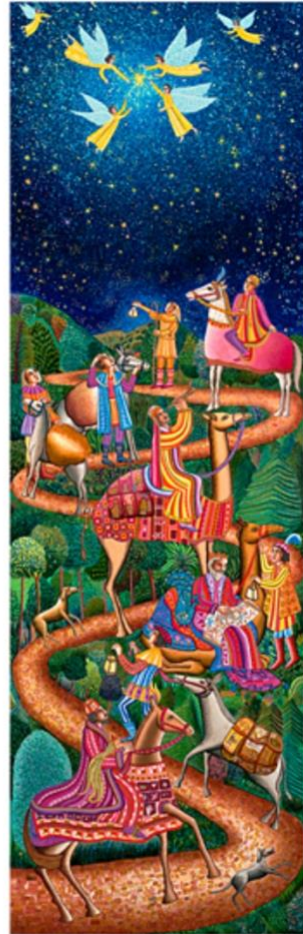




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*December 25, 2022*

*11:00 A.M.*

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*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Silent Night*

arr. David Marlatt

Kyle and Melissa Millsap, trumpets

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Dr. Jones

CANDLE LIGHTING RESPONSE

*Candles Glowing*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Can-dles glow - ing, pro-mise show - ing Je-sus born a ba-by small. Hosts re -  
joic - ing, shep-herds voic - ing: praising Christ the Lord of all. God is with us, shout ho -  
san - na, raise a chor - us, sing-ing ev - er: Praising Christ the Lord of all! Praising  
Christ the Lord of all!

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Jones

Leader: Christ is born. God is here. Let us rejoice in worship.

**People: Alleluia! Praise the Lord, the God of our salvation.**

Leader: Jesus is among us. God is with us. We worship Emmanuel.

**People: Alleluia! Sing praise to God for all His goodness.**

Leader: Shout with joy. Give thanks and sing. Celebrate the Incarnate Word.

**People: Christ is born! Let us worship the babe of Bethlehem.**

**\*HYMN 22**

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Holy Incarnate God, by the light of your goodness and mercy, we see where we have neglected you and our faith. In your true light, we see clearly our own shortcomings: we have not always loved you as you desire; we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, and show us your truth, so that we may clearly see your will and walk in the way of our incarnate Lord, Jesus Christ.**

*(Time of silent personal confession)*

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GLORIA



\*SHARING OF GRACE

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

**People: And also with you.**

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Dr. Will Jones

ANTHEM

*On Christmas Night*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Paul Manz

## ***THE WORD***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 1:18-25 (pew Bible page 783)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Waiting Well: Mission Accomplished*

Dr. Jones

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (from *A Declaration of Faith*)

Rev. Mike Lyle

**We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through His birth, life, death, and resurrection, He brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. 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

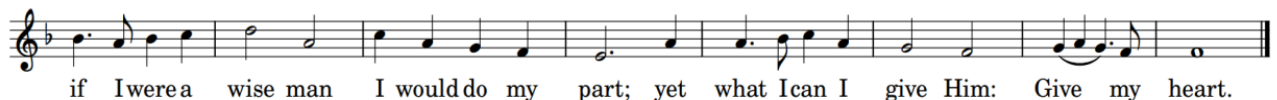
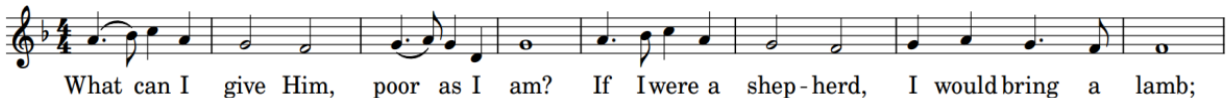
OFFERTORY

*Sweet Little Jesus Boy*  
Donna Morley, soprano

Robert MacGimsey

\*OFFERING RESPONSE

CRANTHAM



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Lyle

## ***SENDING***

\*HYMN 29

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

\*POSTLUDE

*Ye Merry Gents*  
Kyle and Melissa Millsap, trumpets

arr. David Marlatt

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## ***Worship Arts Notes***

***On the cover:*** *Nativity Triptych*, John August Swanson, 1988. Used with permission.

## ***WORSHIP TODAY***

***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, 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.

***Church Family Prayer Program:*** Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Helen & Nick Brown, Judy & Bill Carmichael, Kallen Esperian, Wendy, Stewart, Anderson & Audrey Holmes, Kim, Lewis, Josh & Sara Perkins, Phyl & Austin Simmons, Jessie, Bret, Brett & Abby Wells.

## ***Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements*** ***Week of December 25, 2022***

### **Church office closed**

In honor of the season, the church office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 1.

### **Year End Giving for 2022**

Just a reminder that all giving to GPC for 2022 must be in by Friday, December 29. Due to staff vacations and schedules, we would ask for all donations to be in by Wednesday, December 27. If you have questions, contact the church office at 901-754-5195 or email Amber at [amberm@gpctn.org](mailto:amberm@gpctn.org).

### **Sunday Worship, January 1, 2023**

We will have our 11:00 a.m. service next Sunday morning. No 8:30 a.m. or evening service.

### **Sunday Evening Worship resumes in 2023 with new format, time and place!**

Evening Worship will resume on January 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the Evans Chapel. Join us for what will be rich worship experience in music, prayer, and contemplation.



There will be no childcare for Sunday, Dec. 25 or Sunday, Jan. 1, we will resume Sunday, January 8. Please let our GPC Kids Director Blair Hayes [blairh@gpctn.org](mailto:blairh@gpctn.org) know if you have any questions.  
*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*



### **Presbyterian Women Circles, Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

- Circle #1 - UL215
- Circle #2 - UL216
- Circle #3 - UL217,
- Circle #4 (night circle) - Parlor 6:30

Our book is Horizons Bible Study *Celebrating Sabbath - Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*  
We are on Lesson 5 - Sabbath and Servitude

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

No meeting Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, due to Christmas break.  
We will re-start our regular schedule on Monday, January 9, 2023!

## ***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](mailto: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](http://Germantownpres.org/giving) or scan the QR code to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts



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



## *Church Staff*

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Alex Benford            | <i>Organist &amp; Music Associate</i>                     |
| Karen Schowalter Cooper | <i>Coordinator of Children's Choirs</i>                   |
| Ann DeVere              | <i>Church Secretary/Receptionist</i>                      |
| Jennifer Gentry         | <i>Director of Weekday Preschool</i>                      |
| Christopher Greco       | <i>Director of Youth Ministry</i>                         |
| Blair Hayes             | <i>Director of Children's Ministry</i>                    |
| John Johnson            | <i>Worship Leader, Musician</i>                           |
| Will Jones              | <i>Pastor</i>   |
| Mike Lyle               | <i>Associate Pastor for Evangelism &amp; Discipleship</i> |
| Amber Miller            | <i>Business &amp; Facilities Administrator</i>            |
| Craig Patterson         | <i>Communications Director</i>                            |
| Angie Richardson        | <i>Curriculum Coordinator to Children's Ministry</i>      |
| Tom Sauer               | <i>Lay-Pastor to Senior Adults</i>                        |
| Randy Smith             | <i>Maintenance Technician</i>                             |
| Jerold Teachey          | <i>Director of Music Ministry</i>                         |
| Moira Tescher           | <i>Financial Secretary</i>                                |
| Stephanie Wall          | <i>Bereavement Specialist</i>                             |
| Susan Carter Wiggins    | <i>Associate Pastor for Care &amp; Nurture</i>            |
| Jackie Williams         | <i>Director of Special Needs Ministry</i>                 |
| Carl Woods              | <i>Maintenance Assistant</i>                              |



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