

*All who are able are invited to stand.

Please silence electronic devices.

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Baroques: Sarabande

Seth Bingham

(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 37)

David Martin (8:30) Drayton Mayers (11:00)

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers.

People: They will soon fade like the grass and wither like the dead herb.

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

People: Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.

People: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

*HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, we confess that it is hard for us to be still. Rather than wait patiently for you, we try to fill the voids with many things: with entertainment, with sports, with shopping, with consuming. We want quick delivery. We insist on instant gratification. We demand immediate satisfaction. We confess that our deficit of patience causes us to sin. Have mercy on us. Teach us the virtue of waiting patiently for you, for with you is the fulfillment that our hearts crave.

(Time of silent examination, petition, and reflection)

Leader: We pray in the name Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

*SHARING OF GRACE

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

People: And also with you.

(Please greet those near you with an expression of grace as we worship together.)

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS (11:00)

ANTHEM (11:00)

Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me
Chancel Choir

Gwyneth Walker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:41-51

Pew Bible page 833 Adventure Bible page 1126

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14; 3:14-17

Pew Bible page 966 & 967 Adventure Bible page 1329 & 1330

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Disciples....Take Faith to Family

Dr. Will Jones

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 (8:30)

Prelude on O Waly Waly
Alex Benford, organ

Andrew Unsworth

(11:00)

Give Me Jesus
Limmie Pulliam, tenor

Moses Hogan

*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

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN 428 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

*POSTLUDE *Baroques: Rhythmic Trumpet* Seth Bingham

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me

Let the life I've lived speak for me. When I come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heavy load, let the life I've lived speak for me. Let the friends I've made speak for me. When I come to the end of the road and I lay down my heavy load, let the friends I've made speak for me. Lay down your burden, and rest with the setting sun. All the beauty of your life will shine when your day is done. Let the love I've shared speak for me. Let the love that I've tried to share, and the burdens I've struggled to bear, all this life of joy and care speak for me.

Today we welcome guest tenor Limmie Pulliam to GPC. Limmie performed last night with the Memphis Symphony and graciously agreed to sing in worship for us today. Since singing with us several years ago, he has been active in opera, oratorio, and with guest appearances with orchestras in the U.S. and Canada. Limmie has won many awards including Artist Division Winner of the National Opera Association's Vocal Competition. His signature role is the title role in Verdi's *Otello*. Limmie trained with renowned vocal pedagogue Richard Miller at Oberlin College Conservatory of Music. A few years ago, he coached with our own Dr. Sandra Franks here at GPC. A warm GPC 'welcome back' to Limmie!

On the cover: *Samuel hears the voice of the Lord*. Artist unknown. From the Bible of Jacques Joseph Tissot, c. 1899. Jewish Museum, New York.

Welcome to worship at Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. If you have any needs or questions, please consult one of the ushers. We are truly glad God brought you here!

Child care for infants and children through age four is provided during Sunday morning services. The nursery is located on the lower level under the Activity Center in the preschool hallway.

Extended care for individuals of all ages with exceptional needs is available during the worship hour as an extension of our special needs ministry. The room downstairs is LL112. Text "ETC" to 901-299-1216 to have a caregiver meet you there.

If you are having difficulty hearing the service or reading the bulletin, please notify an usher. Headsets for additional volume and large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex.

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.

The baby rose on the chancel today is given to the glory of God and celebrates the birth of Carter James Fast who was born on September 23, 2019 to Kelly and Richard Fast.



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