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*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Fantasia on 'Amazing Grace'*

Carlotta Ferrari

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 62)

Mr. Richard Fast, Liturgist

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence; my salvation comes from the Lord.

**People: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from the Lord.

**People: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**People: Trust in the Lord at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.**

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Lord, have mercy upon us. We confess that we are often not strong enough to resist sin. We succumb to unrighteous anger, self-centered pride, and wrong-minded intentions. Our anger is ignoble, our pride is misplaced, and our intentions are selfish. Please forgive us, we humbly pray. In your mercy, show us how to live like Christ, and help us to be the disciples you call us to be.**

*(Time of personal confession)*

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

Mr. Tom Sauer

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 3:1-10

**3** The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of

Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jesus, Man of Mystery: Why Not Follow?

Dr. Jones

### ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

**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

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*  
Shannon Redburn, soprano

Cesareo Gabarain

*Lord, You have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
You only asked me to follow humbly.*

*[Refrain] O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me; Kindly smiling, You’ve called out my name.  
Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me; by Your side I will seek other seas.*

*You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons,  
You will find there, my nets and labor.*

*You, who have fished other waters, You, the longing of souls that are yearning,  
O Loving Friend, You have come to call me.*

\*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***

1. O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3. O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4. O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for-ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear;  
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will.  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser-vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan-der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Prelude in A minor, BWV 559*

attr. J. S. Bach

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## WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: *Jesus appears on the shore - The Calling*, Nicholas Mynheer. <http://www.mynheer-art.co.uk>

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**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](mailto: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.

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**IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE AND WOULD LIKE TO, GO ONLINE TO [GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/2021-PLEDGE-COMMITMENT/](http://GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/2021-PLEDGE-COMMITMENT/) OR CONTACT THE FINANCE OFFICE AND SPEAK TO FRED OR DEBBI – 901-754-5195.**

### Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of January 24, 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: Janet Anderson; Lea/Eric Buring, Dina Ciabattini; Lindsey/Joseph Butler, Adelaide, Chandler; Emily/Larry Hak; Brenda/David Jeter; Jan Petri/Jerold Teachey, Jenna, Sarah, Quin; Anne/Wayne Tansil; Ruth Woodworth.

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.***

## **TIME TO SET THE TABLE!**



*We're kicking off 2021  
With Italian food and fun!*

*Join Us....*

*By signing up for*

**GUESS WHO'S  
ZOOMING TO DINNER!**

*A FOOD and FELLOWSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA!  
Hosted on zoom because,.. we're getting really good at this  
zoom thing, and we need some fun together!*

*Date: Sat. Feb.20.2021*

*Time: 6pm – 8pm*

*RSVP: [here](https://germantownpres.org/guess-whos-zooming-to-dinner/) (or <https://germantownpres.org/guess-whos-zooming-to-dinner/>)*

*After registration, you'll receive a zoom link straight to the party! (From your living room..... So Easy!)*

*Upon arrival, we shall all gather for a "welcome reception" before moving into our smaller "parties." (don't worry, we've got the technology covered, just click your heels together three times and you shall reach your virtual destination!)*

*<<<<<<<< Getting Ready? >>>>>>>>*

*>Dress up (or down) YOUR TABLES AND YOURSELVES*

*>Order up (or cook up a feast) of your FAVORITE FOOD!*

*(The theme is Italian, but we won't judge!)*

***WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!***

**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](mailto: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](mailto:draytonmayers@gmail.com). In addition, the men's lunch devotion group has resumed meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. Join this 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**

**PEACE be with you:** We are kicking off the New Year with many great ways to engage in the **PEACE** programs of Germantown Presbyterian Church! We host weekly meetings for **Friendship Circle** (Wednesdays, 12:15pm-2:15pm) by Zoom or in small-group gatherings at the church, with reservations. We also hold weekly meetings to make beautiful music together in our **AMPlify** program (Thursdays, by appointment between 9:15am-11:30am).



AMplify meetings are held in small-group gatherings at the church and also require registration (to let us know how many instruments are needed)! Please contact the Special Needs Ministry Director at [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org) to register for either program and receive more information. You may also visit the church's website: [Germantown Presbyterian](http://Germantown Presbyterian) to learn more about our programs. We look forward to helping you engage in our fun times!"

**Praise God and our volunteers! Thank you for jumping on board!! The Special Needs Elementary Sunday School class has been blessed by you!** We are pleased to announce God has provided us with volunteer teachers' assistants who will help support some special friends under the guidance of our exceptional teachers, Mary K. Grantham or Julie Lindow! Your willingness to work with these special friends and their teachers brings us tremendous joy and is worthy of this shout-out: "*Thank you very much!*" (you know who you are)... Anyone interested in volunteering with our special friends may email us at [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org).

Keep watching this space, the website, our print media, 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](mailto: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!

#### CHILDREN

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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](mailto:children@germantownpres.org).

#### YOUTH

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

1. Download youversion
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](mailto: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](mailto:info@hospitalityhub.org)
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 [innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org](mailto:innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org)
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 [jseacat@mifa.org](mailto: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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:margaretowens1@aol.com). Or you can also send a prayer request to the pastors at [prayers@germantownpres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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!**



**Visit [germantownpres.org/giving](http://germantownpres.org/giving) or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.**



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