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#### **GATHERING**

PRELUDE Arabesque, No. 1 Claude Debussy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

BELL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107)

Ms. Kirsten King, Liturgist

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those God redeemed from the hand of the foe.

Leader: May those that God has gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south, testify to the

goodness of the Lord.

**People:** They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away, and God saved them. Leader: Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.

People: The Lord turned the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into flowing springs.

Let us worship God.

#### \*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, have mercy upon us, we humbly pray. We need your forgiveness daily, just as we need food and water. Your grace nourishes our souls, and it fuels us to living well and rightly. We, however, cannot help but denigrate your grace through our sin. For this, and for our sin, we are sorry. We repent and pray for mercy, in the name of our Lord who embodied your love.

(Time of personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

#### \*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

WOODWORTH

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

#### THE WORD

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Brianna Reilly, mezzo-soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love hast blest me; Thou hast brought me to this place; and I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

# OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those He redeemed from trouble <sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south <sup>17</sup> Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; <sup>18</sup> they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. <sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress; <sup>20</sup> He sent out His word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. <sup>21</sup> Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind. <sup>22</sup> And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of His deeds with songs of joy.

# NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Covenant: Rediscovering Our Way of Life Rev. Mike Lyle

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

**OFFERTORY** 

Cujus Animam (from Stabat Mater)
Aaron Redburn, tenor

Gioachino Rossini

Translation: Her spirit groaning, saddened and grieving, a sword has pierced.

O how sad and afflicted was that blessed Mother of the Only-Begotten!

Who mourned and grieved and trembled, when she saw the punishment of her glorious son.

\*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.

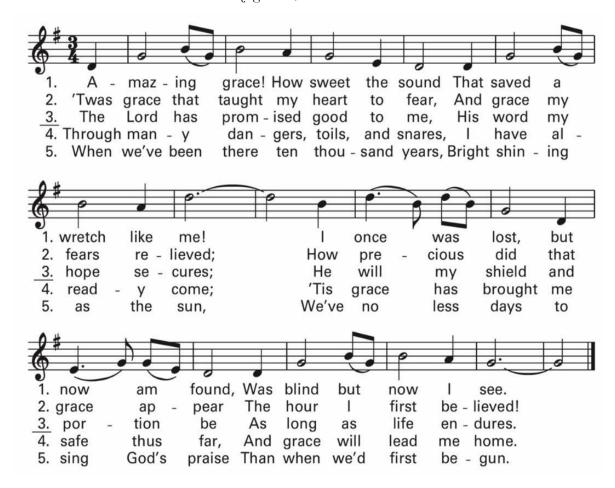
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# **SENDING**

\*HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE



<sup>\*</sup>CHARGE and BLESSING

# **WORSHIP ARTS TODAY**

On the cover: Gail Meyer, Saved by Grace, acrylic, 2003. "Saved by Grace was inspired by the biblical verse Psalm 18:2. The Lord is my strength, my rock in sinking sand. The figure and the angelic impression are done in metallic and iridescent paints. The many shades of blue and waves represent the storms of life."

**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 <a href="kkboyd@comcast.net">kkboyd@comcast.net</a>.

*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.

# Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of March 14, 2021

Sign in to the online Friendship Pad <u>here</u> 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: Jill Cox; Missy/Paul Gwin, Cole; Sue Kelley; Melissa/Alex Ivy; Diane/Edward Newton; Ashley/David Robinson, Anne-Louise, Charlotte, Tyler; Jan Thomson; Merrill/Reut 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*.

<u>Did you know GPC has 2 video channels? We do!</u> 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.

<u>GPC's Easter Egg Hunt is on – scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 28!</u> 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 <u>slipscomb6@gmail.com</u>.

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 <a href="here">here</a>.

<u>The flowering cross</u> is found in Christian art as early as the sixth century and is based on a legend that says that the cross itself burst into bloom at the moment that Jesus died. The legend of the True Cross describes how the wood of the cross came from a tree that sprang from a seed taken from the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden.

In spite of its function as a brutal form of execution, the cross stands at the center of our faith as a symbol of life. There can be no Easter without Good Friday, no Resurrection without the Crucifixion. Indeed, the cross, rather than the empty tomb, has held the place of honor as the primary symbol of the Christian faith.

A modern expression of this idea may be found in the custom of flowering the cross. On Easter morning, flowers are used to decorate a cross. So, on Easter Sunday, please bring flowers of any kind and place them on the cross in the church yard near the Arthur Road entry. Since it will be conveniently placed for access, this is a great opportunity for everyone - old, young, and in between - to participate and take photos of their families. Let our flowering cross demonstrate the beauty of God's creation, glorify Him, give thanks for His many blessings, and demonstrate the new life Christ's sacrifice upon the cross has given us.

#### **ADULTS & FAMILIES**

NaCoMe is Germantown Presbyterian's annual family camp located in the tranquil valley of Pleasantville, TN. The Congregational Life Committee has received positive feedback that a number of families of the church are interested in attending this year. The weekend dates are April 30 - May 2. Please also know that COVID-19 policies have been implemented by the NaCoMe Retreat Center. So, registration is now open. In the electronic version of this bulletin, you can click <a href="https://germantownpres.org/nacome-registration-2021/">https://germantownpres.org/nacome-registration-2021/</a> to register your family. Otherwise, go online to the same link and register that way. If you have any questions or want more information or would like to speak to someone in person, please contact Susan Lipscomb (<a href="mailto:slipscomb6@gmail.com">slipscomb6@gmail.com</a>) or Laura Brown (<a href="mailto:librown88@gmail.com">librown88@gmail.com</a>).

#### **ADULTS**

<u>Women</u>: 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.

<u>Men</u>: The men of GPC have resumed Zoom meetings for their Sonrise 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 <u>draytonmayers@gmail.com</u>. 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 <u>anthony.duke@ipaper.com</u>.

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). The class doesn't meet this week due to Spring Break but will return next Sunday with a new Engage series on evangelism led by Pastor Mike.

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

<u>Volunteers, we appreciate you!</u> Thank you to <u>all</u> 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.

<u>Wednesdays</u>: 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). <u>Participants, we thank you for how respectful and responsible you have been to reserve seating for in-person attendance</u>, allowing us to maintain safe local limits. <u>Thank you for doing such a good job of letting us know when you are coming!</u> It is always nice to see you, here or on Zoom!

<u>Thursdays</u>: 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 <u>Christmas performance</u>, on Youtube.

<u>How to join</u>: 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 <u>specialneeds@germantownpres.org</u>. Or call 901-754-5195 and ask for Jackie.

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#### 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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#### **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: <a href="https://germantownpres.org/youth-auction-2021/">https://germantownpres.org/youth-auction-2021/</a>)

- 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 <u>no live auction</u> and <u>no on-site community meal</u>. 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!

<u>Calling all Larry Birds and Magic Johnsons!</u> 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 <u>Christopher Greco</u>.

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 <u>VIBES!</u> 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 <u>youth@germantownpres.org</u>.

#### **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 <u>iseacat@mifa.org</u>

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.

<u>UKirk Memphis</u> 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 <a href="www.ukirkmemphis.com">www.ukirkmemphis.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:ukirk-memphis@gmail.com">ukirk-memphis@gmail.com</a>.

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

<u>Stephanie Wall</u>, Certified Grief Counselor, American Academy of Grief Counseling and Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, Grief Recovery Institute (901-494-7786) or <u>Beth Brock</u> (901-355-0262) or <u>Linda Oakes</u> (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 <a href="mailto:family@germantownpres.org">family@germantownpres.org</a>.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.kroger.com/rx/covid-eligibility">https://www.kroger.com/rx/covid-eligibility</a>.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302">https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302</a>.

#### **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.