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Gathering & Approaching God in Worship

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

Dr. John Johnson

Song

Agnus Dei

Verse 1:

Alleluia Alleluia/ For our Lord God Almighty reigns/ Alleluia Alleluia
For our Lord God Almighty reigns/ Alleluia

Chorus:

Holy Holy/ Are You Lord God Almighty/ Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb/ You are Holy

Last chorus:

Holy/ Are You Lord God Almighty/ Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb/ Amen

Song

Holy, Holy, Holy

Verse 1:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty/ Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,/ God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Verse 2:

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,/ casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,/ who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Verse 3:

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,/ though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,/ perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Verse 4:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty/ All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,/ God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 20:1-21

Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses His name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. ¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of Him upon you so that you do not sin." ²¹Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Offering & Prayer before Communion (& Lord's Prayer, contemporary version) Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins
Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God

Song

Christ Be Magnified

Verse 1:

Were creation suddenly articulate/With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
 Then from North to South and East to West/We'd hear Christ be magnified

Verse 2:

Were the whole Earth echoing His eminence/His name would burst from sea and sky
 From rivers to the mountain tops/We'd hear Christ be magnified

Chorus:

Oh! Christ be magnified/Let His praise arise/Christ be magnified in me/Oh! Christ be magnified
 From the altar of my life/Christ be magnified in me

Verse 3:

When every creature finds its inmost melody/And every human heart its native cry
 Oh then in one enraptured hymn of praise/We'll sing Christ be magnified

Bridge:

I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship You/And if it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too/I won't be formed by feelings, I hold fast to what is true/If the cross brings transformation then I'll be crucified with You/'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life/And if I join You in Your suffering, then I'll join You when You rise/And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints
 My heart will still be singing, my song will be the same

Song

Jesus be the Center of it All

Verse 1:

Jesus at the center of it all/ Jesus at the center of it all/ From beginning to the end
 It will always be, it's always been You, Jesus/ Jesus

Chorus:

Nothing else matters/ Nothing in this world will do/ Jesus You're the center
 And everything revolves around You/ Jesus, You

Verse 2:

Jesus be the center of my life/ Jesus be the center of my life/ From beginning to the end
 It will always be, it's always been You, Jesus/ Oh, Jesus

Bridge:

From my heart to the Heavens/ Jesus be the center/ It's all about You/ Yes it's all about You

Verse 3:

Jesus be the center of Your Church/ Jesus be the center of Your Church
 And every knee will bow/ And every tongue shall confess You/ Jesus, Jesus

Benediction and Blessing

Dr. Johnson

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Special thanks to the following for their participation in this service:

Vocalists: Julia Goff Karissa Walhof Britni McCullough John Johnson
Keyboardist: De'Merteiro Lee *Acoustic Guitar:* David Oppel
Bass player: Nathan Spohn *Cajon:* Jeff Williams *Sound:* Ted Partin

On the cover: Abraham Rattner (1893-1978), *Moses and the Tables of Stone*. Color lithograph, 1972. Rattner wrote: “Moses epitomizes to me the kind of spiritual guidance that mankind requires if it is to survive... He presents the truth of the oneness of man and God. In our time this is an idea which can save mankind. The theme is very contemporary.”

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, 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 March 7, 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: Mary Barth; Alma Crone; Michael/Mallory Trenor Kenney, Mason, Noah; Catherine King; Janet/Don McCrory; Mickie/Steve Nabers; Renee/Carlin Stuart, Ginger; Ginger/Billy Wise.

In March, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:
First Presbyterian Church, Brownsville TN
Collierville Presbyterian Church, Collierville TN
Cordova Presbyterian Church, Cordova TN
First Presbyterian Church, Dyer 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.

GPC's Easter Egg Hunt is on – scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 28! We need the congregation's help to gather enough candy. Please bring individually wrapped candy (no chocolate please) to the Activity Center lobby by Sunday, March 21. Remember, the candy has to be small enough to fit in a plastic egg. If you are interested in volunteering with this event, please contact Susan Lipscomb at slipscomb6@gmail.com.

At Eastertide, it is a tradition to decorate the church with Easter lilies given in memory or honor of loved ones. If you would like to take part in this tradition, please fill out an envelope located on tables in the AC lobby, the AC itself, and/or the Welcome Center and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Monday, March 29. Donations in any amount are welcome. Please write *Easter Flowers* in the check memo line. Or you can make your dedication and donation online by clicking [here](#).

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 retreat. 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 have received an electronic survey through the weekly e-blast, you can go to GPC's main webpage and find a link there, or you can click [here](#) if you're reading this in the electronic version. The Congregational Life Committee would love for you to respond ASAP 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) or Laura Brown (lbrown88@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. 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 UL-218 in the new adult education wing (temporarily moved from downstairs). **Ted Mattis from HeartLife Counseling will lead class this Sun, March 7.** Ted is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and an ordained Minister with HeartLife. Heartlife is a Christian counseling healthcare provider located in Germantown. He will be sharing with the class what he has seen in his practice as the effects of the pandemic on families, teens, and children. To learn more about Heartlife, [click here](#). **If you would like to join by Zoom, please use this meeting ID: 523 969 7327.** No password is needed.

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. Or call 901-754-5195 and ask for Jackie.

How to volunteer: Email specialneeds@germantownpres.org or call 901-754-5195 and ask for Jackie.

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.

YOUTH

ANNUAL GPC YOUTH MINISTRY AUCTION*
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE....

WHAT? *Annual GPC Youth Ministry Auction*

WHEN? *Sunday, April 11, 2021*

WHERE? *Warren Hall and surrounding hallways*

WHO? *Y-O-U!*

HOW? 1. This year, you will have an opportunity to register and/or donate to the youth online.

(Register here: <https://germantownpres.org/youth-auction-2021/>)

2. When you register, you will choose from one of these options:

— Browse & Bid ONLY (attend in person to bid on items; doesn't include to-go meal) *or*

— Browse & Bid & Bites to Go (attend in person to bid on items; includes to-go meal[s]) *or*

— Make a monetary donation only

3. Choose a time slot if you want to attend in person.

4. Come to Warren Hall on April 11 and bid, bid, bid!

WHY? *To support our incredible youth and help offset the cost of summer trips!*

* Please note: Due to COVID restrictions, there will be **no live auction** and **no on-site community meal**. All meals ordered are to-go. All bids are blind, single bids. Make your best offer! Forty people will be allowed per Browse & Bid time slot to accommodate physical distancing. Masks are required. Thank you for your support and for understanding that though this year's event will be quite different due the pandemic and recent water damage, it will still be lots of fun and a great chance to support GPC youth.

Changes in Donating Items to the Auction this year:

Due to COVID restrictions, we can only accept NEW and UNUSED items this year. We cannot accept baked goods and we cannot accept any used items. If you have questions about this, or about an item you would like to donate, please contact Christopher Greco in the church office (christopherg@germantownpres.org or 901-754-5195). Thank you so much for your understanding!

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.

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.

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 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 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 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

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.

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 or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.