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## *Gathering & Approaching God in Worship*

### Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

#### Song

#### *King of my Heart*

Verse 1:

Let the King of my heart/ Be the mountain where I run/ The fountain I drink from  
Oh, He is my song/ Let the King of my heart/ Be the shadow / You are good, oh oh  
You are good/ You are good, oh oh/ You are good/ You are good, oh oh

Verse 2:

And let the King of my heart/ Be the wind inside my sails/ The anchor in the waves  
Oh oh, He is my son/ Let the King of my heart/ Be the fire inside my veins  
The echo of my days/ Oh oh, He is my song

Bridge:

You're never gonna let/ You're never gonna let me down/ And You're never gonna let  
You're never gonna let me down/ You're never gonna let/ You're never gonna let me down  
You're never gonna let/ You're never gonna let me down

#### Song

#### *Word of God Speak*

Verse 1:

I'm finding myself at a loss for words/ And the funny thing is it's okay  
The last thing I need is to be heard/ But to hear what You would say

Chorus:

Word of God speak/ Would You pour down like rain/ Washing my eyes to see/ Your majesty  
To be still and know/ That You're in this place/ Please let me stay and rest/ In Your holiness  
Word of God speak

Verse 2:

I'm finding myself in the midst of You/ Beyond the music, beyond the noise  
All that I need is to be with You/ And in the quiet hear Your voice

End verse:

I'm finding myself at a loss for words/ And the funny thing is it's okay

### *Listening to God's Word*

#### Scripture Lesson:

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

#### Sermon

Covenant: No Strings Attached

Ms. King

### *Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God*

**Song**

***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

Verse 1:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father/ There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not/ As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be  
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness/ Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided/ Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Verse 2:

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest/ Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness/ To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love  
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness/ Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided/ Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Verse 3:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth/ Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow/ Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside  
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness/ Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided/ Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

**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**

***Your Mercy***

Verse 1:

I once was lost I walked away/ The road was dark I could not see/ My hope was gone the pain was real  
But your mercy/ You saw my steps you felt my fears/ You heard my cries you caught my tears  
Arms open wide you ran to me/ With your mercy

Chorus:

Your mercy Your mercy/ I stand before my king/ And bow my heart to sing  
You save me You raise me/ You died so I could live/ No greater love than this/ Your mercy

Verse 2:

You gave me life beyond the grave/ My deepest shame is cast away  
You sing a song that covers me/ It's your mercy

Bridge:

Your loving-kindness/ It leads me to repentance/ Your loving-kindness/ It leads me to repentance  
Lord let your kindness/ Lead us to repentance/ Lord let your kindness/ Lead us to repentance

**Benediction and Blessing**

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**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 Opper

*Bass player:* Nathan Spohn

*Cajon:* Jeff Williams

*Sound:* Ted Partin

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*On the cover:* Ermakova, Natalia. *Noah's Ark Icon*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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**Welcome to worship** online and limited onsite with Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We know these are difficult days, and we are so glad you can join our service in the way you feel most comfortable. We are truly glad God brought you here!

**Interested in joining GPC?** *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to join, please contact Kathleen Boyd at 901-833-3413 or [kkboyd@comcast.net](mailto:kkboyd@comcast.net).

**GPC's pastors** can always be reached in an emergency or crisis. Please call the church, 901-754-5195, and then press 1 to reach the on-call pastor.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE AND WOULD LIKE TO, GO ONLINE TO [GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/2021-PLEDGE-COMMITMENT/](http://GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/2021-PLEDGE-COMMITMENT/) OR CONTACT THE FINANCE OFFICE AND SPEAK TO FRED OR DEBBI – 901-754-5195.**

## Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of February 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: Barbara Arthur; Lisa/Rob Clapper, Lily, James; Sherry/Bud Hurley, Jake, Julianne, Lauren; Susan/Will Jones, Grace, Lelia, Mary; Betsy/Noell Moseley; Agnes Thomas; Billie/Dan Work.

In February, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:  
Bethel Springs Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs TN  
Purdy Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs TN  
Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Big Sandy TN

***Note: Any text that is [blue](#) is an active link in the electronic version. You can click on that to go to a webpage or send an email.***

### GPC NEWS

**Church members and friends beware:** churches and members are often targeted for scams, especially during the holidays. Please be aware that **no staff member will ever email or text you asking for help or money.**

**Did you know GPC has 2 video channels? We do! And make sure you subscribe!** The more subscribers we have, the more we can post! If you missed any of the videos for any reason, you can catch them on either one of these channels.

> Check out the Vimeo channel [here](#)

> and the YouTube channel [here](#).

**Help Needed with Worship Services:** GPC is looking for volunteers who want to join an ongoing team that will form the core group who works with the audio-visual process of the livestream during Sunday morning and evening worship services. The people already participating will be happy to train you, and all you have to do is learn the user-friendly system. In addition, the volunteer will switch camera views during certain parts of the service for our livestreaming. It's all very easy, and yet vitally important to our expanding Internet presence. Please consider volunteering, and if you are interested you can contact the church office at [communications@germantownpres.org](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org).

### **ADULTS & FAMILIES**

NaCoMe is Germantown Presbyterian's annual family camp located in the tranquil valley of Pleasantville, TN. Due to the pandemic we are evaluating the congregation's commitment to participating in this weekend event. The weekend has been changed to April 30 - May 2 from the traditional 3rd weekend in May. Please also know that COVID-19 policies have been implemented by the NaCoMe Retreat Center. You'll be receiving an electronic survey through the weekly e-blast, and the Congregational Life Committee would love for you to respond by February 26 indicating your interest in attending this year's NaCoMe retreat. Thank you for participating in this survey as the results will determine if we move forward in planning NaCoMe 2021. If you have any questions or want more information or would like to speak to someone in person, please contact Susan Lipscomb ([slipscomb6@gmail.com](mailto:slipscomb6@gmail.com)) or Laura Brown ([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 the blue Noah's ark room in the elementary hallway downstairs following worship. Join this class any Sunday as Pastor Will leads this group in exploring what it really means to be a disciple of Christ, to revive our call to serve as Christ's disciples, to enhance the ways we call others to discipleship, and simply to enjoy life together in the body of Christ. For Zoom info, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White [here](#).

## SPECIAL NEEDS

**It is a PEACE-filled 2021 at Germantown Presbyterian Church!**

**Appreciating others allows us to experience PEACE!!!**

**Volunteers, we appreciate you!** Thank you to all our volunteers, many of whom attended a delightfully, delicious luncheon on Sunday afternoon! It was great to learn more about you while allowing us to appreciate your support of GPC and its PEACE programs!!! **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! Thank you for the love and cheer you spread, everywhere its needed!

**We appreciate everyone engaging in PEACE programs,** whether volunteer or participant!

**Sundays:** Join us for Adult's Sunday School, 10:35 – 11:30 A.M. in the Parlor. Join our Children's Sunday School, 10:30 – 11:45 A.M. downstairs; PEACE meets in the Yellow Room. We look forward to more participants, because the more, the merrier. 😊

**Wednesdays:** Join our Friendship Circle, 12:15 – 2:30 P.M. in Warren Hall, a lunchtime fellowship that is also shared on Zoom. Friendship Circle includes a Scripture-based lesson and healthy activity (Yoga, arts & crafts, service-focused tasks, and games). **Participants, we thank you for how respectful and responsible you have been to reserve seating for in-person attendance,** allowing us to maintain safe local limits. **Thank you for doing such a good job of letting us know when you are coming!** It is always nice to see you, here or on Zoom!

**Thursdays:** Join us and make a joyous sound in AMPlify, 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. in the Noah's Ark Room. Noel Wilkins leads us and brings out the God-given talent in us all – even if we didn't believe we had musical talent beforehand! He'll surely have us ready for our upcoming musical performance, Thursday, May 20th! You can continue to view AMPlify's special [Christmas performance](#), on Youtube.

**How to join:** Register to join Friendship Circle or AMPlify on the Germantown Presbyterian Church website. Locate the Special Needs – PEACE section under Ministries. Click on the picture of Friendship Circle or AMPlify, and you will be taken to the right place to sign up. Or email [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org). Or call 901-754-5195 and ask for Jackie.

**How to volunteer:** Email [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org) or call 901-754-5195 and ask for Jackie.

We thank you for your interest and look forward to helping you engage in our PEACEful fun!

## SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

GPC's Breathe/ Parent's Night Out (PNO): Do not despair! We are having talks about the Breathe/Parent's Night Out program and wish to bring it back as much as you'd love to see it restored! It is also our desire to have this program in full swing, and we sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding!

## CHILDREN

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enhance the ways we call others to discipleship, and simply to enjoy life together in the body of Christ. For Zoom info, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White [here](#).

Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming children's events. If you would like to be on the Children's Ministry email list, please contact Family Ministry Director Anna White at [children@germantownpres.org](mailto:children@germantownpres.org).

### YOUTH

Youth Sunday School and Sunday afternoon fellowships are meeting and in full swing with Christopher.

To participate in the Bible reading plans, youth, here's what you do:

1. Download youversion
2. Open your youversion Bible app.
3. Go to the "reading plans."
4. Search "It's Personal."

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:

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| 1. Hospitality Hub -        | 901-522-1808 | <a href="mailto:info@hospitalityhub.org">info@hospitalityhub.org</a>                       |
| 2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - | 901-395-3329 | <a href="mailto:innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org">innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org</a> |
| 3. MIFA -                   | 901-527-0208 | <a href="mailto:jseacat@mifa.org">jseacat@mifa.org</a>                                     |

**Remember – don't give out anyone's personal number!**

**Room in the Inn (RITI) Memphis has temporarily suspended housing the homeless due to the rise of COVID.** However, 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 wavered, 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).

### 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!**



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