



*November 27, 2022*

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

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*\*Please stand.*

*Please silence electronic devices.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Veni Emmanuel

Peter Lutkin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Pam & Joe Graddy (8:30)  
Priscilla & Warren East (11:00)

ADVENT CANDLE RESPONSE

Candles Glowing

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Can - dles glow - ing, pro - promise show - ing the great hope that calms our  
fear. Dark - ness scat - ters, wor - ry shat - ters, Christ will al - ways draw us near. Calms our  
sigh - ing, hears our cry - ing, helps our try - ing, love un - dy - ing: Christ will  
al - ways draw us near! Christ will al - ways draw us near!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

David Paris (8:30)  
Molly Miller (11:00)

Leader: We sing because God does marvelous things!

People: **The Lord opened salvation to all and revealed his righteousness to the world.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise the Lord, all the earth!

**People:** We join in joyous song and sing God's praises!

**Leader:** All creation -- the sea, the rivers, and the mountains -- rejoice in their Creator.

**People:** The whole creation sings because the Lord is coming to establish justice on earth!

\*HYMN 9

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Patient God, you know how often we make decisions from a place of greed rather than love. You know how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. You know how often we stubbornly hold onto our pride, thinking more highly of ourselves than we should. Forgive us for giving sin a prime position. During this Advent, call clearly to us so that we might, with your grace, silence the voices of sin and shame. Renew us and recenter us; with hope we pray, amen.**

*(Time of personal prayer)*

**Leader:** We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

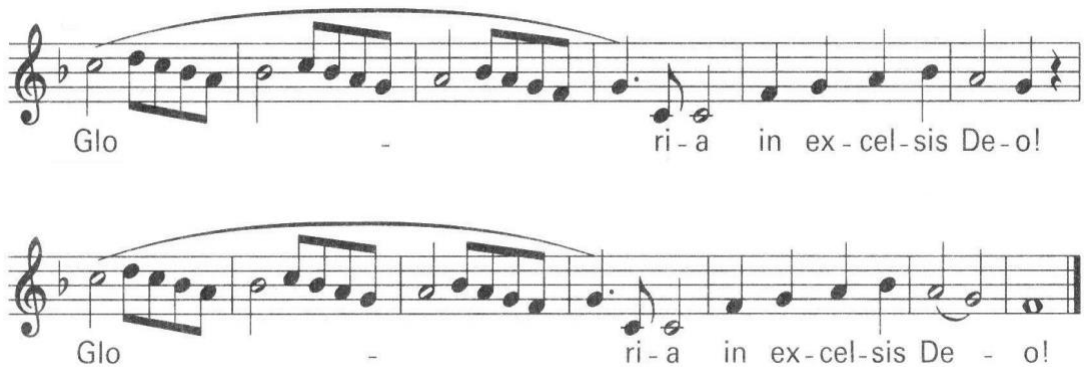
**People:** Amen.

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (refrain)

GLORIA



ANTHEM (11:00)

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*  
Chancel Choir

Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.  
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God who was, and is, and is to come.  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within; Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon?  
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more.  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!*

## ***THE WORD***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 2:1-5 (pew Bible pg. 550)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 24:36-44 (pew Bible pg. 806)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Waiting Well: The Force of Patience

Dr. Jones

## ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) Galatians 4:4-7

Rev. Wiggins

**When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.**

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**

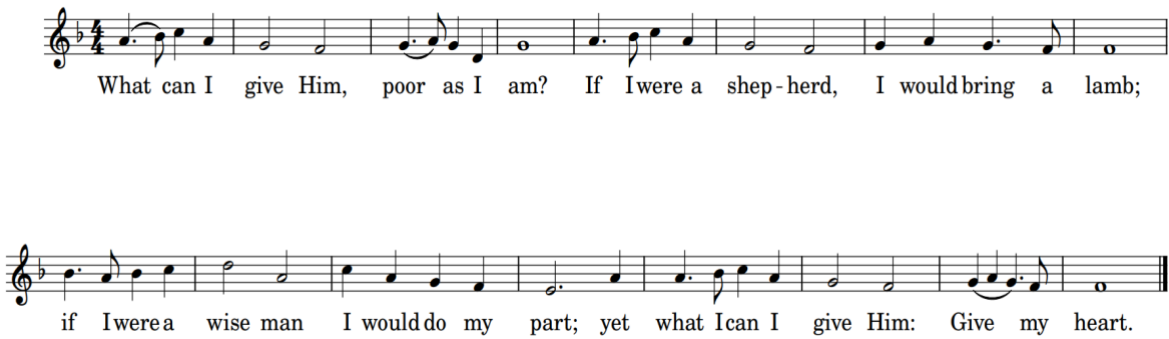
forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TTTHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY *My Soul Doth Magnify* (from *Christmas Oratorio*) Camille Saint-Saens  
Althea, Russell, and Christina Crouse, trio

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, for mine eyes have seen Thy glory.*

\*OFFERING RESPONSE *In the Bleak Midwinter* CRANHAM



What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man I would do my part; yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Wiggins

**SENDING**

\*HYMN 2 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

\*CHARGE and BLESSING Dr. Jones

\*POSTLUDE *Awake, the Voice is Calling Us!* Karl Karow

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**Welcome to worship** today at Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We are so glad you can join our service today; we are truly glad God brought you here!

***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](mailto:leaciabattini@gmail.com), or Beth Willingham at 901-494-8480 or [bethwillingham@comcast.net](mailto: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.

***Church Family Prayer Program:*** Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Patsy & Jim Carson, Alinda & Charles Fahrenkopf, Erin, Thomas, & Hayden Powell, Jean & Bill Priestler, Martha Stanley, Marty & John Wheeler.

## ***Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements*** ***Week of November 27, 2022***



### ***It's Christmas in the Library!***

Come by the Library and check out the Advent studies, devotionals, fiction, children's stories and much more. Library hours are Sunday-Thursday 9am-12pm.

***Hits of the Ages Sunday School*** is starting a new 4-week Advent series this Sunday morning, November 27, 2022. We welcome anyone interested in participating. Their study of Isaiah will resume on January 8, 2023.

### ***Germantown Career Support and Networking***

**Next meeting is Monday, November 28, 6:30- 8:00 p.m.**

**Community Room (in basement of the Chapel Building)**

We regularly meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday each month to assist people pro bono in career networking, interviewing skills, and general support during times of job/career transition or loss.

*If you enter the building from the parking lot on the west side, the Community Room is straight ahead.*

*The doors will unlock at 6:00 p.m. and will automatically secure at 6:50 p.m.*

Visit <https://germantownpres.org/ministries/career-support/> for more information or email Carlin Stuart at [CarlinStuart@gmail.com](mailto:CarlinStuart@gmail.com).



# 2022 ADVENT DINNER & DEVOTIONAL SERIES

A COMPASS MINISTRIES EVENT

**4 FESTIVE WEDNESDAYS!**

**NOV 30 • DEC 7 • DEC 14 • DEC 21**

**5:30 -7:00 P.M.**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER TODAY.**



GERMANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

# *Sounds of the Season*

*featuring Soprano*

*Kallen  
Esperian*



WITH  
GARY BEARD,  
PIANIST

ALSO FEATURING:  
THE GPC CHANCEL CHOIR,  
THE GPC SOLOISTS  
& CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY,  
DEC. 4, 2022  
2:30 P.M.





## THREE CHURCH ADVENT PROCESSION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Procession begins at GUMC

## MATTHEW'S MESSIAH

Sunday Evening Advent Series, Led by Pastor Mike Lyle

Due to holiday weekend,  
we will not meet this  
Sunday, November 27.

The series will continue  
next Sunday, December 4  
at 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor



GERMANTOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN  
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The GPC  
Chancel Choir  
presents

# Magnificat

Sunday  
Dec. 4, 2022

The Hymn of the  
Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. service performances.  
Choir will be accompanied by a full chamber orchestra.



## Christmas Organ Concert

Sunday  
December 11,  
2:30 p.m.

by GPC's own  
*Dr. Alex  
Benford*



## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE



Bible Lesson & Craft

Wednesday, Nov. 30 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Warren Hall

Why God's stories throughout  
the Bible help us to overcome fear.

Bring a lunch and come enjoy time  
with our loving community  
and enjoy the Bible Lesson and craft



christmas extravaganza

**SAT, DEC 3, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Christmas activities, crafts  
& movies for the kids!

Open to Infants - 5th grade  
Children must be registered  
by Tuesday, November 29.  
Scan QR Code to Register.



Questions?

Email Blair Hayes, GPC Kids Director  
at [blairh@gpctn.org](mailto:blairh@gpctn.org)

## CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR SUNDAY DEC. 11

Middle Schoolers are invited to the Owens' Home  
(9180 Forest Estates Cv) for a Festive evening  
including amazing food & gift swap for the ages!



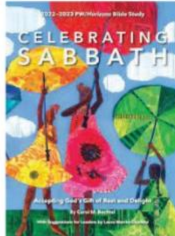
**Sunday, December 18**

High Schoolers are invited to  
GPC for a night of yuletide joy!



# CIRCLES MEETINGS

Tue, Dec 6, 10 a.m.



Circle #1 - UL215

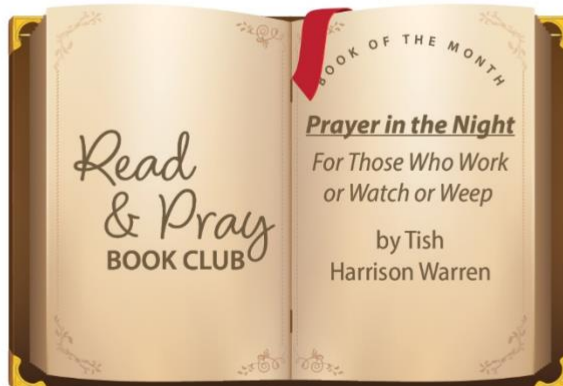
Circle #2 - UL216

Circle #3 - UL217

Circle #4 (Night Circle)  
Parlor 6:30 pm

**We are on Lesson 4 - Sabbath & Surrender**

*Interested in joining PW? please contact  
Brenda Jeter, [bjeter3044@gmail.com](mailto:bjeter3044@gmail.com) or  
Ellie Goughnour, [elliegoughnour@att.net](mailto:elliegoughnour@att.net).*



**Monday, December 12th  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m., GPC Parlor**

This book offers a prayerful and frank approach to the difficulties in our ordinary lives at work, at home, and in a world filled with uncertainty.

## *Giving*

Even if you're not here physically, you can give to support the ministries of GPC. If you have questions or need more information, contact Amber Miller in the church office, **901-754-5195** or **amberm@gpctn.org**

### **TEXT 901-295-0202**

Text the amount you want to give and set up a one-time or recurring payment

### **MAIL CHECKS TO**

2363 S Germantown Rd, Germantown, TN 38138

### **GIVE PLUS CHURCH APP**

Download the app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone.

### **WEB SITE:**

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



## *Church Staff*

Alex Benford

*Organist & Music Associate*

Karen Schowalter Cooper

*Coordinator of Children's Choirs*

Ann DeVere

*Church Secretary/Receptionist*

Jennifer Gentry

*Director of Weekday Preschool*

Christopher Greco

*Director of Youth Ministry*

Blair Hayes

*Director of Children's Ministry*

John Johnson

*Worship Leader, Musician*

Will Jones

*Pastor*

Mike Lyle

*Associate Pastor for Evangelism & Discipleship*

Amber Miller

*Business & Facilities Administrator*

Craig Patterson

*Communications Director*

Angie Richardson

*Curriculum Coordinator to Children's Ministry*

Tom Sauer

*Lay-Pastor to Senior Adults*

Randy Smith

*Maintenance Technician*

Jerold Teachey

*Director of Music Ministry*

Moirra Tescher

*Financial Secretary*

Stephanie Wall

*Bereavement Specialist*

Susan Carter Wiggins

*Associate Pastor for Care & Nurture*

Jackie Williams

*Director of Special Needs Ministry*

Carl Woods

*Maintenance Assistant*

Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.

