

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE.....*Awake, the voice is calling us, BWV 645*.....J.S. Bach
Memphis Brass Quintet
(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE (8:30) Evelyn and Phil Mosley
(11:00) Lalla and John Colmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 85).....(8:30) Bonnie Algee (11:00) Audrey Holmes
Leader: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior, and grant us your salvation.
People: God promises peace to His people, who are His beloved saints.
Leader: The Lord will indeed give what is good. Righteousness goes before Him and prepares the way for His steps.
People: May the Lord make His holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship.
Leader: May we see God’s face and so know peace.
People: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 9.....*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.....VENI EMMANUEL

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)
O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. We’ve kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for His birth each moment in our waiting hearts. Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming. It’s time that we prepare for your arrival. Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love. Let Christ come into the fullness of our time.

(time of silent examination, petition, and reflection)

Leader: We pray in the name Jesus Christ.
People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD

*SHARING OF GRACE *(Please greet those near you with an expression of grace as we worship together.)*
Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Finnimore Patrick Evans, son of Michelle McDaniel Evans and Taylor Patrick Evans
Wesley Calvin Millsap, son of Melissa McDaniel Millsap and Kyle David Millsap

BAPTISM RESPONSE (11:00).....*Baptized in Water*.....BUNESSAN
**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit. Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God’s children, joyfully now God’s praises we sing.**

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

ANTHEM.....*Glory to God in the Highest*.....Randall Thompson
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Allie Trimble

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:10-16
Pew Bible page 554 Adventure Bible page 760

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25
Pew Bible page 783 Adventure Bible page 1052

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....Advent: Into the Unknown.....Rev. Amanda Mackey

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*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.....*Angels We Have Heard on High*.....Julian Wachner
Chancel Choir Memphis Brass Quintet

*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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN (see announcement insert).....*A Christmas Medley*.....arr. Cothern

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE.....*Go Tell It on the Mountain*.....Richard Elliott

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Today we welcome the Memphis Brass to our worship services:

David Spencer & Ben Lewis, trumpets
Dan Phillips, horn
John Mueller, trombone

Eddie Clarke, bass trombone
Stan Head & Robert Kessling, percussion

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The rose on the chancel is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Alexander Weston Askew to parents, Candace and Graham Askew, sister Kate and brother Luke, and grandparents, Amy and Barry Phillips.

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.

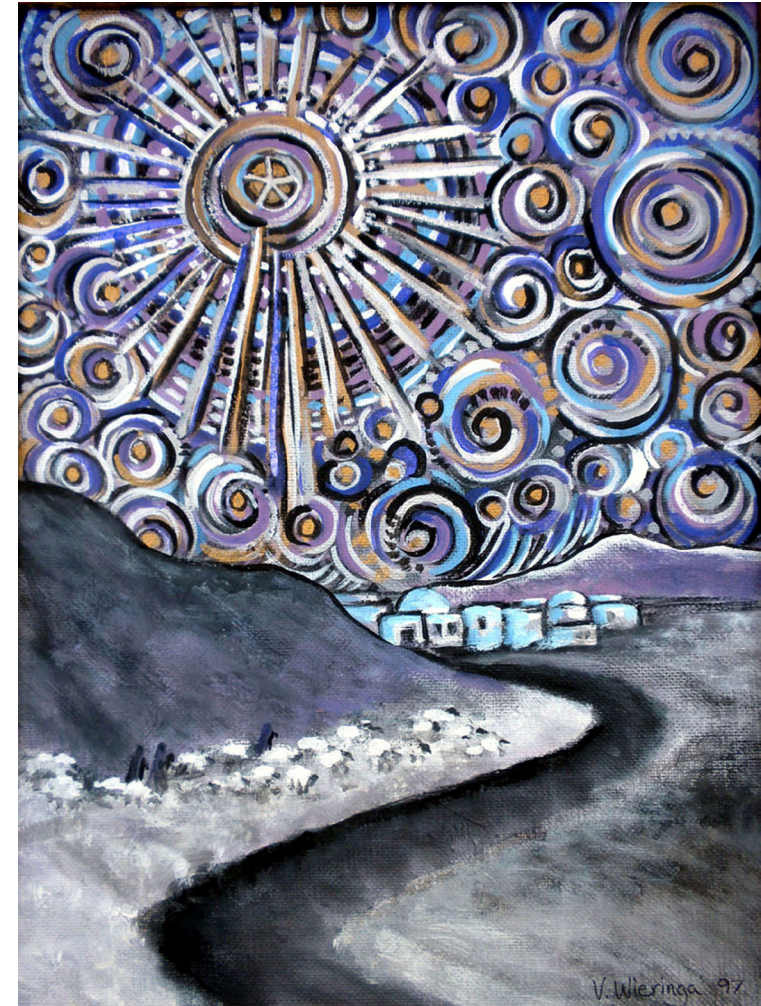
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Extended care for individuals of all ages with exceptional needs is available during the worship hour as an extension of our special needs ministry. The room downstairs is LL112. Text "ETC" to 901-299-1216 to have a caregiver meet you there.

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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.

Safety Measures: For safety reasons, GPC locks the exterior doors approximately 20 minutes after any service or event starts. If you leave the building and require re-entry, please alert an usher to assist you in gaining access back into the building.



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