Germantown Presbyterian Church

January 28, 2018
4th Sunday after Epiphany
Children’s Sunday

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (8:30)......................................Leibster Jesu, wir sind hier  BWV 731..............................J.S. Bach
(11:00).............................................No Matter What......................(from Sunday School Curriculum)
Sunday School Children

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow...............Julianna White
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee..............................William Simpson
Joyful Praise.................................................Olivia Walker
Piano Solos

(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (note: words in italics are instrumental only) (11:00)....................Miller Utterback
Leader: The Lord is our loving God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.
Organ/Handbells: Jesus love us this I know, for the Bible tells us so.

ALL: Sing praise to the Lord, all you children of God!
Organ/Handbells: Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.

Leader: Jesus invites all children to come to Him, and commands that we all have faith like a child.
Organ/Handbells: Yes, Jesus loves us. Yes, Jesus loves us.

ALL: Sing praise to the Lord, all you children of God!
Organ/Handbells: Yes, Jesus loves us; the Bible tells us so.

ALL: Come, let young and old, infant and elder, worship God together, and praise God’s Holy Name!

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

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison) (11:00)...........................................................................Charlie Floyd

God of all, we confess that we love too few and too little.
We confess that often we fail to glimpse
your image in each and every child.
We confess that often we keep silent
while the needs of your children cry out for help.

O God, in your tender mercy,
open our eyes to see every child as a reflection of you.
Open our hearts to cherish each child
as we love our own.
Open our mouths to speak your word of justice,
and protect each child from harm’s way...
(time of silent examination, petition, and reflection)
Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
People: Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
Leader: Children of God, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!
People: Thanks be to God!

*All who are able are invited to stand.
‘CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Jesus loves YOU this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong,  
they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves YOU.  
Yes, Jesus loves YOU.  
Yes, Jesus loves YOU.  
The Bible tells me so.

‘CHRISTIAN GREETINGS (11:00)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)  Thomas Harkins Grantham  
son of Mary K. and David Grantham  
Participating in the baptism:  brothers, James and Wells Grantham  
Elder representing the Session, Brenda Jeter

BAPTISM RESPONSE 492..........................BUNESSAN  
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

FIFTH GRADE PRESENTATION OF VERSES  
Kate Reynolds, Izzy Trimble, Isabella Walters, Will Chandler

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (11:00).....................................................Elizabeth Cleveland

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING:  Isaiah 43:1-7 (11:00).................................Thomas Humphrey

GOSPEL READING:  Matthew 19:13-15 (11:00)............................................Kelsie Hogan  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON......................Children of God: Beloved, Treasured, Valued!.......Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

LITANY OF COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN (11:00)..................................................Anna White  
Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belong.” (Matthew 19:14).

Children of God, we bless you, honor you, and commit ourselves to you because you are special to your parents, to your teachers, to us, and most importantly, to God in Christ Jesus.  
Children of God, we bless you, honor you, and commit ourselves to you.

We promise to provide you with safe environments to grow in body, mind, and spirit.  
Children of God, we bless you, honor you, and commit ourselves to you.

We promise to pray for your daily needs of safety, shelter, and comfort.  
Children of God, we bless you, honor you, and commit ourselves to you.

We promise to teach you, nurture you, and bless you with a heart for God, so that you will always know that you are God’s beloved children, and that God is always with you.  
Children of God, we bless you, honor you, and commit ourselves to you.

May you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18)  
Children of God, we bless you, honor you, and commit ourselves to you.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord grant you peace, today, and forevermore. Amen. (Numbers 6:22-27)
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (11:00)**

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**

Anna Claire Hensarling, Abby Wells, Webber Durley, and Benton Durley

OFFERTORY (8:30)

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine

Shannon Lowe, soprano  Aaron Redburn, tenor and guitar

ANTHEM (11:00)

The Gospel Ship

Gwyneth Walker

Children’s Choirs and Chancel Choir  Noel Wilkins, piano

‘DOXOLOGY 592

Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow

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 (11:00)

SENDING

‘HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

‘CHARGE AND BLESSING

‘CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

‘POSTLUDE

March


**Today is Children’s Sunday.** On this special day of worship we are reminded that Jesus said in Matthew 19:14–15, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” This special Sunday may we also be reminded that we, too, are beloved children of a God who calls us nearer into relationship with Him with trust and faith as a child. Children’s Sunday reflects Germantown Presbyterian Church’s Children’s Ministry – our commitment to love them, educate them in the Bible, worship God through music, and as a church family, model to them the importance of living for God.

**GPC in the NT reading plan for the week:** Sun, Jan 28 - Sabbath; Mon, Jan 29 - Matthew 21; Tue, Jan 30 - Matthew 22; Wed, Jan 31 - Matthew 23; Thu, Feb 1 - Matthew 24; Fri, Feb 2 - Matthew 25; Sat, Feb 3 - catch up.

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