



GERMANTOWN  
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*January 29, 2023*

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

[WWW.GPCTN.ORG](http://WWW.GPCTN.ORG)

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*Please silence electronic devices.*

## ***GATHERING***

PRELUDE

*Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten*

Georg Böhm

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 5:1-12)

Billie Work (8:30)  
Brenda Jeter (11:00)

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,

**People: They will rejoice in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving,

**People: They will be comforted in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness,

**People: They will find it in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs,

**People: We will live in God's reign forever.**

Leader: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

**All: Let us worship together, serving one another and serving our Mighty God. Amen.**

\*HYMN 466

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (Psalm 15:2-4, in unison)

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.**

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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.**

## TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Dr. Will Jones

ANTHEM (11:00)

*I Sought the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Karen Marroli

*I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.*

*It was not I that found, O Savior true, no, I was found of thee.*

*Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold, I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea.*

*'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold as thou, dear Lord, on me.*

*I find, I walk, I love, but, oh, the whole of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!*

*For thou wert long beforehand with my soul, always thou lovedst me.*

## *THE WORD*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Micah 6:6-8 (pew Bible pg. 757)

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (pew Bible pg. 926)

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12 (pew Bible pg. 785)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Gift of Poetic Challenge*

Rev. Wiggins

## *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Brief Statement of Faith)

Rev. Mike Lyle

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: healing the sick binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering**

the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Summer Mission Trips to Mexico and Ghana

Eddie Batey and Beth Brock

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Jones

**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

*Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth* (from *Elijah*)  
Jeffrey Day, tenor

Felix Mendelssohn

*Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.  
Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away for ever.*

\*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. Lyle

## ***SENDING***

\*HYMN 434

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Wiggins

\*POSTLUDE

*Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten*

Georg Böhm

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## *Worship Arts Notes*

**On the cover:** Laura James. *Sermon on the Mount*, 2010, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

### *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](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 Barbara & Bill Armstrong, Joyce & Gordon Cochran, Jeff Day, Sally, John, Campbell, & Thomas Humphrey, Donna & Steve Morley, Courtney, Jay, & Sarah Page

### *Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements* *Week January 29, 2023*

**The Session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation, Sunday, January 29,** immediately following the 11:00 o'clock worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the business is to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and the Stewardship Committee.

Next week, the Nominating Committee will make its report to the congregation with the following church members nominated to serve the congregation. Deacon nominees are Kevin Cullum, Larry Hak, Suzanne Ray, Seth Regenold, Tracy Smith, Mike Zachry, and Andrew Miller (youth). Elder nominees are Judy Carmichael, Cindy Cleveland, Jeff Cook, Jill Crocker, September Eason, Steve Jackson, Donna Morley, Chuck Utterback, and Bryce Duke (youth). Nominating Committee nominees are Elizabeth Wilson, Neal Horner, and Julianne Hurley (youth).



## Spring 2023 Emmaus Walks

**Men: February 16-19 (Thu-Sun)**

**Women: March 2-5 (Thu-Sun)**

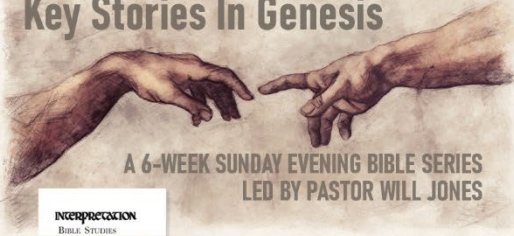
The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it

means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus Community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, supports the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk usually begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

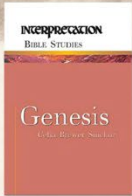
Several GPC members have attended the Emmaus Walk, and for more information contact Will Jones, Drayton Mayers, or Beth Brock, or visit the Emmaus website:

[www.memphisemmaus.org](http://www.memphisemmaus.org).

## Key Stories In Genesis



A 6-WEEK SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE SERIES  
LED BY PASTOR WILL JONES



**Week 4: Abraham & Isaac**  
Sunday, January 29, 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Upstairs classroom, Evans Chapel



GPC Children's Music and Arts Program for kids ages 4-5th grade

### Practice on Sundays

Jan 29, Feb 5, 12, 19

3:30-4:30 p.m., Noah's Ark Room

### Children's Sunday Performance

Feb 26, 11:00 a.m. service

For more info, contact Alex Benford, alexb@gpctn.org



Bring your kids for a night of fun  
and enjoy a night out on your own!

**Friday, FEB 17, 6-9 p.m.**

**Infants - 5th grade**

**Registration opens TUE, JAN 31**



## Play Days and Times

Please check GPC website  
due to possible schedule changes

<b>Monday</b>	<b>2:00 - 5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2:00 - 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2:00 - 5:00 p.m.</b>



**Bible Lesson & Craft**

Wednesday • Feb 1, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. • Activity Center



**Topic:**  
**God chose Abram for a special job.**

Bring a lunch and come enjoy.



## AMPlify

**2 Thursday  
rehearsals  
per week!**

Activity Center

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Come share in the joy!

# Youth Auction

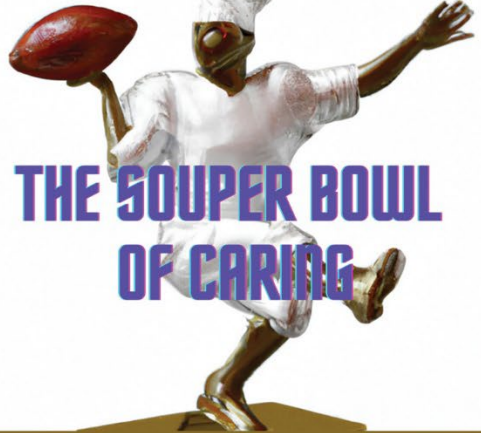
Mark your calendars for our favorite event on March 5!

Want to donate an auction item?  
Scan here to sign up! →



← Want to donate a baked good?  
Scan here to sign up!

**Auction starts at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 5.**  
Doors opening at 5:30pm. Tickets will be sold in February.  
\$20 for Adults, \$10 for Students (6-12 Grade),  
\$5 for Kids (3 years-5 Grade)  
\$50 Maximum cost per family!



## THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

### BRING YOUR CASH AND CHANGE ON FEB 12 FOR MID-SOUTH FOOD BANK

Join GPCYouth as they collect money for the Mid-South Food Bank following all three worship services on Sunday, February 12. Students will collect change and cash following the 8:30am, 11:00am, and 5:00pm services. Students will celebrate the success that night at a Super Bowl Party from 5:00pm to Halftime.

### GPC STUDENT MINISTRY SPRING 2023 YOUTH MEAL SIGN UP

If you wish to serve food to the Student Ministry this Spring, scan the QR code to sign-up.



## THE SUPER BOWL PARTY

The most important thing to happen on a Sunday (other than church of course) is coming to GPC! GPC Youth is hosting a Super Bowl Party for students in 6th through 12th Grade.

**On February 12 at 5pm,**  
the big game, food, and games will all be in Warren Hall.  
Scan the QR code above to sign up to bring food.



## GPC STUDENT MINISTRY RETREAT REGISTRATION

**PYC (Pinecrest) • Feb 24-26**  
(registration ends Feb 17)

**Montreat (High School) • June 10-17**  
(registration ends Feb 20)

**CIY (Middle School) • June 29-July 2**  
(registration ends Feb 20)



Scan the QR Code or visit  
[germantownpres.org/ministries/student-ministry](http://germantownpres.org/ministries/student-ministry)  
for links to each event.