



May 23, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Spirit of the Living God

Lani Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

INTROIT

Spirit of the Living God

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

Ms. Pam Graddy, 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

O Worship the King

LYONS

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
3. Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
4. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - no - py space.
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
The char - iots of heav'n the deep thun - der - clouds form,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
Thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,
Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gir - ded with praise.
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
Our ma - ker, de - fen - der, re - deem - er, and friend.

*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

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

Rev. Mike Lyle

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. **5** Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” **13** But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” **14** But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: **17** ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. **18** Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. **19** And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. **20** The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. **21** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:22-27

Dr. Jones

2 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; **23** and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. **26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. **27** And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Ms. Kirsten King

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

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

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

Spirit of God

W. H. Neidlinger

Christina Crouse, soprano

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart. Wean it from earth, to joys that dwell above.
Lift me from weakness, mighty as thou art, teach me to love thee as I ought to love.
I ask no dream, no passing ecstasies, no ceaseless dwelling in this veil of clay:
Just send thine angel thoughts thro' opening skies, and take the dimness of my soul away.
Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh, teach me the struggles of the day to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.*

*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

Ms. King

SENDING

*HYMN

Holy Spirit, Ever Living

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's ve - ry life;
2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's min - is - try;

Hol - ly Spi - rit, ev - er stri - ving through her in a cease - less strife;
quick' - ning, strength' - ning and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ;
Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul,

thee we praise with end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
in a fel - low - ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

Mark Hayes

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 baby rose in the service this morning is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Beckett Knox Scroggin, son of Eileen and Steele Scroggin, and big brother, Lincoln Scroggin.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements

Week of May 23, 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: Sherril & Jim Blair; Rachel Gwin; Mary & Jerry Heimlicher; Carol & Phillip Langsdon; Patricia Potter; Brittany & Ryan Schwaigert, Greyson, Lachlan; Cindy & Rick Tripp; Stacy & Brad Weiss, Jake.

In May, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:

First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN

Anderson Presbyterian Church, Jackson TN

First Presbyterian Church, Jackson 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.

Psalms 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.

Women: Presbyterian Women's last Bible study ended May 4. There are no gatherings planned for the summer, but our Bible Study will begin again in September. If additional information is needed contact Nancy Halter jhalter2097@comcast.net or 731 267-0497 or Bonnie Algee email bbalgee@bellsouth.net or 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



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://wufoo.com)

We love and thank God for our fathers!

PEACE program seeks Sunday School substitute teachers: We are looking for a few volunteers, to be “on-call” substitute teachers, allowing our veteran PEACE Sunday School teachers some summertime respite opportunities. If you’re interested in covering for a Sunday morning class from 10:40 – 11:40am, or if you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity, please email jackiec@germantownpres.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

GPC’s Breathe/ Parent’s Night Out (PNO): Do not despair! We are continuing to plan for the return of GPC’s Breathe/Parent’s Night Out program. It is our desire, as much as yours, to have this program in full swing as soon as it can safely be managed. We continue to appreciate your patience and understanding!

CHILDREN

VBS Decorating Day is Sunday, June 6! We are so excited to welcome VBS back in the church this year! The decorating plan is organized and ready, and now we need a team of volunteers to help put it into action! Please join us on Sunday, June 6 following the 9:30 worship service to help decorate. We need 30 adults and youth to decorate 5 key areas of the church. We will decorate, have fun, and enjoy a pizza lunch together! Please email Anna if you can help! annaw@germantownpres.org

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

Christopher is leading Youth Sunday School in a series about establishing good habits to maintain a healthy relationship with God.

If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, please email youth@germantownpres.org.

MISSIONS

In case you missed it. (ICYMI)

May 2021: **Memphis Athletic Ministries** is gearing up for the summer months and would love to get GPC members involved with our Summer Academy. Summer Academy is focused on slowing "summer slide" for rising 3rd - 8th grade students across the city. Historically, Memphis students decline in their reading and math due to learning inactivity in the summer months and MAM is working hard to combat that decline. We provide all-day activities to keep students engaged in learning in a fun and safe environment. MAM families pay \$50 for the entire 5-week summer program. To offset costs, we are asking for support from friends across the city to cover our expenses to provide excellent programs to our families. To get involved, visit www.mamsports.org/summer to DONATE NOW!

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 waived, nor has our need for support from congregations and individuals.

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 will resume meeting together on Thursday, June 24 from 5:30-8pm in Warren Fellowship Hall. For more information, 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.**

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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