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*March 21, 2021*

2363 S. Germantown Road  
Germantown, TN 38138

*\*Please stand.*

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*French Suite, No. 2: Allemande*

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

BELL INTROIT

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 51)*

Ms. Katherine Burnett, Liturgist

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. You are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

**People: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

*\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison; adapted from John Baillie, *A Diary of Private Prayer*)*

**Lord, forgive us, we pray, for: the feebleness of our witness, the smallness of our charity, and the slackness of our zeal. Make us to be more worthy followers of the one who cared for the poor and the oppressed, and who could never see disease without seeking to heal it, or any kind of human need without turning aside to help. Let your power, O Christ, be in us all, to share the world's suffering and redress its wrongs.**

*(Time of personal confession)*

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**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ms. Kirsten King

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:20-33

Dr. Jones

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The New Covenants

Dr. Jones

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Mike Lyle

**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

*Amazing Grace*  
Shannon Redburn, soprano

Sandi Patti Helvering

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
It was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.  
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

\*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

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

1. The God of A-braham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
2. Your spir - it still flows free, High surg - ing where it will;  
3. You have e - ter - nal life Im - plant - ed in the soul;

The an - cient of e - ter - nal days, The God of love!  
In proph-et's word You spoke of old And You speak still.  
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven con - fessed,  
Es - tab - lished is Your law, And change-less it shall stand,  
We praise You, liv - ing God! We praise Your ho - ly name;

We bow be - fore Your ho - ly name, For - ev - er blest.  
Deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea, or land.  
The first, the last, be - yond all thought, And still the same!

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

\*POSTLUDE

*Well-Tempered Clavier: Fugue in C minor*

J. S. Bach

## **WORSHIP ARTS TODAY**

On the cover: Michelangelo, *The Prophet Jeremiah* (1512). Cistine Chapel, Vatican.

Happy 336<sup>th</sup> birthday to Johann Sebastian Bach, born March 21, 1685!

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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.

### **Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of March 21, 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: Carol/George Barnes; Michelle/Reed Brasfield, Lily; Polly/Rob Cotten, Bo, McKenzie; Dianne/Thomas King; Leslie Murray; Cheryl/Gary Riedel; Mary Lee Toler; Elizabeth/Jerry Wilson, Madison.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:slipscomb6@gmail.com)) or Laura Brown ([lbrown88@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 UL-218 in the new adult education wing (temporarily moved from downstairs). This class resumes this week led by Pastor Mike as they begin their new Engage session on the Gospel.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

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



April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021; begins at 6:30 PM

### Help Needed!

- 1) **Volunteers needed!**  
Volunteer registration closes Fri., Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - a. **Decorate** Sweet Treats tables in parade theme before 6 PM April 16<sup>th</sup>
  - b. **Work from 6:30 p.m.** – the end of the event, at various stations\*Volunteers' packet pick-up is Fri., April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.
  
- 2) **Donate money toward our \$2,500 goal!**  
Easy donation via [GPC website](#) to "Joy Promade."  
Cash/Checks, please label as "Memphis Joy Prom."
  
- 3) **Deliver goody bags – DRIVERS needed!**  
Date TBD by volunteers' availability.  
Area = 60 residents of Grove Park Rd., adjacent to Christ Church Memphis.
  
- 4) **Donate snacks!**  
Deadline: Wed., Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 p.m.  
Goal: **20 boxes of variety snacks**

Please label “Memphis Joy Prom.”  
Drop them at the Main Office of GPC.

If you have questions, please email [jackiec@germantownpres.org](mailto:jackiec@germantownpres.org).

**PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

MEMPHIS JOY  
**PROMADE**  
2021

APRIL 16, 2021 | CCM | 6:30 PM

Participant Packet Pick up will be Mon., April 12<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
at Christ Church Memphis, 4488 Poplar Ave.

MEMPHIS  
**JOY  
PROM**  
LUKE 14:12-14

How to volunteer: Email [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Christopher Greco).

Youth Sunday School and Sunday afternoon fellowships are meeting and in full swing with Christopher. This Sunday youth will explore a Special-One-Time-Only topic called "Rebellious." Youth will discover how Jesus sets us free to rebel against the rules of the world and live in a way that reflects His Kingdom on Earth. 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](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**

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

