



*May 23, 2021*  
*6:00pm*

## *Gathering & Approaching God in Worship*

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

Dr. Will Jones

Song

### *Resurrecting*

Verse 1:

The head that once was crowned with thorns/ Is crowned with glory now/ 'The Savior knelt to wash our feet  
Now at His feet we bow

Verse 2:

The One who wore our sin and shame/ Now robed in majesty/ The radiance of perfect love/ Now shines for  
all to see

Chorus:

Your name, Your name/ Is victory/ All praise, will rise/ To Christ, our king/ Your name, Your name/ Is  
victory/ All praise, will rise/ To Christ, our king

Verse 3:

The fear that held us now gives way/ To Him who is our peace/ His final breath upon the cross/ Is now alive  
in me

Bridge:

By Your spirit I will rise/ From the ashes of defeat/ The resurrected King, is resurrecting me/ In Your name I  
come alive/ To declare Your victory/ The resurrected King, is resurrecting me

Verse 4:

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain/ Was borrowed for three days/ His body there would not remain  
Our God has robbed the grave

Song

### *Holy Spirit*

*Verse 1:*

There's nothing worth more/ That could ever come close/ No thing can compare/ You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord/ I've tasted and seen/ Of the sweetest of loves/ Where my heart becomes free/ And my  
shame is undone/ Your presence, Lord

*Chorus:*

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here/ Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere/ Your glory, God, is what  
our hearts long for/ To be overcome by Your presence, Lord/ Your presence, Lord

*Bridge:*

Let us become more aware of Your presence/ Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

## *Listening to God's Word*

**Scripture Lesson** Romans 8:22-27

Dr. Jones

<sup>2</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.

**Sermon**

Pentecost: When the Holy Spirit Gets in Your Way

## *Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God*

Song

### *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Verse 1:

Come set Your rule and reign/ In our hearts again/ Increase in us we pray/ Unveil why we're made/ Come set our hearts ablaze with hope/ Like wildfire in our very souls/ Holy Spirit, come invade us now/ We are Your church/ We need Your power in us

Verse 2:

We seek Your kingdom first/ We hunger and we thirst/ Refuse to waste our lives/ For You're our joy and prize/ To see the captive hearts released/ The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace/ We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause/ We are Your church/ We pray revive this Earth

Chorus:

Build Your kingdom here/ Let the darkness fear/ Show Your mighty hand/ Heal our streets and land/ Set Your church on fire/ Win this nation back/ Change the atmosphere/ Build Your kingdom here/ We pray

Verse 3:

Unleash Your kingdom's power/ Reaching the near and far/ No force of Hell can stop/ Your beauty changing hearts/ 'Cause You made us for much more than this/ Awake the kingdom seed in us/ Fill us with the strength and love of Christ/ We are Your church/ We are the hope on earth

**Offering & Prayers for the World (& Lord's Prayer, contemporary version)**

**Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Song

### *Glorious Day*

Verse 1:

I was buried beneath my shame/ Who could carry that kind of weight?/ It was my tomb/ 'Til I met You/ I was breathing, but not alive/ All my failures I tried to hide/ It was my tomb/ 'Til I met You

Chorus:

You called my name/ Then I ran out of that grave/ Out of the darkness/ Into Your glorious day/ You called my name/ And I ran out of that grave/ Out of the darkness/ Into Your glorious day

Verse 2:

Now Your mercy has saved my soul/ Now Your freedom is all that I know/ The old made new/ Jesus, when I met You

Bridge:

I needed rescue/ My sin was heavy/ But chains break at the weight of Your glory/ I needed shelter/ I was an orphan/ But You call me a citizen of Heaven/ When I was broken/ You were my healing/ Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing/ I have a future/ My eyes are open/ 'Cause when you called my name

**Benediction and Blessing**

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## WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Special thanks to the following for their participation in this service:

*Vocalists:* Julia Goff   Karissa Walhof   Britni McCullough   John Johnson

*Keyboardist:* De'Merteiro Lee

*Acoustic Guitar:* David Oppel

*Bass player:* Nathan Spohn

*Cajon:* Jeff Williams

*Sound:* Ted Partin

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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 Amy Phillips at (901) 647-6433 and my email is [amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com](mailto:amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com).

*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 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](mailto: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](mailto:annaw@germantownpres.org).

Hits of the Ages Class, coordinators Liz ([lizcallicott@bellsouth.net](mailto:lizcallicott@bellsouth.net)) and Alan Callicott ([alan@callicottinsurance.com](mailto: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](mailto:stacy.weiss@comcast.net)) and Kevin Floyd ([kevinfloyd@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:randyfarris2@yahoo.com)) and Lanny Oakes ([lannyoakes@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jhalter2097@comcast.net) or 731 267-0497 or Bonnie Algee email [bbalgee@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto:draytonmayers@gmail.com). In addition, the men's lunch devotion group has resumed meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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://www.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](mailto: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!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:info@hospitalityhub.org)
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 [innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org](mailto:innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org)
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 [jseacat@mifa.org](mailto: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.

Questions? Contact Rev. Elizabeth Doolin, the UKirk Campus Minister, at [ukirk-memphis@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:margaretowens1@aol.com). Or you can also send a prayer request to the pastors at [prayers@germantownpres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.**



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