

February 25, 2024
8:30A.M. & 11:00A.M.

**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

D. L. White

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 131)

David Paris (8:30)

Leader: My heart is not proud, O Lord, nor are my eyes haughty;

Garrett Guynes (11:00)

People: I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me.

Leader: For I have calmed and quieted myself,

People: I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content.

All: Let us worship God here in this place with contentment in our hearts.

*HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA



1. Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side! Bear pa-tient - ly the cross of grief or
2. Be still, my soul, thy God doth un - der - take to guide the fu - ture as He has the
3. Be still, my soul, the hour is has - t'ning on when we shall be for - ev - er with the



pain; Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide in ev'-ry change He
past; Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake, All now mys - te - rious
Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, Sor-row for - got, love's



faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heav'n - ly Friend,
shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus, but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray, and by the power of Holy Spirit, free us for sincere repentance, and may we then, follow and serve the Lord our God in thought, word, and deed. *(time of silent confession)*

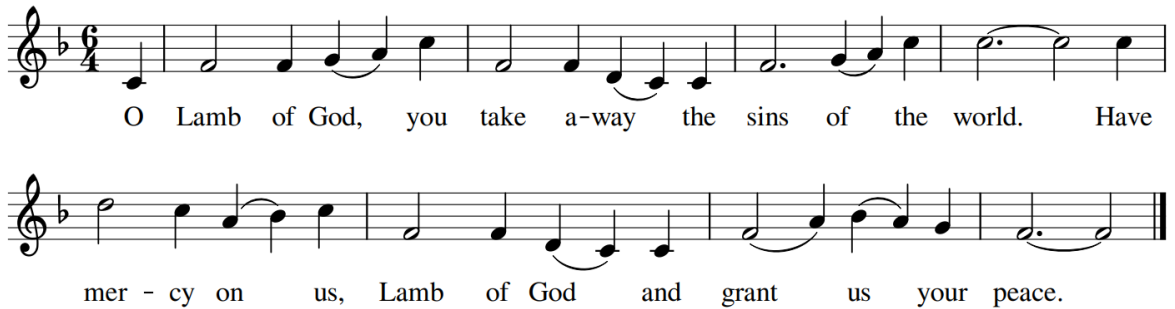
Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

LAND OF REST



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)

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Chancel Choir

Christopher Gilliam

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (pew Bible pg. 11)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:31-38 (pew Bible pg. 820)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Power of Sacrifice: What Matters Most

Rev. Wiggins

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Dr. Jones

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 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.

In a broken and fearful world, Holy Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by Holy Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new hearth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Rising Together Foundation

Judd Peters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Greatest Among Us

Sally Deford

*He came as a servant, this King among men, to lift and to heal by the power in his hand. He labored unceasingly knowing our need, and he calls us to follow in spirit and deed.
The greatest among us taught us to love, to serve one another as he willingly served.
And if I would follow him such is my call, for the greatest among us was the servant of all.
The greatest among us nourished the weak, brought hope to the hopeless, and joy to the meek.
The sufferer never beseeched him in vain. May I follow the Master in kindness unfeigned.
Jesus, to whom all dominion is giv'n humbled himself in the service of all.
And he calls through the ages, "Come, follow me." I will follow the Master where e'er he may lead.*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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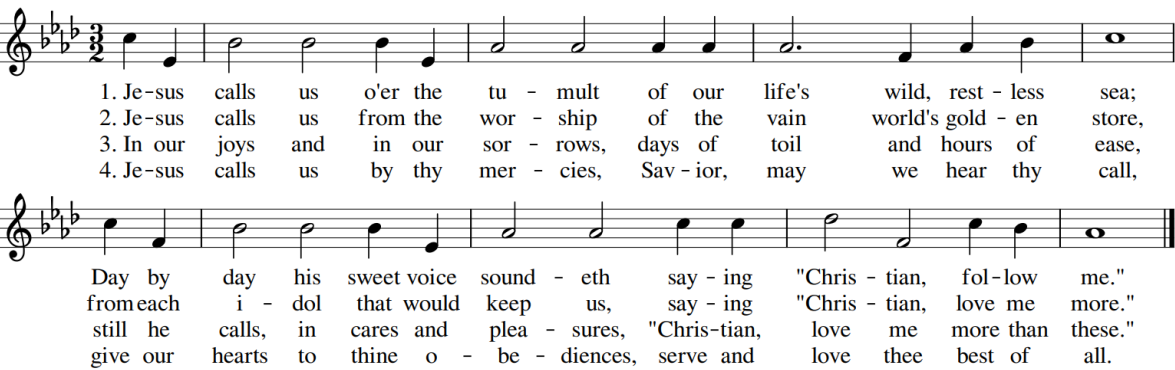
For each per-fect gift of Thine to our world so free-ly giv'n, Gra-ces hu-man and Di-vine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of Heav'n: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our sac-ri - fice of praise.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

GALILEE



1. Je-sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest - less sea;
2. Je-sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store,
3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
4. Je-sus calls us by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we hear thy call,
Day by day his sweet voice sound - eth say - ing "Chris - tian, fol-low me."
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing "Chris - tian, love me more."
still he calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
give our hearts to thine o - be - diences, serve and love thee best of all.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Wiggins

*POSTLUDE

Go Down, Moses

arr. W. C. Handy

Worship Arts 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!

Music: Hymns today are from *Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal*.

In celebration of Black History Month, we proudly feature contributions to the sacred music repertoire by Black composers during the month of February. Composer, musician and music publisher William Christopher Handy (1873-1958) was born in Florence, Alabama. Better known by his initials “W. C.” he came to be known as the “father of the blues.” In 1938, Handy published his own collection of spirituals, and a year later the New York World’s Fair named him a leading contributor to American culture.

Composer and organist D. L. White (b. 1930) is a native of Los Angeles. He has served various Baptist and AME congregations throughout his life.

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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. *Grief counseling is also available to those in need. Call the church office for more information.*



Interested in joining GPC? For more information, contact Debbie Ragain at 847-406-8846 or email her at ragaindeb@msn.com. You can also scan the QR code to leave us your information and we will contact you.

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Lisa & Rob Clapper (Lily, James), Sherry & Bud Hurley (Jake, Julianne, Lauren), Susan & Will Jones (Grace, Lelia & Mary), Betsy & Noell Moseley, Agnes Thomas, Shelby Montague & Jeff Winer (Adelyn & Johnathan Winer), Billie & Dan Work

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements
Week of February 25, 2024

Sunday 2/25	Monday 2/26	Tuesday 2/27	Wednesday 2/28	Thursday 2/29	Friday 3/1	Saturday 3/2
8:30a Early Service	10:00a DAR Mtg - Warren Hall	10:00a Staff Mtg - UL218	11:00a Friendship Circle - AC	11:00a Imagine That! - WHall	6:30a Men's Breakfast - WH	9:00a-8:00p Pickleball - AC
9:40a Sunday Schools	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room	11:30a AMPLify - Sanctuary	10:00a AA Mtg
11:00a Late Service	2:00p-5:00p Pickleball - AC	2:00-8:00p Pickleball - AC	2:00p-8:00p Pickleball - AC	2:00p-5:00p Pickleball - AC	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room	12:00p AA Mtg
12:00- 5:00p Pickleball - Activity Center	6:30p Career Networking Grp - Comm. Room	5:30p Communi-cations Mtg - Conference Rm	5:30p-8:00p Dinner & Dinks - AC & WH	6:00p Zumba - Activity Center	2:00p-5:00p Pickleball - AC	6:00p Men's Choir Recital - Sanctuary
12:00p AA Mtg - Community Rm	6:30p Cub Scouts - WHall		7:00p Choir Rehearsal		6:00p Fast Forward - AC	
3:00p Elder Training - WH	7:00p Boy Scouts - AC					
3:30p Worship Works - Blue Room	7:00p Ridgeway HS Concert - Sanctuary					
4:00p Bible Study - Chapel Classroom						
5:00p Evening Service - Chapel						



TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a night of fun and friendly competition with team trivia hosted by Cerrito Entertainment. The questions will cover a wide range of topics for all generations, plus there will be pizza and prizes!

MARCH 2 2024

Adults and Youth (6th grade up)
6:00-8:00pm
in Warren Hall

Sign up at www.GPCsignup.com or scan here:

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

A NEW 4-WEEK SERIES
Beginning
Sunday, March 3
4:00-4:45 p.m.

2nd floor, Chapel classroom

Come join us as we deepen our faith through study and fellowship. We are beginning a 4-week study to explore the writing of preeminent Bible scholar and author Frederick Buechner. Buechner has written over 30 works of both fiction and non-fiction. He is often quoted in sermons and Bible studies. Each week you are also invited to stay for Sunday Evening Worship at 5:00 in the chapel.

Books are available now in the Chapel Classroom
We will pre-read and discuss together.

March 3	Chapter 1
March 10	Chapter 2
March 17	Chapter 3
March 24	Chapter 4

MEXICO

CISTERN MISSION TRIP

Mon-Sat, June 10-15, 2024

Email Will Jones at willj@gpctn.org if you are interested in joining the team, a deposit of \$250 is due by Fri, Apr 10.



SAVE THE DATES
APRIL 26-28

Registration Coming Soon!

WORSHIPWORKS

Children's Choir (age 4-5th grade)

Spring Practice Schedule:

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

Sundays: Feb 25 • Mar 3, 17 & Sat, Apr 6



Creation Celebration!

STUDENT MINISTRY MISSION TRIPS



Registration for the High School trip to Puerto Rico and the Middle School Trip to the Gulf Coast close on Thu, Feb. 29. Scan the QR for more info.



FAST FORWARD



4th-6th graders

Friday, March 1, 6:00 p.m.

Theme: Neon/Glow "Slime"

Youth Group Meals

Sign up to provide a Sunday evening meal!



MEMPHIS JOY PROM

LUKE 14:12-14

Early registration for first time guests opens Mon, Feb 26 at joylife901.org/mjp



Volunteer signups are now open.

Germantown Career Support & Networking

Monday, February 26
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Chapel Community Room

Doors on west side unlock at 6 pm and relock at 6:50 pm.

DINNER & DINKS

WED, FEB 28
5:30-8:00 PM

ACTIVITY CENTER & WARREN HALL



EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SAT, MARCH 23

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

7599 Poplar Pike

(next to Germantown Presbyterian Church)



GAMES • CRAFTS • EGG HUNT
PETTING ZOO • KONA ICE & MUCH MORE!



Volunteers & candy are needed!

Scan the QR above or visit gpctn.org to find out more about helping out. Individually wrapped candy can be dropped off at the church in the baskets in the Welcome Center and the AC Lobby.