

*All who are able are invited to stand.

Communion Sunday

Please silence electronic devices.

1st Sunday of Advent

BAPTISM RESPONSE (11:00) HYMN 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

KINGDOM

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Gloria: 1. Gloria in excelsis Deo"
(Glory to God in the highest)

John Rutter

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(8:30) Ty, Teresa and Sarah Hardin

(11:00) Katherine Willingham, Audrey Holmes and Ruth Callicott

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

(8:30) Eddie Batey (11:00) Bo Hornberg

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame.

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.

People: According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

*HYMN 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Eternal God, you promise to reveal your glory to us, but we are sinful, anxious, and distracted. You promise to provide peace in our hearts, but we despair. We are worried about things we cannot control. Forgive our lack of faith, O God. Come, long-expected Savior. Sing your songs of good tidings to us from on high. Lift our heads and give us ears to hear, so that we may sing to the world and proclaim the goodness of the Lord.

(Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

THE WORD

*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.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Alice Marie Phillips, daughter of Elizabeth and Brent Phillips.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible p. 550

Adventure Bible p. 754

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible p. 923

Adventure Bible p. 1253

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Plowshares and Pruning Hooks for Christmas

Dr. Will Jones

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

A Shoot Shall Come Forth
Chancel Choir

Richard Horn

*DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

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. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

If you are able, please hold each element until all have been served, and the minister will signal when to partake.

COMMUNION MUSIC (11:00)

Gabriel's Message
Trey Thomas, tenor

Basque folk carol

Gloria: "II. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis"

Rutter

(O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Receive our prayer.)

Soloists: Christina Crouse, Alex Colaizzi, Lexa Ferrill

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING MUSIC

Gloria: "III. Quoniam tu solus sanctus."

Rutter

(For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone, O Jesus Christ, art most high. Together with the Holy Ghost, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Suite: "Gigue"

Johann Christoph Pezel



WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: Advent Starry Night, 1. Virginia Wieringa, 1997. Used with permission.

A Shoot Shall Come Forth (based on Isaiah 11 and 32: 18)

A shoot shall come forth out of Jesse, and a bud shall grow out of His roots. The spirit of life shall be with Him, the spirit of wisdom and truth. *Refrain:* Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard, and the lion eat straw with the ox, for the hand of a Child shall lead them to the peaceable kingdom of God.

From out of the wells of salvation will He draw us the water of life; His waist shall be girdled with justice, the heart of His heart shall be Love. *(Refrain)*

He'll come from the end of His heaven, and the earth shall be torn from its place; our lives shall be filled with His radiance as floodwaters cover the sea. *(Refrain)*

John Rutter's *Gloria* was written in 1974 in response to a commission from The Voices of Mel Olson, a choir based in the USA. The division of the work into three movements – respectively proclamatory, prayerful, and joyfully affirmative – corresponds to the divisions in the text. Most of the melodic material derives from a Gregorian chant associated with this text. The music is simple and direct in style, with the instrumentalists playing an important role as equal partners with the voices.

Music personnel:	<u>Trumpets</u>	<u>Trombones</u>	<u>Tuba</u>	<u>Percussion</u>
	David Spencer	Greg Luscome	Kevin Sanders	Stan Head
	Ben Lewis	Jason Yazinsky		Robert Kessling
	Yiming Zhang	Eddie Clark		
	Anthony Baird			
			<u>Organ</u>	
			Alex Benford	

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!

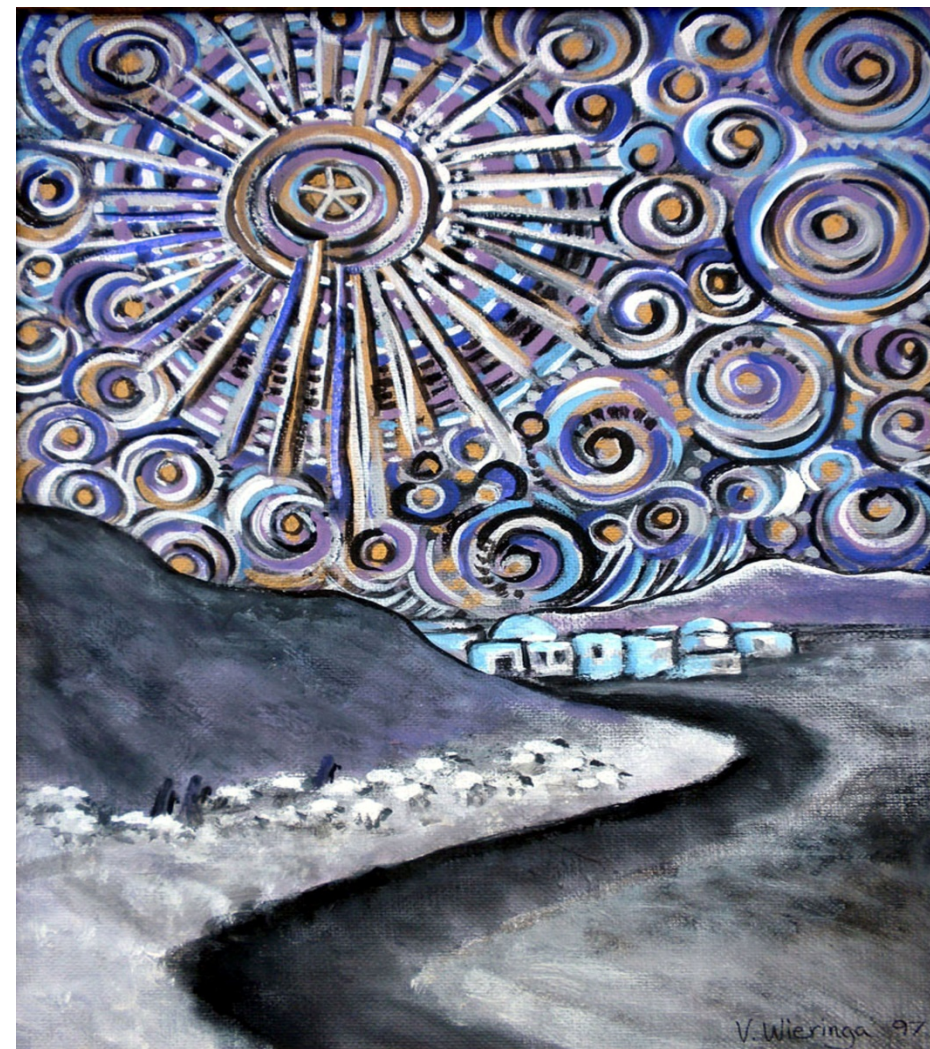
Interested in joining GPC? *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to become a member, please contact Anne Tansil at 901-754-7957, 901-826-5437(cell) or Ltansil@bellsouth.net.

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, or reading the bulletin, please notify an usher. Headsets for additional volume and large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and to celebrate the wedding of Danielle Danforth and Stark Miller who were married in the sanctuary on Saturday, November 30, 2019.



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