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**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Deep River

Jeffrey Nall

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29)

Dr. Noel Florendo, Liturgist

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

People: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the Lord give strength and bless His people with peace!

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, we confess that we fall short of your expectations of us. We are sinful people, and we confess our guilt. No one else is responsible for our sin. No one else is to blame for what we have done. We freely choose to sin against you and others. We freely choose to disobey you and denigrate others. We freely choose what is wrong, unjust, and immoral. All we can do is ask for your mercy, and all we can do is rely on your grace. Forgive us, we pray, so that we can be healed of our sin, and help us to choose what is good.

(Time of personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

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 remember those who usually sit near you, and pray for them and contact them later today to share your love for them.)

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:1-5; 26-28

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the

darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created humankind in His image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as He was coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on Him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jesus, "Man of Mystery": The Reveal

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – 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

At the River

Aaron Copland

Dr. Jerold Teachey, baritone

*Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.*

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,

*Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.*

***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

SENDING

***HYMN**

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

1 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

3
blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

6
prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

*Christ, unser Herr zum Jordan kam
(Christ, our Lord, to the Jordan came)*

Johann Pachelbel

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: *The Baptism of Christ, II*, Daniel Bonnell, oil on canvas, 2005.

Welcome to worship online and limited onsite with Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We know these are difficult days, and we are so glad you can join our service in the way you feel most comfortable. We are truly glad God brought you here!

Interested in joining GPC? *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to join, please contact Kathleen Boyd at 901-833-3413 or kkboyd@comcast.net.

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.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE AND WOULD LIKE TO, FILL OUT A CARD FROM YOUR PEW AND PUT IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR GO ONLINE TO [GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/2021-PLEDGE-COMMITMENT/](https://germantownpres.org/2021-pledge-commitment/).

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of January 10, 2021

Sign in to the online Friendship Pad [here](#) to indicate you attended the service, whether onsite or online, (and/or to ask the ministers any questions) and thank you for worshipping with us this Sunday.

As part of the Church Family Prayer Program, members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Bonnie Algee; Sandra Franks/Woodie & Johnathan Whited; Ruth Grosshuesch; Jerry Huff; Susan/Chuck Hurt, Charlie; Norma Miles; Jennifer/Bill Prest, Keith Ellis, Metcalf, Walton; Elaine/Bill Skoog.

In January, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:
Grace Presbyterian Church, Bartlett, TN
The Presbytery of the Mid-South, Staff & Volunteers

Note: Any text that is [blue](#) is an active link in the electronic version. You can click on that to go to a webpage or send an email.

GPC NEWS

Church members and friends beware: churches and members are often targeted for scams, especially during the holidays. Please be aware that **no staff member will ever email or text you asking for help or money.**

GPC's Wednesday evening Compass program will not meet in the winter and spring of 2021 due to COVID. Keep watching social media and the website for more Compass details.

Did you know GPC has 2 video channels? We do! And make sure you subscribe! The more subscribers we have, the more we can post! If you missed any of the videos for any reason, you can catch them on either one of these channels.

> Check out the Vimeo channel [here](#)
> and the YouTube channel [here](#).

Help Needed with Worship Services: GPC is looking for volunteers who want to join an ongoing team that will form the core group who works with the audio-visual process of the livestream during Sunday morning and evening worship services. The people already participating will be happy to train you, and all you have to do is learn the user-friendly system. In addition, the volunteer will switch camera views during certain parts of the service for our livestreaming. It's all very easy, and yet vitally important to our expanding Internet presence. Please consider volunteering, and if you are interested you can contact the church office at communications@germantownpres.org.

ADULTS

Women: Membership in Presbyterian Women (PW) is open to all women and strives to help develop the gifts and talents of all women in our church. It's a great way to meet the other women of the church and grow in your faith. Please consider joining in as we unite with other women of the church and commit to helping every woman develop into the person God intends her to be and grow spiritually through prayer, Bible study, and mission work, keeping our hearts open to God's call to action and involvement. Individual Bible Study Circles meet the first Tuesday of every month on Zoom for now with both morning and evening options. For more information please call Nancy Halter, Moderator, 901-454-3268 or Bonnie Algee, Vice Moderator, 901-674-2613.

Men: The men of GPC have resumed Zoom meetings for their Sunrise Men's Breakfast Friday mornings at 6:30am. If you'd like to be involved in that fellowship and Bible study, contact Drayton Mayers at draytonmayers@gmail.com. In addition, the men's lunch devotion group has resumed meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1pm via Zoom, so if you'd like to be plugged into that group, please contact Anthony Duke at anthony.duke@ipaper.com.

Sunday morning adult class limited onsite and online for parents with children in Sunday School: Coffee and Conversations is a hybrid online/limited onsite class that meets from 10:45-11:45am in the blue Noah's ark room in the elementary hallway downstairs following worship. Beginning this Sunday, January 10, join the class any Sunday as Pastor Will leads this group in exploring what it really means to be a disciple of Christ, to revive our call to serve as Christ's disciples, to enhance the ways we call others to discipleship, and simply to enjoy life together in the body of Christ. For Zoom info, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White [here](#).

SPECIAL NEEDS

Jump on board!! The Special Needs Elementary Sunday School class needs you!

We are seeking 2 teachers' assistants to help support some special friends, on a rotational schedule, under the guidance of our exceptional teachers, Mary K. Grantham or Julie Lindow! With your willingness, these special friends, their teachers, and you will receive tremendous joy! And you'll still have the ability to join in our adult Sunday School! If you're interested in volunteering (or have additional questions), please email specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

Get ready for AMPlify!! We are returning from Christmas break and ready to harmonize! **AMPlify** is GPC's PEACE ministry program that allows our specially-abled friends to showcase their gifts and talents through rhythm, melody, and spontaneity. **AMPlify** meets weekly (on Thursdays) under the talented direction of Noel Wilkins! If you have not yet viewed their Christmas special performance, it continues to be available through GPC's Social Media networks (Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo). If you would like more information about **AMPlify**, please email specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

Keep watching this space, the website, and our Social Media networks for upcoming Special Needs events. If you would like to be added to the Special Needs Ministry email list, please email specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

GPC's Breathe/ Parent's Night Out (PNO): Unfortunately, at this time, we're not able to offer PNO, due to increased restrictions relating to COVID-19. We pray this will change soon, because it is our desire to have this program in full swing!! We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding!

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Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming children's events. If you would like to be on the Children's Ministry email list, please contact Family Ministry Director Anna White at children@germantownpres.org.

YOUTH

To participate in the Bible reading plans, youth, here's what you do:

1. Download yourversion
2. Open your yourversion Bible app.
3. Go to the "reading plans."
4. Search "It's Personal."

If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, please email youth@germantownpres.org.

MISSIONS

In case you missed it. (ICYMI)

Resources to help the homeless: There are some terrific ways to help the homeless in the Germantown/Memphis area. If you want to help, please donate and/or give out the numbers listed here:

1. Hospitality Hub - 901-522-1808 info@hospitalityhub.org
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 jseacat@mifa.org

Remember – don't give out anyone's personal number!

Room in the Inn (RITI) Memphis has temporarily suspended housing the homeless due to the rise of COVID. However, donations are always welcome. You can drop off various toiletries in the bin in the Activity Center labelled RITI.

To sign up and/or volunteer to help and/or for more info about other ways you can get involved, email Susan Shirley Hurt at susanshirleyhurt@gmail.com.

UKirk Memphis is a ministry serving the campuses of Rhodes College, the University of Memphis, and beyond. UKirk is a nationwide campus ministry affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in partnership with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We seek to reach, love, and teach college students to be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. In the season of COVID-19, we have pivoted from our normal in-person events to holding our weekly gatherings online for a time of fellowship, conversation, and prayer. We are holding some small socially distant gatherings outdoors, along with providing opportunities for one-on-one conversation with the campus minister. We have also sent care packages to our students as tangible reminders that they are loved! Although we are doing ministry differently this year, its importance in the spiritual lives of our students has not waivered, nor has our need for support from congregations and individuals.

We ask for your prayers for our students as they navigate life in this time. And if you feel called to donate financially, you can do so online at www.ukirkmemphis.com under the "Support Us" tab. There you can also sign up for our quarterly newsletter. If you would rather write a check, you can make it out to the Presbytery of the Mid-South with UKirk in the memo line and send to the Presbytery office at 449 Patterson St. Memphis, TN 38111. UKirk Memphis sends a big thank you to Germantown Presbyterian Church for their continued support of our ministry!

Questions? Contact Rev. Elizabeth Doolin, the UKirk Campus Minister, at ukirk-memphis@gmail.com.

Follow us on social media! On Instagram and Twitter @ UkirkMemphis, and Facebook @ UKirkatMemphis

Our Ghana missions team asks that you pray for good health and safety for our friends in the Upper Presbytery as well as the country of Ghana. Our committee remains in contact with the Upper Presbytery, as they too are being impacted by Covid19. They are behind us in numbers of confirmed cases; however, as we have all witnessed, these numbers will climb.

The Upper Presbytery sends their prayers and well wishes to all members of our GPC church family. Our Ghana missions committee will share their needs as we come to know them. If you feel called to support them, we will share more details soon of how you can. If you have questions, please contact team members Erin Bowden (901-371-7884) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262).

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GPC Prayer Ministry - These times are filled with anxiety and unrest. We as a church want to pray for all our members. There are several ways to request prayer. The website has a prayer request link toward the bottom of the homepage page with praying hands graphic. We also have replenished the pew prayer cards. Just fill them out and put them in the offering plate. Another way is the email that church member Margaret Owens oversees. The address is margaretowens1@aol.com. Or you can also send a prayer request to the pastors at prayers@germantownpres.org. The pastors also pray over all confidential prayer requests. This is a great way for us to get renewed strength during these uncertain times.

GPC offers a Grief Support Ministry. The Grief Support Group isn't meeting together currently, but if you or someone you know needs to talk to someone, note your options below. Contact the church office (901-754-5195) or Stephanie Wall, Certified Grief Counselor, American Academy of Grief Counseling and Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, Grief Recovery Institute (901-494-7786) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262) or Linda Oakes (901-237-6566).

GPC family: please be assured that GPCKids, PEACE the Special Needs Ministry, and GPC Youth all follow the CDC/WHO COVID-19 guidelines to ensure the safety of our participants and our leaders as we resume meeting onsite.

If you're reading this digitally, you can click [here](#) to read the updated policies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White at family@germantownpres.org.

GIVING

Even if you're not here physically, you can give to support the ministries of GPC during this time. For more information please call Fred Turverey in the church office at 901-754-5195.



Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.



Download the "GivePlus Church" app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!