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*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*In Festo Transfigurationis*

Franz Liszt

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ms. Jill Crocker, Liturgist

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before the Lord is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around.

**People: The Lord calls to the heavens above and to the earth, in order to judge His people.**

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**People: The heavens declare the righteousness of God, our judge.**

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Almighty God, the Holy One, the Giver of good: you love justice, mercy, and righteousness. We make decisions for all of these...when it's convenient. When our self-interests contradict your justice, we often sin. When our politics tell us to be merciless, we often are. When doing right conflicts with our desires, we often ignore your good will for us. Have mercy on our sinful selves, we pray, in the name of Jesus.**

*(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**

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Helen H. Lemmel

Jeffrey Day, tenor

*O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!*

*[refrain] Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.*

*Thro' death into life everlasting, He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion--For more than conquerors we are! [refrain]*

*His Word shall not fail you--He promised; Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell! [refrain]*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

### OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 99:1-9

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!  
<sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is He!  
<sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.  
<sup>5</sup>Extol the LORD our God; worship at His footstool. Holy is He!  
<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those who called on His name. They cried to the LORD, and He answered them.  
<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept His decrees, and the statutes that He gave them.  
<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.  
<sup>9</sup>Extol the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:2-9

Dr. Jones

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And He was transfigured before them,  
<sup>3</sup>and His clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.  
<sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.  
<sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."  
<sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.  
<sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to Him!"  
<sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.  
<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, He ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Jesus, Man of Mystery: Transfigured

Dr. Jones

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

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Mr. Tom Sauer

**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

*The Lord is my Light and my Salvation*  
Coburn Jones, baritone

Frances Allitsen  
Psalm 72

*The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid?  
Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;  
And tho' there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.  
For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.  
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.*

\*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

Mr. Sauer

***SENDING***

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;  
 3. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
 Thou my great Fa - ther and I thy true son,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

In honor of Black History Month, some of our music during the month of February will provide a brief glimpse of the contributions to the sacred music by African-American composers and arrangers. Today's postlude was written by organist and composer Ralph Simpson. Simpson is retired from the chairmanship of the music school at Tennessee State University.

On the cover: Kelly Latimore. *Transfiguration*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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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.

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, GPC is offering a drive-through option from 4pm – 6pm under the porte cochere using the Arthur Road entrance. Drive through and pick up your tote bag with items for you to use during the Lenten season, including a devotional book to guide you. There will be additional options to pick up and add to the bag for special needs individuals, youth, and children. At the end of the line, Pastor Susie and Pastor Will will impose ashes using Q-tips for those who wish. An onsite service will be held in a limited capacity at 6:30pm in the sanctuary; reservations will be available for that service soon.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE AND WOULD LIKE TO, GO ONLINE TO [GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/2021-PLEDGE-COMMITMENT/](https://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 February 14, 2021

***The GPC office will be closed on Monday, February 15 in honor of Presidents' Day.***

***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: Ollie Ciabattini; Karen/Mark Cooper, Aidan; Dixie/Bob Johnson; Kathy Kalagias, Addison, Kinley; Debbie/George Moseley; Betty Reschenberg; Dot Wieters; Sandy/Gerald Wilson.

## 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!**

In February, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:  
Bethel Springs Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs TN  
Purdy Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs TN  
Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Big Sandy TN

***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](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

**It is a PEACE-filled 2021 at Germantown Presbyterian Church!  
Appreciating others allows us to experience PEACE!!!**

**Volunteers, we appreciate you!** Thank you to all our volunteers, many of whom attended a delightfully, delicious luncheon on Sunday afternoon! It was great to learn more about you while allowing us to appreciate your support of GPC and its PEACE programs!!! **Volunteers are vital to our programs' success!** Thank you for your outstanding contributions of time and talents! Thank you for your abundant, unconditional love! Thank you – you nurture others' souls because you care so deeply! Thank you for the love and cheer you spread, everywhere its needed!

**We appreciate everyone engaging in PEACE programs,** whether volunteer or participant!

**Sundays:** Join us for Adult's Sunday School, 10:35 – 11:30 A.M. in the Parlor. Join our Children's Sunday School, 10:30 – 11:45 A.M. downstairs; PEACE meets in the Yellow Room. We look forward to more participants, because the more, the merrier. 😊

**Wednesdays:** Join our Friendship Circle, 12:15 – 2:30 P.M. in Warren Hall, a lunchtime fellowship that is also shared on Zoom. Friendship Circle includes a Scripture-based lesson and healthy activity (Yoga, arts & crafts, service-focused tasks, and games). **Participants, we thank you for how respectful and responsible you have been to reserve seating for in-person attendance,** allowing us to maintain safe local limits. **Thank you for doing such a good job of letting us know when you are coming!** It is always nice to see you, here or on Zoom!

**Thursdays:** Join us and make a joyous sound in AMplify, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. in the Noah's Ark Room. Noel Wilkins leads us and brings out the God-given talent in us all – even if we didn't believe we had musical talent beforehand! He'll surely have us ready for our upcoming musical performance, Thursday, May 20th! You can continue to view AMplify's special [Christmas performance](#), on Youtube.

**How to join:** Register to join Friendship Circle or AMplify on the Germantown Presbyterian Church website. Locate the Special Needs – PEACE section under Ministries. Click on the picture of Friendship Circle or AMplify, and you will be taken to the right place to sign up. Or email [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org). Or call 901-754-5195 and ask for Jackie.

**How to volunteer:** Email [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org) or call 901-754-5195 and ask for Jackie.

We thank you for your interest and look forward to helping you engage in our PEACEful fun!

## SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

GPC's Breathe/ Parent's Night Out (PNO): Do not despair! We are having talks about the Breathe/Parent's Night Out program and wish to bring it back as much as you'd love to see it restored! It is also our desire to have this program in full swing, and 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

Youth Sunday School and Sunday afternoon fellowships are meeting and in full swing with Christopher.

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 waived, 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

### 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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