

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

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

There is a Balm in Gilead

Adolphus Hailstork

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16)

(8:30) David Martin (11:00) Barb Poier

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
People: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”
Leader: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows.
People: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
Leader: I keep the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

*HYMN 488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

God of wisdom and understanding, have mercy on us. We confess that our faith is diluted by distractions. We worry over superficialities. Our trust in you wanes when winds of trouble blow. Please forgive our lack of complete trust in you. Help us to build our lives on the solid rock of your promises. You are trustworthy and true, and we commit ourselves to following you faithfully, today and always.

(Time of silent examination, petition and reflection)

Leader: We pray in the name of 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.

*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.)

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS (11:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12
Pew Bible page 785 Adventure Bible page 1056

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

SERMON

God’s Unbreakable Promises: Blessing

Dr. Will Jones

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Blest Are They
Clara Norell, soprano

David Haas

*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.

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 (8:30)

Prelude on Two Traditional Tunes

Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

(11:00)

Let Us Break Bread Together

Craig Carnahan

Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 369

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I’M GONNA LIVE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

*POSTLUDE

Oh, Freedom

Adolphus Hailstork

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees. (When I fall...) Let us praise God together on our knees. (When I fall...)

In honor of Black History Month, the music for the month of February will present glimpses of the contributions to sacred repertoire by African-American men and women. In addition to the traditional spirituals *Let Us Break Bread* and *I'm Gonna Live*, today's prelude and postlude are from Adolphus Hailstork's suite for organ, *Listen to the Lamb*.

On the cover: Jan Bruegel, 1568-1625. *Sermon on the Mount*, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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!* The next Inquirer's Luncheon will be held today at 12:15 in Warren Hall. For more information on this event, or on how to join, 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, please notify an usher. Headsets for additional volume and large-print bulletins and bibles 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



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