



GERMANTOWN
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February 20, 2022

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

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Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Retrospection

Florence B. Price

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 37)

Elaine Cates (8:30)

David Jeter (11:00)

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers.

People: They will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

People: Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.

People: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their refuge in the time of trouble.

*HYMN 335

The Gift of Love

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*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, our God, have mercy on us. We are often stubborn, unyielding, and harsh in our sinfulness. Our pride reigns supreme, overcoming our better judgment and undermining our relationships. Humble us, teach us, and forgive us, we pray. Call us into a closer relationship with you, so that we may live each day more like Christ, our friend and Savior.

(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

Ms. Blair Hayes

ANTHEM (11:00)

Grace
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Mark Hayes

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch; like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come: 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 45:1-8 (pew Bible pg. 37)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:27-38 (pew Bible pg. 838)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Hearing Your Enemy

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles Creed

Rev. Susan Carter 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Room in the Inn

Sally Fienup

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 King of Love my Shepherd is

Harry Rowe Shelley

Althea Crouse, soprano

Russell Crouse, baritone

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransom'd soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee dear Lord beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy Cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth, and O the transport of delight with which my cup overfloweth. And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever!

*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 371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

March from 'Scipio'

G. F. Handel

WORSHIP TODAY

In honor of Black History Month, music during the month of February will provide a glimpse of the contributions to the sacred music repertoire by African-American composers. Today's prelude, *Retrospection*, was composed by Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953), who was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and was the first African-American woman to have her music performed by a major symphony orchestra.

On the cover: James Tissot, *The Exhortation to the Apostles*.

The flowers in the service today are given to the glory of God in memory of Robert "Bob" Hicks, who passed away on February 14, 2022. Bob was the husband of GPC member Jean Hicks. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary tomorrow, Monday, February 21, 2022 at 2pm.

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!* The next New Member joining day is Sunday, February 27. 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.

Downstairs access is restricted. Construction and repairs have begun. For safety reasons, please stay out of the lower level. Thanks for your cooperation.

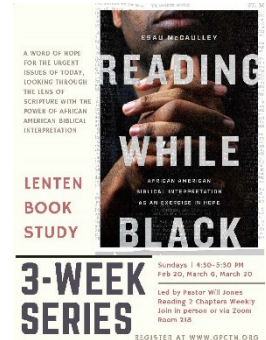
Room in the Inn: After a long break, GPC will host overnight guests through [Room in the Inn](#). You can sign up to volunteer your time or talents here: <https://buff.ly/3qbs1sg> Alternatively, you may scan this code with your phone or email SFienup@HobsonRealtors.com or text 901-860-5086.



Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Anissa Brown; Lisa/Rob Clapper, Lily, James; Sherry/Bud Hurley, Jake, Julianne, Lauren; Susan/Will Jones, Grace, Lelia, Mary; Shelby Montague, Adelyn & Johnathan Winer; Betsy/Noell Moseley; Agnes Thomas; Billie/Dan Work.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements *Week of February 20, 2022*

Upcoming Lenten Studies & Events: Watch GPC communications and the website (check out the Lent page here – <https://germantownpres.org/lenten-offerings-2022/>) to see the Lenten offerings: a churchwide book study, weekly Lenten congregational prayer opportunities, and a limited evening study series. Sign up for the book study here: <https://germantownpres.org/lenten-book-study-2022/>.



Mark your calendar now for GPC's Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30pm in the GPC sanctuary. This is also the time to download the Lenten prayer booklet, so you can start on this night. (You can download it here: <https://germantownpres.org/lenten-offerings-2022/>.) Or you can pick up a hard copy the next time you're on site. If you know of someone who would like to receive this in the mail, please notify the church office.

Presbyterian Youth Connection at Pinecrest Coming Soon! Each year Germantown Pres brings a delegation of students to Presbyterian Youth Connection at Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center. All are welcome to attend Friday, February 25 through Sunday, February 27. Register here: (<https://germantownpres.org/youth-2022-ptyc/>).

Our goal is to bring the LARGEST GROUP, so don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith with others! Much like a tree, we will learn about our role in creation, how we are connected, and how we affect others. We will depart at 5pm from GPC together. Dinner on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday will be provided.

Register here: (<https://germantownpres.org/youth-2022-ptyc/>). Sign-ups close Wednesday, February 23 at 4pm. If you have any questions, please email Christopher here: christopherg@gpctn.org.

Binghampton Christian Academy (BCA) has an urgent need for meal volunteers to help feed our Residential Students this week (Monday – Thursday nights). We've had several last-minute date changes/cancellations, so we are reaching out to those who have generously helped us in the past. Meals can be dropped off any night, but groups are welcome to stay on Monday or Thursday nights to interact with the students.

Can't help this week? We also have many dates open in February! It is a great way for Sunday School classes, small groups, coworkers, and/or families to volunteer together. Volunteer here: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=LWCO6060>.

Or scan this code to sign up:



On the meal calendar, we list detailed information on how many meals are needed, what can be accepted and drop off times, etc. Please help us spread the word and share this need with others at your church, work or with friends that you think may be interested in this volunteer opportunity.

Please feel free to contact Shelley Alley at salley@bcamemphis.org if you have any questions.

Youth Auction – Don't miss the Youth Auction on Sunday, March 6. Tickets are now on sale for the Annual Youth Auction before and after all services in the Narthex or online at Ticket link

\$20 per adult grades 6th and up

\$5 per child grades 5 to age 3

Tables of 8 are \$150

Cash or checks for in person sales. Credit card for online purchase. There is still plenty of time to donate 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.

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 Lead 2022, Susan Jones (susanstumbjones@gmail.com, 901-734-6387)

GPCConnect

~A fantastic evening for the whole family~

We are so excited to share that GPC has re-launched 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-pno-reservation/>

One evening a month, from 6pm-9pm at the church, GPCConnect is a time for 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 for February 25 and go to the Children's Ministry webpage to register or register here on your digital bulletin (<https://germantownpres.org/gpconnect-pno-reservation/>). Registration closes February 22 for this month. 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-pno-reservation/>. Registration closes February 22 for this month. Or look on the Children's Ministry webpage for more information.



WorshipWorks – Children's Music Has Begun! Children pre-school through 5th grade are invited to join us on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 for WorshipWorks, 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 now offers 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.

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

Blair Hayes, Director of Family Ministry

Carl Woods, Maintenance Assistant

Christopher Greco, Director of Youth Ministry

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.

Led by Pastor Will, the churchwide book study will look at *Reading While Black* by Esau McCaulley.

The dates are February 20, March 6, and March 20.

An in-person and zoom option will be available to all who want to attend.

The church office has a few extra copies you can buy, the library has one you can check out, or visit your favorite bookseller.

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Sundays | 4:30-5:30 PM
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Reading 2 Chapters Weekly
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