Williams
poem by George Herbert

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

*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. Lyle

SENDING

*HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

AZMON

1. The Spi-rit sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name to
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the bur - dened free; Where
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat-ter joy like seed And,
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos-pel to pro - claim. God's

bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's_ fa - vor to pro - claim.
hope is dim, to share a dream and_ help the blind to see.
all our days, to cher - ish life, To_ do the lov - ing deed.
Spir - it has em - pow - er'd us; We_ go in Je - sus' name.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX: The Heavens are Telling

Benedetto Marcello

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WORSHIP TODAY

On the cover: Nikolai Nikolaevich, 1831-1894. *Christ in the Synagogue*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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.

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 overnight guests through [Room in the Inn](#). 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 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 Janet Anderson; Lea/Eric Buring, Dina Ciabattini; Lindsey/Joseph Butler, Adelaide, Chandler; Emily/Larry Hak; Brenda/David Jeter; Jan Petri/Jerold Teachey, Jenna, Sarah, Quin; Anne/Wayne Tansil; Ruth Woodworth.

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Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of January 23, 2022

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 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 either in person or on Zoom! 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) for more details or to volunteer as a host.

GPCConnect

~A fantastic evening for the whole family~

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, 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 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.

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 GPCConnect 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! 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. These meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings every month 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.

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.

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).

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.

Special Needs Ministry at GPC is looking for musicians! Would you or someone you know enjoy joining the musical activities of our Special Needs Ministry at AMPLify on 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). 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).

GPC Staff

Alex Benford, Organist/Music Associate

Amber Miller, Accounting Secretary

Angie Richardson, Curriculum Coordinator to Children's Ministry

Ann DeVere, Church Secretary/Receptionist

Blair Hayes, Director of Children's 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

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

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