



April 25, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

Bradbury/Kim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

HANDBELL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150)**

Ms. Sherrie Horner, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament!

People: Praise God for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!

People: Praise the Lord with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

***HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion;
2. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee;
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion.
Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend thee.
All that has life and breath come now in prais - es be - fore him!



All you who hear, now to his al - tar draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
Let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain: now as we wor - ship be - fore him.

***CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)**

Most Holy God, we confess our sin before you. We have not been faithful to our call to discipleship. We have not worshipped you with sincere and humble hearts. We have a prideful streak a mile wide, and often our faith is an inch deep. We have disregarded your call to put our neighbors ahead of ourselves, and we do not forgive others even as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, we pray. Please do not hold our sins against us. We ask for your mercy in the name of Jesus, who did worship you and love you in a perfect way.

(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

Ms. Anna White

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ms. Kirsten King

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:11-18

Dr. Jones

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Shepharding

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
T. J. Turner, tenor

John Ness Beck

*The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine for ever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house for ever.*

*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

Rev. Lyle

SENDING

*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

1. Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

In thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us, for thy use thy folds pre - pare.
keep thy flock; from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear thy child - ren when we pray;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of April 25, 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: Honour & Eddie Batey; Pat & Dick Bevier; Scott Hall; Mary Ann & Randy Harris; Margaret & Tom Oldham, Caroline, Josh; Mary Rogers; Libba Schatz; Mary Jane Thompson, Viktor.

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

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 (randyfharris2@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



Thank you for your donations!

\$3,120 raised by GPC!!!

...and we had plenty of snacks to share!

Memphis Joy Promade was a huge success on Friday, April 16th! Your kind-hearted contributions made the night special for our participants, who beamed with delight! Check out the smiles!!!



FUTURE FAMILY FUN:



Coming in May 2021:

Mother's Day is such a special day! Check out this article from Country Living, for 37 ideas to celebrate with our mothers: [37 Mother's Day Activities to Celebrate Her Special Day](#). I hope you enjoy their ideas! God bless our mothers!

Coming in June 2021:

Check out this **"Father's Day"** celebration event, 6/18/21, 5-9PM

A Special Night for Special Kids A private and FREE event, offered to children AND adults with special needs, and their families.

The evening event includes tethered balloon rides and glow, as well as festival and kids' zone activities. For more information: <https://thebluffcityballoonjamboree.com>.

To register to attend: [Special Night for Special Kids Application \(wufoo.com\)](https://www.wufoo.com)

We love and thank God for our fathers!



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). This class is led by Pastor Mike continuing the Engage series on evangelism.

VBS is the week of June 7 – 11, 9:00am – 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 annaw@germantownpres.org. Thank you for supporting our children in their faith development through Vacation Bible School!

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

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 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 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.



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