



July 17, 2022 8:30A.M. & 11:00A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Introduction and Fugue in D

Alfred William Bennett

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 51)

Elaine Cates (8:30) Liturgist

Kim Sauer (11:00) Liturgist

Leader:

As we come into your presence to worship and glorify your Holy name, O God,

create in us clean hearts.

People:

May your love and mercy be upon us;

may your joy and gladness dawn in our spirits.

Leader:

May the recreating power of your Spirit transform us and make us new.

People:

Come, Holy Spirit, come, and let us worship the Lord our God

together in this place!

*HYMN 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious, reconciling God, you continually provide us with opportunities to be transformed by your love, and to then extend your love through generous hospitality. But we hold your love at bay when we fail to greet the stranger and reach out to those with whom we disagree. We know that we must first be reconciled within our own selves before you can use us to reconcile the world back to you, O God. Forgive us, we pray. Come near to us, heal, and transform us so that we might be, for you, love to all the world.

(Time of personal prayer)

Leader: Through Christ 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 OF GRACE

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

People: And also with you.

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Blair Hayes

MEDITATION IN MUSIC Ye people, rend your hearts... If with all your heart Jeffrey Day, tenor

F. Mendelssohn from *Elijah*

Ye people, rend your hearts, rend your hearts and not your garments. For your transgressions the prophet Elijah has sealed the heavens, through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols; Return to God, for He is slow to anger and merciful and kind and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil. If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me. Thus saith our God. Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Amos 8:1-6, 11-12 (pew Bible pg. 749)

EPISTLE READING: Colossians 1:15-28 (pew Bible pg. 956)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Men:

SERMON Called to: Transformation and Reconciliation to God Rev. Wiggins

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Confession of 1967

Rev. Wiggins

One: We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation.

All: The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and one another.

The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves.

Women: We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.

One: In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

All: We believe that the new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are.

We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The Confession of 1967, 9.20, 21, 22, Book of Confessions: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Part I.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. John Johnson

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

Rev. Wiggins

OFFERTORY

Fanfare on AURELIA Dr. Alex Benford, organ

Shelton Ridge 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

Dr. Johnson

SENDING

*HYMN 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Wiggins

*POSTLUDE

Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne

Worship Arts Notes

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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 Lea Buring at 901-355-4940 or leaciabattini@gmail.com, or Beth Willingham at 901-494-8480 or bethwillingham@comcast.net.

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 flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my dear husband by Violet Olsen.

Updating the Church Directory: Please submit updated information or photos by August 1st to <u>annd@gpctn.org</u>. The plan is to have the next issue available on Kick-Off Sunday, August 14th.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of July 17, 2022

Congregational Potluck Brunch is scheduled for July 31 after the 11:00 service. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy some fellowship.

The PEACE program at GPC has resumed Wacky Wednesdays, with the help of participantvolunteers as greeters, and member-volunteers helping with snack-serving and game-playing! With their/your help, our friends have a better opportunity to experience the love of Jesus, and that means SO much to so many! Thank you!

Thank you to those who have signed up for this week! It would be GREATLY helpful to have a few more volunteers to:

	•	Server Snacks	1 more person	10:15 – 10:45 AM
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1 - 2 people Set-up Games Between 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Be buddies 1 or more people 10:00 – 12:30 PM

Volunteers are often asked to fill more than one role; however, we'll work within your level of comfort. Our goal is that you'll leave feeling renewed in love and faith! To fully join in the fun, please feel free to dress in anything related to outer space, as we explore God's creation of the sun, moon, and stars."

GPC is co-sponsoring Summer Movie Nights at GPAC (Germantown Performing Arts Center) in The Grove. Come with your family and see your friends! The gates open at 6:00pm and features live music, cocktails, and food truck fare. The movie starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. These events are subject to weather. The Friday dates and movies are listed below.

July 22 – Center Stage August 12 – Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

August 5 – Mr. Holland's Opus August 19 – Dirty Dancing



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.

Grief Support Group not meeting during the summer: during the months of June and July, the Grief Support Group will not meet. Regular monthly meetings will resume on the 2nd Thursday of the month on August 11 at 6pm in the church parlor.

Fun ZUMBA® CLASS at GPC! ZUMBA (Zoom-bah) classes are being held on Thursdays in our AC at 6pm. No dance experience needed! Zumba is intended as a total-body cardio and aerobic workout. Bring your workout shoes and prepare to have fun dancing and sweating to Latin rhythms. Taught by Rachael Hetherington, this class is about an hour and the cost is \$5 per class. Any questions about Zumba or this class, please contact Donna Morley, dmcnley62@gmail.com or 901-826-7122.

Greeters Needed. When people come to GPC, they all leave with the impression of what a friendly church we are. Greeters are the first people that most will meet when they enter our house of worship. Please consider being part of this welcoming ministry. If you are fairly new to GPC, this is a great way to become involved and meet people. If you are interested, you may contact Bob Johnson at rhiphnson9@gmail.com.

Giving: Even if you're not here physically, you can give to support the ministries of GPC during this time. For more information, please contact Amber Miller in the church office at 901-754-5195 or amberm@gpctn.org.





Visit germantownpres.org/giving or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.



Mail checks to: 2363 S Germantown Rd Germantown TN 38138.



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Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.