

April 11, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Julianna White, piano Jason Lindow, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Victoria Lindow

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

Gracey Owens

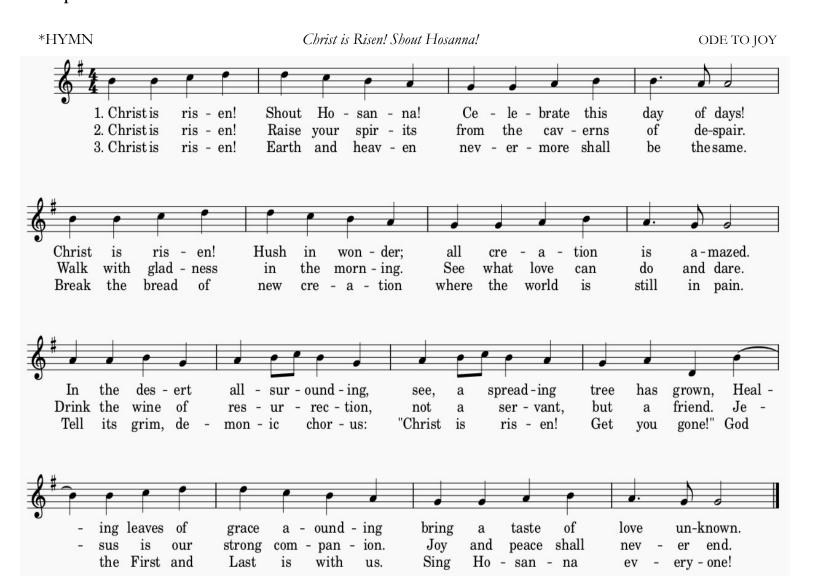
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, who has given us light.

People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God and I will extol you.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. **People:** God's steadfast love endures forever.



*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Julianne Hurley

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Time of personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*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

Andrew Miller

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Charlie Floyd

SENIOR SERMONS (listed alphabetically)

Class of 2021

Billy Burnett Ruth Callicott Sarah Hardin Audrey Holmes Sara Perkins Katherine Willingham

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kate Reynolds

I believe that God is the almighty creator and power. That I am a child of God and I was created in His vision. I believe that God has a plan for me and that God is a visionary with a plan for Earth.

Jesus is the one and only Son of God, and I believe He died on the cross to cleanse us of our sins. I believe Jesus is the human form of God. Jesus was a teacher and God spoke through Him and to teach us about the glory of God.

The Holy Spirit is a mysterious power that lives inside me. I believe that it unites me with God. I also believe that the Holy Spirit is always with me whether I know it or not.

The church is the community of the believers of Christ. The church is one of the cornerstones of my faith and helps me feel connected to God. I believe that the church is a group of people that are committed Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Grace Jones

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

Catherine Rice

I was a wretch. I remember who I was. I was lost I was blind. I was running out of time.

Sin separated, the breach was far too wide. But from the far side of the chasm You held me in Your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide, left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside.

And there at the cross You paid the debt I owed, broke my chains, freed my soul. For the first time I had hope.

Thank You Jesus for the blood applied. Thank You Jesus, it has washed me white. Thank You Jesus, You have saved my life, brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin. You were buried for three days but then You walked right out again. And now death has no sting, and life has no end, for I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb.

There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power of the blood that calls us sons and daughters. We are ransomed by our Father through the blood.

*DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH

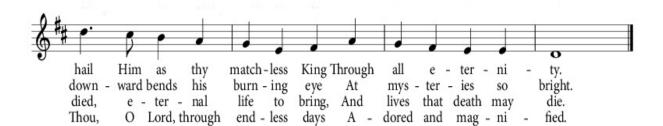
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Reese Reynolds

SENDING





*CHARGE and BLESSING

Chancellor Reynolds

*POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Marianne Kim

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

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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.

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.

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Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of April 11, 2021

Sign in to the online Friendship Pad <u>here</u> to indicate you attended the service, whether onsite or online, (and/or to ask the ministers any questions) and thank you for worshipping with us this Sunday.

As part of the Church Family Prayer Program, members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Amy & Tim Barker, Jay; Lalla & John Colmer; Priscilla & Warren East; Andrea Goughnour; Peggy Hogan; Betsie & George Menendez; Greta & Seth Regenold, Copeland & Porter; Liza & Holt Trenor.

In April, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery: Grace Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg TN Farmington Presbyterian Church, Germantown TN Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown TN

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

GPC NEWS

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

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

- > Check out the Vimeo channel here
- > and the YouTube channel **here**.

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

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 (slipscomb6@gmail.com) or Laura Brown (slipscomb6@gmail.com).

ADULTS

<u>Sunday morning adult class limited onsite and online for parents with children in Sunday School</u>: 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.

GPC members are invited to join a 6 week Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Revelation led by Idlewild Presbyterian member (and former GPC member) Mary Edith Walker. The study will begin Thursday, April 15 at 10:00am. Your Bible will be your guide. Last fall 7 members from GPC participated in her Bible Study and really enjoyed it! Please contact Barbara Armstrong (b2armst@gmail.com) to sign up or with any questions.

<u>Women</u>: Membership in Presbyterian Women (PW) is open to all women and strives to help develop the gifts and talents of all women in our church. It's a great way to meet the other women of the church and grow in your faith. Please consider joining in as we unite with other women of the church and commit to helping every woman develop into the person God intends her to be and grow spiritually through prayer, Bible study, and mission work, keeping our hearts open to God's call to action and involvement. Individual Bible Study Circles meet the first Tuesday of every month on Zoom for now with both morning and evening options. For more information please call Nancy Halter, Moderator, 901-454-3268 or Bonnie Algee, Vice Moderator, 901-674-2613.

<u>Men</u>: The men of GPC have resumed Zoom meetings for their Sonrise Men's Breakfast Friday mornings at 6:30am. If you'd like to be involved in that fellowship and Bible study, contact Drayton Mayers at <u>draytonmayers@gmail.com</u>. In addition, the men's lunch devotion group has resumed meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1pm via Zoom, so if you'd like to be plugged into that group, please contact Anthony Duke at <u>anthony.duke@ipaper.com</u>.

SPECIAL NEEDS



Participants' Reminder: If you are registered to attend, Participants' Packet pick-up will be TOMORROW, Monday, April 12th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Christ Church Memphis, 4488 Poplar Ave., Memphis (38117).

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO WED. 4/14!!!!

Staff/volunteers: MJP 2021 PROMADE VOLUNTEERS! (signupgenius.com)

Thank you, Andrew Miller & Sarah Hardin (youth volunteers)! Thank you, members of the Special Needs Support Team & the Flower Committee, for volunteering and serving by: assembling gift bags & assisting in delivering the gift bags to the residents of Grove Park Rd. & assisting in decorating the Sweets Tables

Please, donate money to reach GPC's \$2,500 goal!!!

*As of 04/07/21, we have acquired \$1,670, so we only need \$830 more to reach our goal!!!

THANK YOU to our **donors**!

Easy donation via GPC website to "Joy Promade," or by cash or checks labeled for "Memphis Joy Prom."

Extended time to donate snacks to feed volunteers = 4/13!

We are seeking large-quantity containers of individually wrapped variety snacks, such as chips, cookies, or crackers.

Please <u>label</u> donations with your name & "Memphis Joy Prom/ MJP" & drop them by the Office.

Thank you very much!!!

As of 4/7/21, we have almost met our goal of 20 boxes!

THANK YOU, Paul & Kirsten King, Pastor Will & Susan Jones, Eric & Lea Buring, Lance & Helen Warren, Ruffin & Cathy Borden, Anthony & Brooke Duke, & Katie Eleazer!

If you have questions, please email jackiec@germantownpres.org.

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!

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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; does include to-go meal[s]) or
- Make a monetary donation only

- 3. Choose a time slot to attend in person.
- 4. Come to Warren Hall on April 11 and bid, bid, bid!

WHY? To support our incredible youth and help offset the cost of summer trips!

* Please note: Due to COVID restrictions, there will be <u>no live auction</u> and <u>no on-site community meal</u>. All meals ordered are to-go – pork tenderloin, sides, and dessert – catered by Ernie Mellor's *Hog Wild/A Moveable Feast*. All bids are blind, single bids. <u>Make your best offer!</u> Forty people will be allowed per Browse & Bid time slot to accommodate physical distancing. Masks are required. Thank you for your support and for understanding that though this year's event will be quite different due the pandemic and recent water damage, it will still be lots of fun and a great chance to support GPC youth.

Changes in Donating Items to the Auction this year:

Due to COVID restrictions, we can only accept NEW and UNUSED items this year. We cannot accept baked goods and we cannot accept any used items. If you have questions about this, or about an item you would like to donate, please contact Christopher Greco in the church office (christopherg@germantownpres.org or 901-754-5195). Thank you so much for your understanding!

<u>Calling all Larry Birds and Magic Johnsons!</u> We are searching for adults to come and play games or spend time with students from 4:00pm to 4:45pm on Sundays. Games would include basketball, 9-Square, gaga, and more. (You can also just chat.) If you're ready to rise to the Majors, email <u>Christopher Greco</u>.

Youth Sunday School and Sunday afternoon fellowships are 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 **vouth@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 <u>innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org</u>

3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 <u>iseacat@mifa.org</u>

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

Room in the Inn (RITI) Memphis is always looking for volunteers, and donations are always welcome. You can drop off various toiletries in the bin in the Activity Center labelled RITI.

<u>UKirk Memphis</u> is a ministry serving the campuses of Rhodes College, the University of Memphis, and beyond. UKirk is a nationwide campus ministry affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in partnership with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We seek to reach, love, and teach college students to be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. In the season of COVID-19, we have pivoted from our normal in-person events to holding our weekly gatherings online for a time of fellowship, conversation, and prayer. We are holding some small socially distant gatherings outdoors, along with providing opportunities for one-on-one conversation with the campus minister. We

have also sent care packages to our students as tangible reminders that they are loved! Although we are doing ministry differently this year, its importance in the spiritual lives of our students has not waivered, nor has our need for support from congregations and individuals.

We ask for your prayers for our students as they navigate life in this time. And if you feel called to donate financially, you can do so online at 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

<u>GPC Prayer Ministry</u> - 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 <u>here</u> 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!





Visit germantownpres.org/giving or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.



Mail checks to: 2363 S Germantown Rd Germantown TN 38138.

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