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Gathering & Approaching God in Worship

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

Dr. Will Jones

Song

Praise to the Lord Almighty

Verse 1:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty/ The King of creation/ O my soul, praise Him/ For He is thy health and salvation/
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near/ Praise Him in glad adoration/ Praise him

Verse 2:

Praise to the Lord/ Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth/ Shelters thee under His wings/ Yea, so gently
sustaineth/ And hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been/ Granted in what He ordaineth

Verse 3:

Praise to the Lord/ Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee/ And surely His goodness and mercy here daily
attend thee/ And ponder anew what the Almighty can do/ If with His love He befriend thee

Verse 4:

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him/ And all that hath life and breath/ Come now with praises
before Him/ And let the 'amen' sound from His people again/ And gladly for aye we adore Him

Song

King of My Heart

Verse 1:

Let the King of my heart/ Be the mountain where I run/ The fountain I drink from/ Oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart/ Be the shadow where I hide/ The ransom for my life/ Oh, He is my song

Chorus:

'Cause You are good/ You are good, oh oh/ You are good/ You are good, oh oh/ You are good/ You are good,
oh oh/ You are good/ You are good, oh oh

Verse 2:

And let the King of my heart/ Be the wind inside my sails/ The anchor in the waves/ Oh oh, He is my song
Let the King of my heart/ Be the fire inside my veins/ The echo of my days/ Oh oh, He is my song

Bridge:

You're never gonna let/ You're never gonna let me down

Listening to God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 8:1-22

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8 When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ²The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. ³Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice. ⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, ⁹from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." ²¹When Samuel had

heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. ²²The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the people of Israel, "Each of you return home."

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Sermon

God at Work: Even Through People Like Us?!?

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Offering & Prayer before Communion (& 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.

Sacrament of Communion

Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God

Song

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1:

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart/
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art/
Thou my best thought, by day or by night/
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light/

Verse 2:

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word/
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord/
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son/
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one/

Verse 3:

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise/
Thou mine inheritance, now and always/
Thou and thou only first in my heart/
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

Verse 4:

High King of heaven, my victory won/
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun/
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall/
Still be my vision, O ruler of all/
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall/
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Song

Graves Into Gardens

Verse 1:

I searched the world/ But it couldn't fill me/
Man's empty praise/ And treasures that fade/
Are never enough
Then You came along/ And put me back together/
And every desire/ Is now satisfied/
Here in Your love

Chorus:

Oh, there's nothing better than You/
There's nothing better than You/
Lord, there's nothing/
Nothing is better than You

Verse 2:

I'm not afraid/ To show You my weakness/
My failures and flaws/ Lord, You've seen 'em all/
And You still call me friend/
'Cause the God of the mountain/
Is the God of the valley/
There's not a place/
Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again

Bridge:

You turn mourning to dancing/
You give beauty for ashes/
You turn shame into glory/
You're the only one who can/
You turn graves into garden/
You turn bones into armies/
You turn seas into highways/
You're the only one who can/
You're the only one who can

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 Opper

Bass player: Nathan Spohn *Cajon:* Jeff Williams *Sound:* Ted Partin

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 June 6, 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: Joe Crocker; Bill Boyle; Jeanie & Fritz Crombie; Randy & Diane Callahan Edens; Violet Olsen; Jane Beth Page; Karen & Rob Russell, Alex, Tyler; Tom Tweel.

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

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Martin TN
First Presbyterian Church, McKenzie, TN
Balmoral Presbyterian Church, Memphis TN
Bethel Presbyterian Church, Memphis, 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 will offer a joining opportunity June 27 at 10:45 after worship. If you are interested in joining, please contact Amy Phillips at 901-647-6433, Diane Callahan Edens at 901-262-1478 or any GPC minister at 901-754-5195. You are invited to find a family of faith here.

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 are now back in person for their Sunrise Men's Breakfast Friday mornings at 6:30am with a hybrid Zoom option. 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, 10:40am – 11:40am, to allow travel and respite opportunities to our veteran Sunday School program teachers.

[Wacky Wednesday needs volunteers!](#) 10:00am – 12:00/12:30pm Wednesdays, beginning June 16!

[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](#).



[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:

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 6:00-7:30pm 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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