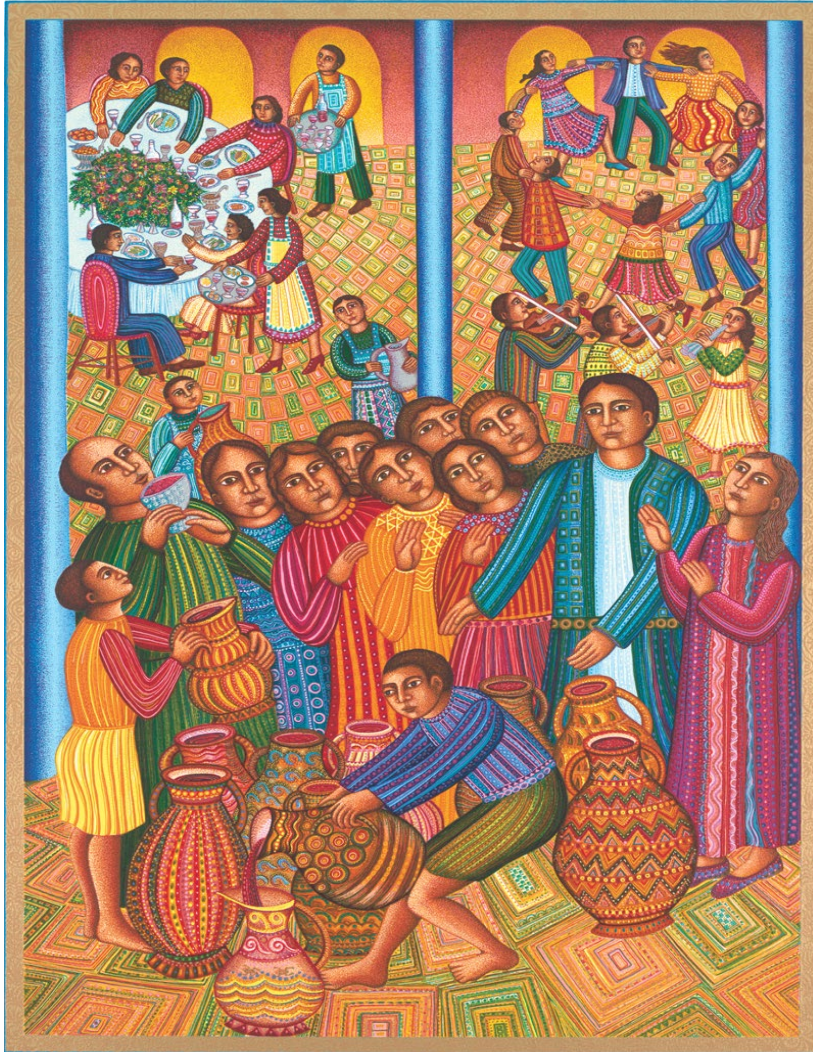




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January 1, 2023

11:00 A.M.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman
Benjamin Sims, piano

traditional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

INTROIT

I Wonder as I Wander
Alia Sims, violin Benjamin Sims, piano

John Jacob Niles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Willingham

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before our God with joyful songs.

People: There is joy in this place!

Leader: God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

People: God reaches out to us in forgiveness and compassion.

Leader: Give thanks to God! Praise God's Holy name!

ALL: Let us worship God with joy in this place!

*HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy God, how we must try your patience! We often doubt when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life, so we place ourselves at the very center of our own universe.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith.

(Time of personal prayer)

Leader: Through Christ our Lord 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 THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

ANTHEM

O Love, How Deep
Chancel Choir

Kathy Gladen Johnson

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bethany Grenfell

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 107:1-9 (pew Bible pg. 487)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: John 2:1-11 (pew Bible pg. 863)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Being Changed in the Waiting”

Ms. Grenfell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – (from *The Iona Community*)

Rev. Wiggins

We believe in God: Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Wiggins

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

Cassandra's Lullaby
Rosalyn Lake, soprano

Mark Fax

*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

In Cana at a Wedding Feast

ELLACOMBE



1. In Ca - na at a wed - ding feast, Christ worked his first great sign.
2. The blind, the poor, the out - cast too, found Christ to be their friend.
3. O Lord, we see your won - drousigns and know through faith - filled eyes:



There Je - sus' mo - ther told her son, "They don't have a - ny wine!" He
"Have mer - cy!" Bar - ti - mae - us said. "I want to see a - gain." With
You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that sa - tis - fies. You



called for six stone wa - ter jars; they filled them to the brim;
great com - pas - sion and with grace, Christ gave him back his sight.
give clear vi - sion to your church, you make the wound - ed whole.



Through wa - ter changed to wine that day, his friends be - lieved in him.
Through deeds of pow - er, deeds of love, he filled our world with light.
You gives us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in con - trol!

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Ms. Grenfell

*POSTLUDE

Marche Nuptiale, Op. 77 No. 2

Alexandre Guilmant

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WORSHIP ARTS

On the cover: John August Swanson. *Wedding Feast*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Today's sending hymn: Tune: *Gesangbuch der Herzoglich Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784 ("I Sing the Mighty Power of God"; "Hail To the Lord's Anointed") Text: Copyright © 1999 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

Today's guest preacher: Bethany Grenfell, a native of California, is a 2022 graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary, and a candidate to become a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Bethany serves in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and hopes to become an Air Force Chaplain in the future. She, and her husband Harry Mills, moved to Memphis in the summer of 2022 for Bethany to begin a one-year Chaplain Residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Bethany is grateful to the ministers and congregation of GPC for affording her many opportunities to participate in worship, Sunday school, Presbyterian Women, and the 2022 Women's Retreat.

WORSHIP TODAY

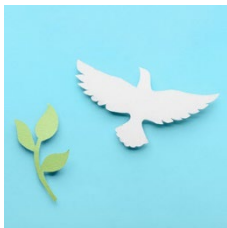
Welcome to worship today at Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We are so glad you can join our service today; we are truly glad God brought you here!

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.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements
Week of January 1, 2023

The church office will be closed tomorrow, January 2nd



Grief Support Group

Regular monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Although this ministry is not professional counseling or therapy, it is an opportunity for those who are going through the grief and bereavement journey, to gain comfort, encouragement, and support. Grieving is the normal expression of sorrow associated with the loss of a loved one, and no one has to walk through this journey alone.

Contact Stephanie Wall at 901-494-7786 or stephaniwall@hotmail.com for more information.

Germantown Career Support and Networking

Next meeting is Monday, January 9th, 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.

For more information email Carlin Stuart at CarlinStuart@gmail.com.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 10a.m. in room 216.

This year we will be studying the book of John using the N.T. Wright study guide. *Everyone is Welcome!* This class does not have a teacher. We all read the scripture and answer the questions in the study guide before the class. Participants share thoughts or just listen & learn.

Contact Jean Carroll at Jeancarroll1@comcast.net or 901-755-6950 (home), or 901-674-6950 (cell) for more information and to order a \$10 study guide.



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

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Church Staff

Alex Benford	<i>Organist & 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>
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Jackie Williams	<i>Director of Special Needs Ministry</i>
Carl Woods	<i>Maintenance Assistant</i>

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



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