



March 14, 2021
6:00 P.M.

2363 S. Germantown Rd.
Germantown, TN 38138

Germantownpres.org

Gathering & Approaching God in Worship

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

Dr. Will Jones

Song

This is Amazing Grace

Verse 1:

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?/ Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings/ Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?/ The King of glory, the King above all kings

Chorus:

This is amazing grace/ This is unfailing love/ That You would take my place/ That You would bear my
cross/ You laid down Your life/ That I would be set free/ Oh, Jesus, I sing for/ All that You've done for
me

Verse 2:

Who brings our chaos back into order?/ Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory/ Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?/ The King of glory, the King above all kings

Bridge:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain/ Worthy is the King who conquered the grave/ Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain/ Worthy is the King who conquered the grave/ Worthy is the Lamb who was slain/ Worthy
is the King who conquered the grave

Song

Amazing Love

Verse 1:

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken/ I'm accepted, You were condemned/ I'm alive and well, Your
spirit is within me/ Because You died and rose again

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be/ that You, my King, should die for me?/ Amazing love and I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You, in all I do to honor You

Verse 2:

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken/ I'm accepted, You were condemned/ I'm alive and well, Your
spirit is within me/ Because You died and rose again

Bridge:

You are my King/ You are my King/ Jesus, You are my King/ You are my King

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in 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. ³All 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. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Sermon

Covenant: Rediscovering Our Way of Life

Rev. Mike Lyle

Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God

Song

How Deep the Father Love

Verse 1:

How deep the Father's love for us,/ How vast beyond all measure,/ That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure./ How great the pain of searing loss –/ The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One/ Bring many sons to glory.

Verse 2:

Behold the man upon a cross,/ My sin upon His shoulders;/ Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers./ It was my sin that held Him there/ Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –/ I know that it is finished.

Verse 3:

I will not boast in anything,/ No gifts, no power, no wisdom;/ But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection./ Why should I gain from His reward?/ I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –/ His wounds have paid my ransom.

Offering & Prayers for the World (& Lord's Prayer, contemporary version)

**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.**

Song

Alive

Verse 1:

My heart of stone was dead to You/ Asleep within a world/ That scorned its Maker
Until You breathed into my soul/ And I woke up to You/ My glorious Savior
You became my all/ You became my all

Chorus:

Now I am alive, I am alive in You/ You are alive, You are alive in Me/ You called my name
And raised me from the dead/ Now I am alive I am alive in You

Verse 2:

In You my life's completely new/ I'm blameless in Your eyes/ Because of Calvary
The Father welcomes me with joy/ Your Spirit makes me know/ Your great love for me
Jesus, You're my all/ Jesus, You're my all

Bridge:

Bought with a price that cannot be measured/ Chosen before all time
You are my joy, my prize, and my treasure/ Jesus, You are my life

Benediction and Blessing

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: 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 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.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of March 14, 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: 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.***

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](#).

The flowering cross 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 <https://germantownpres.org/nacome-registration-2021/> 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 (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). 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!!!**

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

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.

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 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 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.