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*Please silence electronic devices.*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

Jean and Roy Paris, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

INTROIT

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
Marcus King, baritone

John Rosamond Johnson  
James Weldon Johnson

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died  
Yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered  
Out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ms. Laura Brown, Liturgist

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob shall honor and revere God!

**People: For God has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted ones.**

Leader: God has not hidden His face, but has listened to everyone's cry for help.

**People: The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will offer praise — may your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord.

**People: Dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations. Let us worship God.**

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Jacob Schepman

**Holy God, in this season of Lent, we pray for your Spirit of truth to be with us. Help us to know your truth. Help us to tell the truth about our sin. Help us to live by the truth of your love. We confess that we often hide in the shadows of lies. We tell lies for personal gain, to avoid responsibility, and to exaggerate our importance. As we repent from our sin, we pray for Christ – the Way, the Truth, and the Life --- to be our guiding light. Forgive us in His name, we pray.**

*(Time of personal prayer)*

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.**

WOODWORTH

**Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

\*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

*Jesus Loves Me*  
Sunday School Children

Anna Bartlett Warner

## *THE WORD*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grey Smith

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 4:18-25

Dr. Jones

<sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Everlasting Covenant

Dr. Jones

## *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Ms. Kirsten King

**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.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

The Rising Together Foundation

Mr. Judd Peters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ms. King

**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

*As a Little Child*

Joseph M. Martin

Karen Schowalter Cooper, mezzo-soprano

Shannon Redburn, soprano

*O you must become as a little child, as a little child and come unto Him.*

*Yes, you must become as a little child to share in the kingdom of God.*

*Come unto Jesus; run into His arms. Come unto Jesus and you can share the kingdom of God.*

\*DOXOLOGY

SCHUMANN

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***SENDING***

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er will be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## **WORSHIP ARTS TODAY**

Through the entire month of February, our worship music has highlighted contributions to the sacred music repertoire by black composers and arrangers. Today's introit, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* – often called “The Black National Anthem” – was written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and then set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954) in 1899. It was first performed in public in the Johnsons' hometown of Jacksonville, Florida as part of a celebration of Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900 by a choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where James Weldon Johnson was principal.

On the cover: Dmitry Shkolnik, b. 1960. *Icon of Abraham, Sarah, and Moses*, 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.

**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 28, 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: Vicki/Drew Arthur; Tommie Faye Coffman; John Goodyear; Alice/Jimmy Kiser; Dot Ledlow; Evelyn/Phil Mosley; April/Patrick Rice, Cat, John; Amy/Trey Thomas, Robbie.

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.***

**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 & FAMILIES

NaCoMe is Germantown Presbyterian's annual family camp located in the tranquil valley of Pleasantville, TN. Due to the pandemic we are evaluating the congregation's commitment to participating in this weekend event. The weekend has been changed to April 30 - May 2 from the traditional 3rd weekend in May. Please also know that COVID-19 policies have been implemented by the NaCoMe Retreat Center. You'll be receiving an electronic survey through the weekly e-blast, and the Congregational Life Committee would love for you to respond by February 26 indicating your interest in attending this year's NaCoMe retreat. Thank you for participating in this survey as the results will determine if we move forward in planning NaCoMe 2021. If you have any questions or want more information or would like to speak to someone in person, please contact Susan Lipscomb ([slipscomb6@gmail.com](mailto:slipscomb6@gmail.com)) or Laura Brown ([llbrown88@gmail.com](mailto:llbrown88@gmail.com)).

## 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. **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!

**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. This Sunday youth are kicking off a new season with VIBES! Doors will open at 4:00pm, and we start to meet in fellowship at 4:30pm. We will eat some dinner at 6:00pm, and pickup will be at 6:30pm.

Food truck coming - **PLEASE PACK \$5**

We are asking all students to bring \$5 because we will be inviting the Fry Guy to come for our evening meal! This will cover a portion of dinner, and the rest will be covered by GPC Youth. Don't miss a fun opportunity for a new food experience!

**Calling all Larry Birds and Magic Johnsons!** We are searching for adults to come and play games or spend time with students from 4:00pm to 4:45pm on Sundays. Games would include basketball, 9-Square, gaga, and more. (You can also just chat.) If you're ready to rise to the Majors, email [Christopher Greco](#).

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 is always looking for volunteers, and 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

### 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).

### THANKS TO ST. GEORGE'S, OUR NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE STREET, FOR THIS COVID SHOT INFORMATION

#### **Baptist Hospital**

We've been told that Baptist Hospital is both taking appointments at 1-800-4BAPTIST (1-800-422-7847) for Pfizer COVID vaccinations AND taking names to get the vaccine on a stand-by-basis:

Vaccinations: People 65 and older or otherwise eligible can call and be put on a call-back list for an appointment (either 1st or 2nd dose). Baptist staff will call back within 2-3 days to make an appointment for COVID vaccination.

Stand-by: People age 16 and older (do NOT have to be 65) can call to be put on a WILL CALL list. If Baptist has unused vaccine at the end of the day (Mon-Fri), they will start calling the WILL CALL list to come within 30 minutes to get vaccinated that afternoon/early evening.

Persons do NOT have to be Baptist patients to be eligible for either. The 1-800-422-7847 number is answered 24 hours a day, but if you call after hours, you will be put through to voicemail to leave your name, date of birth and phone number.

## Kroger

We have also received information that the vaccine is available to eligible persons at area Kroger pharmacies. For more information, please visit <https://www.kroger.com/rx/covid-eligibility>.

## Walmart

We've also been told that area Walmart stores are administering the vaccine to persons who meet current eligibility requirements. For more information, visit <https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302>.

## 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!**



**Mail checks to:  
2363 S Germantown Rd  
Germantown TN 38138.**



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