



April 18, 2021

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Please silence electronic devices

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Songs Without Words, No. 1
(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

BELL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 4)

Ms. Jean Carroll, Liturgist

Leader: O God, be gracious; hear our prayer, and answer when we cry out.

People: **For you alone give us hope in our distress; you will not pass us by.**

Leader: O God, be gracious to your children, reminding us that we are yours, and you are our God.

People: **In our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.**

Leader: O God, be gracious, for we come to worship your Holy Name;

People: **We come to give you all honor and praise.**

ALL: **Let us worship the Lord our God, together in this place!**

*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my dear Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
3. My gra-cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
'tis mu - sic to the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the ho - nors of Thy name.

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us, we pray.

(Time of personal prayer)

Leader: Through Christ we pray,

People: **Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Mike Lyle

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 2:28-3:3

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming. ²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him. **3** ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witness of these things.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Belong, Believe, Bless: Take Heart! Believe! Go!

Rev. Wiggins

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A Brief Statement of Faith (redacted)

Ms. Kirsten King

One In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

**ALL We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: healing the sick
binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,**

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Women We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

**ALL God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

Men Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

Women Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

ALL God is faithful still.

One: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

Men In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

Women to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

ALL In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

One With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Memphis Athletic Ministries

Jonathan Torres, Chief Executive Officer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ms. Kirsten King

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

We Walk by Faith
Brianna Reilly, mezzo-soprano

Karen Marrolli
Henry Alford, text

*We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from one who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.
We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod, yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.*

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

SENDING

*HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth tell it out a - broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth the song be - gin,



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
Let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,
And, lis - tening to His ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,



Our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All Hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Wiggins

*POSTLUDE

Christ Arose

Greg Howlett

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.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Mary Rogers by Keith and Laura Rogers.

VBS is the week of June 7 – 11, 9:00 – noon, for 3-year-olds (potty trained) through rising 5th graders as of the coming August school year. Registration is now open for participants, and it will stay open through April 30. Also, adult and youth volunteers are needed! You may read the adult and youth volunteer job descriptions by clicking on the volunteer registration forms located at www.germantownpres.org/vbs. Please sign up to volunteer on these online sign up forms! Supply donations are needed, and you may grab an item that you would like to donate on the supply boards located in the AC Lobby. VBS Decorating Day is Sunday, June 6 from 10:30am (following worship) – 3:00pm and will include a pizza lunch. Please mark your calendar for all of these important dates. Please go online to register or volunteer at www.germantownpres.org/vbs. You may email Anna White with questions at annaw@germantownpres.org. Thank you for supporting our children in their faith development through Vacation Bible School!

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of April 18, 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: Sarah Cannon & Adam Pflugrath, Evan Pflugrath; Jane & Culver Craddock; Susanne Crain; Jane & Jim Kinney; Helen & Fred Norman; Meredith & Greg Wagner, Angela & Cooper; William Warren, Kyle, Tyler, Will Jr.

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.***

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.

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

Sunday morning adult classes offered limited onsite and online:

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. This class was designed especially for parents with children in Sunday School onsite. Pastor Mike is leading this class using the new Engage 2021 study with a focus on evangelism. To participate, contact Anna White at annaw@germantownpres.org.

Hits of the Ages Class, coordinators Liz (lizcallicott@bellsouth.net) and Alan Callicott (alan@callicottinsurance.com) - This class begins at 11am following worship and is studying the book of Genesis with the "Genesis to Revelation" study series. Currently this class meets primarily on Zoom. Beginning May 16, Pastor Mike Lyle will facilitate the ENGAGE series for 7 weeks. For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

Psalm 78 Class, coordinators Stacy Weiss (stacy.weiss@comcast.net) and Kevin Floyd (kevinfloyd@comcast.net) - This class, which is made up of parents of school-age children, is currently looking at a book *Depending on Jesus: Discovering the Sufficiency of Christ*. They meet on Zoom each Sunday at 11am and would like to invite other young parents to jump onboard! The class will continue to be held over Zoom. If we decide to meet

in person, we will still offer a Zoom option. For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

Seekers Class, coordinators Randy Harris (randyfarris2@yahoo.com) and Lanny Oakes (lannyoakes@bellsouth.net) - Having recently completed the new Engage 2021 study with a focus on mission led by Pastor Susie, the group has returned to their study of the OT book of Isaiah. Beginning May 16, 2021 they will begin either "Old Testament Characters" or "New Testament Characters." Then on July 11, 2021, Pastor Mike Lyle will facilitate the Engage series for 7 weeks. This class continues to meet exclusively via Zoom. For information and how to join/participate with this class, contact the class coordinators.

The dedicated group of women known as Paula's Hearts and Hands enjoy meeting together to knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, booties, hats, and other things for those in need of prayer and support. They pray over each item produced and often watch a Bible Study series together. They have resumed meeting in person at church in Warren Hall. To find out more about this class, contact Mary Rogers at mlrogers44@bellsouth.net.

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 began 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.

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.

SPECIAL NEEDS



April 16th, 2021; begins at 6:30 PM

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."

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

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Youth Auction. This year presented some unusual and first-time challenges, but the event planning team (Brooke Duke, Rebecca Floyd, Lauren Utterback), Anna and Christopher, and all the numerous volunteers made this event very special. When a final total is determined, the church will share the results with you.

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 in full swing with Christopher. Doors will open at 4:00pm, and we start to meet in fellowship at 4:30pm. We eat some dinner at 6:00pm, and pickup is 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!



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:
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Germantown TN 38138.**