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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Will You Come and Follow Me?

C.E. Walz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

SPECIAL YOUTH AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Christopher Greco and Anna White

INTROIT

Ride On, King Jesus
Marcus King, baritone

Hall Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

Ms. Kelly Phillips, Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Out of my distress I called on the Lord, who answered me and set me in a broad place.

People: With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can anyone do to me?

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GABEN

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Almighty King, we confess that we do not praise you as we ought. Like the crowd in Jerusalem, we will praise you on Sunday but turn away from you soon after. We try to be faithful, but we are fickle, turning instead to the comforts of worldly status or to that which promises quick reward. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to praise you in your glory, on the colt and on the cross.

(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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 31:11-18

¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹²I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. ¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” ¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. ¹⁷Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol. ¹⁸Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Covenant: From Triumph to Lament

Dr. Jones

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Special Needs Ministry: Joy Promade

Ms. Jackie Classen

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

Via Dolorosa
Christa Navy, soprano

Billy Sprague, Niles Borop

*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

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place:

the shad - ow of a might - y Rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

My Song is Love Unknown

Tracey Craig McKibben

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

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.

The worship flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Rachel Hormberg and Jacob Bouldin who were married in the chapel on March 27, 2021. Rachel is the daughter of Susan and Bo Hormberg.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of March 28, 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: Lauren/Myles Beaupre, Emmy, Ruby; Jay Chandler, Anna, Will; Kay/David Collins; Lori/Chris Harding, Jackson, Katherine; Jeffrey Harding; Kim Michelson; Jo Robinson; Tracey/Rush Smith, Grey & Susie.

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, (THIS AFTERNOON!) March 28! Come join us this afternoon at 3:30pm with your (grand)children and their friends to share in this fun event. If you have questions, 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 or you may fill out the online form on GPC's homepage. 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. 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 (llbrown88@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). 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 16TH, 2021; BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

Help Needed!

- 1) Volunteers needed!**
Volunteer registration closes Fri., Apr. 2nd
 - a. **Decorate** Sweet Treats tables in parade theme before 6 PM April 16th
 - b. **Work from 6:30 p.m.** – the end of the event, at various stations*Volunteers' packet pick-up is Fri., April 9th, 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. 7th 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.

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 2ND

MEMPHIS JOY PROMADE 2021

APRIL 16, 2021 | CCM | 6:30 PM

Participant Packet Pick up will be Mon., April 12th
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 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 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 [website image below]: <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 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.

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

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.