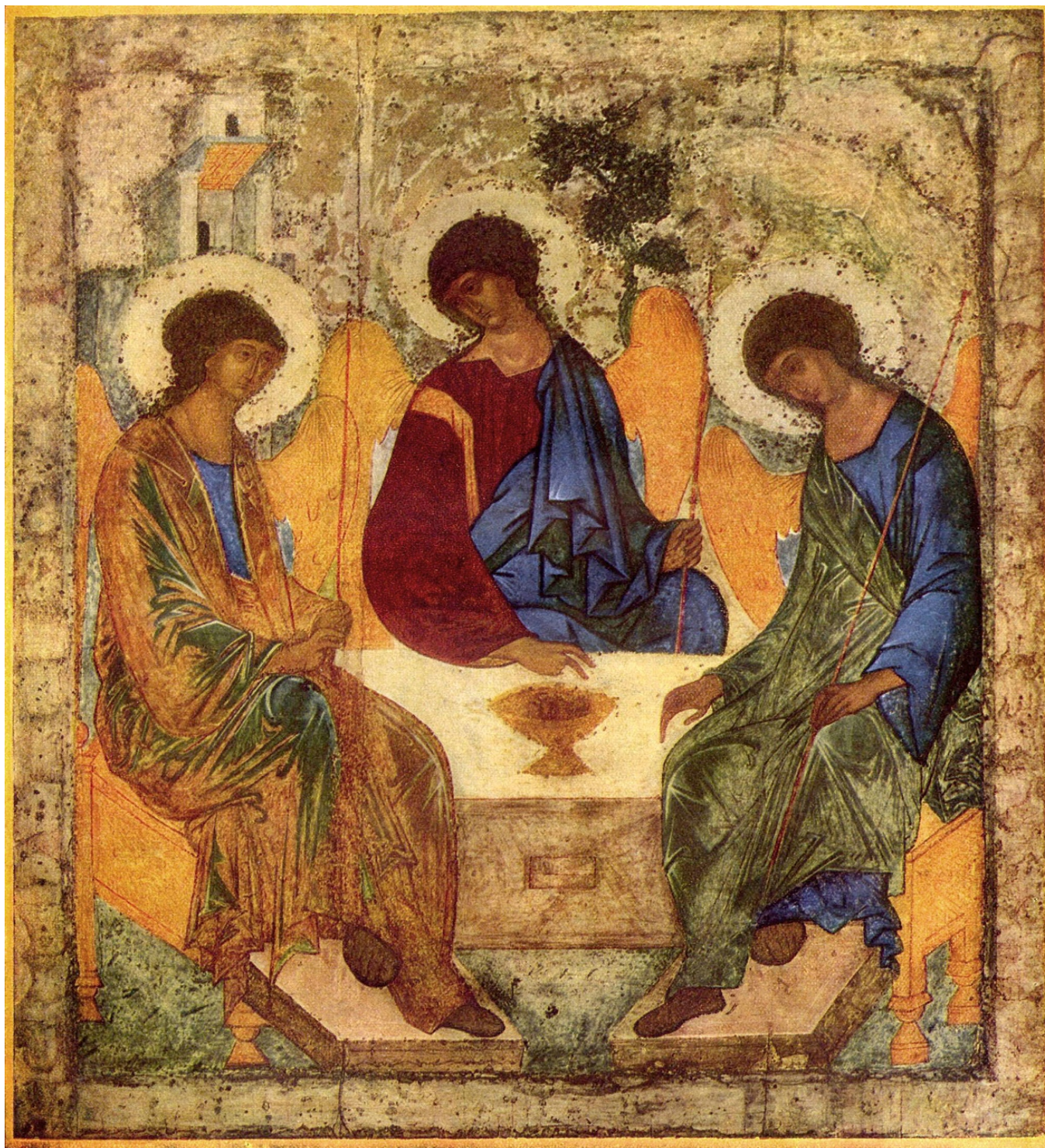




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May 30, 2021
6:00pm

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Gathering & Approaching God in Worship

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

Song

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Verse 1:

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord/ Open the eyes of my heart/ I want to see You/ I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord/ Open the eyes of my heart/ I want to see You/ I want to see You

Chorus:

To see You high and lifted up/ Shining in the light of Your glory/ Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Bridge:

Holy, holy, holy/ Holy, holy, holy/ Holy, holy, holy,/ I want to see you

Song

How Great Is Our God

Verse 1:

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty/ Let all the Earth rejoice/ All the Earth rejoice/ He wraps himself
in light/ And darkness tries to hide/ And trembles at His voice/ Trembles at His voice

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me/ How great is our God, and all will see/ How great, how great is our God

Verse 2:

Age to age He stands/ And time is in His hands/ Beginning and the end/ The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son/ The Lion and the Lamb/ The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge:

Name above all names/ Worthy of our praise/ My heart will sing/ How great is our God

Listening to God's Word

Scripture Lesson: (John 3:1-17)

Ms. Kirsten King

3Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon

What do you know?

Ms. King

Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God

Song

How Deep The Father's Love

Verse 1:

How deep the Father's love for us,/ How vast beyond all measure,/ That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure./ How great the pain of searing loss –/ The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One/ Bring many sons to glory.

Verse 2:

Behold the man upon a cross,/ My sin upon His shoulders;/ Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice/ Call out
among the scoffers./ It was my sin that held Him there/ Until it was accomplished;/ His dying breath has
brought me life –/ I know that it is finished.

Verse 3:

I will not boast in anything,/ No gifts, no power, no wisdom;/ But I will boast in Jesus Christ,/ His death and
resurrection./ Why should I gain from His reward?/ I cannot give an answer;/ But this I know with all my
heart –/ His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

Build My Life

Verse 1:

Worthy of every song we could ever sing/ Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring/ Worthy of every
breath we could ever breathe/ We live for you/ Jesus, the name above every other name/ Jesus, the only one
who could save/ Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe/ We live for you/ Oh, we live for you

Chorus:

Holy, there is no one like you/ There is none besides you/ Open up my eyes in wonder/ And show me who
you are and fill me/ With your heart and lead me/ In your love to those around me

Bridge:

And I will build my life upon your love, it is a firm foundation/ And I will put my trust in you alone/ And I
will not be shaken

Benediction and Blessing

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

On the cover: Saint Andreï Rublev, d. ca. 1430. *Holy Trinity*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the
Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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 Amy Phillips at (901) 647-6433 and my email is 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 30, 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: Karen & Clyde Blount; Jill Crocker, Daniel, Davis; Sandy Jones; Judy Nokes; Melinda & Phil Russell; Sarah Thompson; Maureen & Bill Wilson, Maggie, William.

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.*

*Please note: the church office will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day.
Enjoy your long weekend.*

Saturday, June 5, 6:00pm
Arthur Rd Parking Lot
Outdoor Concert Fellowship Event – The Ramblers!
Click [here](#) for all the details.

Saturday night, June 5 at 6:00pm, GPC member Chuck Utterback and his music group, The Ramblers, will perform a concert outside on the Arthur Road side of the church. Bring your lawn chairs and your picnic baskets and enjoy the shade from the trees as you fellowship at a safe distance from each other and enjoy music. Please bring/wear your masks if you plan to interact more closely with others. No reservations are necessary. This group came last August, and they were a tremendous hit.

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

There are number Sunday morning adult classes offered limited onsite and online. You can find information about all the Sunday morning classes on the website here: <https://germantownpres.org/ministries/adult-education/> - Coffee and Conversations; Hits of the Ages Class; Psalm 78 Class; Seekers Class; Paula's Hearts and Hands.

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



PEACE, shout-outs of appreciation!

Throughout each week, several loving, kind, generous volunteers support and serve our special friends.

Thank you to:

- ❖ **Mary K. Grantham*** - and **David**, her helpful husband - along with **Julie Lindow**, who brilliantly co-teach our PEACE Children's Sunday School class.
- ❖ **Helen Warren***, loyal lead teacher of our PEACE Adult Sunday School class.
- ❖ **Sherrie Horner**, faithful co-host of our Friendship Circle, and **Neal***, her dedicated husband.
- ❖ **Noel Wilkins**, our gifted AMPLify music instructor, capable of capturing and growing individuals' talent.
- ❖ **Wendy Holmes**, our steadfast and creative adaptive Yoga instructor, and healthy-eating counselor.
- ❖ **Cathy Borden*** - our creative and outgoing community liaison.

* Mary K., Helen, Neal, and Cathy continue to serve as members of the Special Needs Ministry Support Team committee, attending monthly meetings and stepping up in a variety of roles and manners! We depend on them heavily! *You may wish to learn more about them by reading the "Special Needs Ministry" article in our February 2021 newsletter, **The Window**.*



AMPLify's Spring Performance 2021 was a smashing success for our participants! Thank you, Noel Wilkins, for your fabulous leadership!!!! If you missed the opportunity to witness this great ministry's performance, you may watch the recording [HERE](#).



PEACE, calls out for more volunteers!

[Sunday School Substitute Teachers](#) for some summertime Sundays, 10:40 a.m. – 11:40 a.m., to allow travel and respite opportunities to our veteran Sunday School program teachers.

[Wacky Wednesday needs volunteers!](#) 10:00 a.m. – 12:00/12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning June 16th!

PEACE Program summertime changes:

Wacky Wednesday in the Word Registration is Open!

Wacky Wednesday will begin meeting on June 16, in Warren Hall. If you prefer to attend virtually, a Zoom link will be provided to the email you provide when you register. Activities will run from 10am – 12pm, followed by lunchtime fellowship from 12 – 12:30pm.

List of themes and activities coming soon!

For more information, email jackiec@germantownpres.org.

Sign-ups [HERE](#).



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 \(wufoo.com\)](#)

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

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:

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| 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).

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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