



GERMANTOWN
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January 30, 2022

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

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**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 71) Xander Batey (8:30)
Amy Phillips (11:00)

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge, let me never be put to shame.

People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me, incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

People: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

*HYMN 379 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy. We are prone to vanity in most moments of every day. We assume that we are here to stay, that we are permanently fixed, and we do not acknowledge our serious frailties. We are physically frail, and we are morally frail. Have compassion on us, we pray, and forgive us in the name of Jesus Christ. Give us strength in Him, so that our weaknesses will be met by your grace.

(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

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

ANTHEM (11:00)

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Choir

arr. Alice Parker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wells Grantham (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pew Bible pg. 609) Wells Grantham (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 4:21-30 (pew Bible pg. 835)

Dr. Jones

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Hard of Hearing

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles Creed

Rev. Wiggins

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. 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
Ethan Baskin, tenor

Michael Burkhardt

*Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might: come, Holy Spirit, come.
To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine, to the church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign: come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the pow'r to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare: come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*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 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Johann Pachelbel

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WORSHIP TODAY

On the cover: detail, *Christ Preaching* (the Hundred Guilder Print), Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, 1606-1669. 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.



The baby rose on the baptismal font is given to the glory of God to celebrate the birth of Micah Peter Bowman on January 22, 2022, in Cary, NC to the Reverends Matt & Amanda Hayes Bowman. Micah's grandmother is GPC member Beth Bowman.

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: 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.



The Fifth Grade Bridge program exists to guide children as they begin to live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, to encourage friendships among one another, to actively participate in worship and church life, and to successfully transition to GPC youth. Throughout the year you will see 5th-graders reading scripture in worship, participating in retreats and fellowship activities, gathering to meet junior high students, mentoring younger GPCKids at VBS, and serving in the community through Mission 901. The January worship leader is Wells Grantham.

What is your full name? *Wells Patrick Grantham*

Who are your parents? *Mary K. and David Grantham*

Do you have any siblings, if yes what are their names? *I have 2 brothers, James and Thomas*

Where do you go to school? *Farmington Elementary School*

What's your favorite activity to do outside of church? *Play video games*

What have you most enjoyed doing at GPC? *Parents Night Out and the Advent Series*

What have you learned at GPC? *I have learned more about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

In the future what do you hope to experience at GPC? *I am looking forward to being in youth group.*

Peanut Butter Sundays (PBS) sponsored by ***this year's Confirmation class*** begin ***this Sunday, January 30***, and continue on February 27 and March 27. This peanut butter drive will benefit Binghampton Christian Academy. Hunger is a reality for some students, and peanut butter can also serve as a take-home meal for students who might need additional food on a weekend or other time while not living at the BCA dorm. By naming these dates PBS, we hope to shine a light on hunger, poverty, and the need for basic pantry items to support and uplift our fellow 8th graders, their classmates, and their families in a time of need. Extra peanut butter will be shared with Project Outreach and/or MIFA take-home food kits at Caldwell Elementary. There will be bins in the Welcome Center, AC Lobby, by The Well in the children's area, and by the Confirmation classroom door (Rm UL-212 - upper level).

Room in the Inn: GPC is once again hosting overnight guests on February 11 and March 11. 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 SFienu@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 Barbara/Bill Armstrong; Joyce/Gordon Cochran; Jeff Day; Sally/John Humphrey, Campbell, Thomas; Donna/Steve Morley; Courtney/Jay Page, Sarah; Harriett Reed; Mandie/Chris Shepherd, Cami.

The Session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation for today, immediately following the 11:00 o'clock worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the business is to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and the Stewardship Committee. The Nominating Committee will place the names of the following people up for approval for Elders on the Session: Anthony Duke, Bill Fesmire, Jeff Halter, Tricia Harris, Meredith Mattila, Margaret Owens, Kim Sauer, Alta Simpson, and Gracey Owens as youth elder; and the following people for approval for Deacons: Chad Coursey, Rob Draughon, Jay Galyean, Deranda Lester, Lanny Oakes, Paula Stack Hurt, and Grace Jones as youth deacon; and the following people for Nominating Committee: Rebecca Floyd, Jerry Huff, and youth representative Cat Rice.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements *Week of January 30, 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.

Youth Auction – Don't miss the Youth Auction on Sunday, March 6. Donations of NEW and LIKE NEW items are needed. To donate an item, you may use the Sign-Up Genius link here (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ea9ad2caaf94-youth>) or contact one of the leaders listed below. Ticket sales begin February 1 online and on Sunday Mornings.

Thanks to our Youth Auction Leadership:

- Director of Youth Ministry: Christopher Greco (christopherg@gpctn.org) 901-754-5195
- Youth Ministry Support Team: Elizabeth Wilson (elizabeth.owens.wilson@gmail.com) 901-216-7664
- Auction Convener: Karen Fesmire (yuktf@aol.com) 901-483-8186
- Donation Team 2022 Lead: Susan Jones (susanstumbjones@gmail.com) 901-734-6387

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).

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 2022 - 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

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Carl Woods, Maintenance Assistant

Christopher Greco, Director of Youth Ministry

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



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