



**Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.**

- Ephesians 4:3 NLT -



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*\*Please stand.*

Communion Sunday

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Two Spirituals: In Christ There is No East or West  
Over My Head, I Hear Music*

Richard Proulx

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Mr. Lanny Oakes, Liturgist

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God, the Lord, has done marvelous things.

**People: The Lord has made His salvation known and has revealed righteousness to the nations.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**People: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.**

Leader: Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.

**People: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Let us worship God!**

\*OPENING HYMN 440

*In Christ There is No East or West*

MCKEE

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Mighty God, the fear of you is the beginning of wisdom, but we too often trust only in ourselves. Our judgment is so flawed and fickle. We stumble so often. We neglect the good. We abandon what is right. We cannot stand on our own merit because we are sinful. As we confess our moral weakness, we also cling to you, Jesus, as our only true hope. You are pure goodness, and we remember your life and your ways. Your way is the right way, and we pray that you would show us how to live, today and always.**

*(Silence for 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 others in our church family that you cannot be with today. As you think of them, please pray for their health and well-being. Please contact them later today and offer your love.)*

## **THE WORD**

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

GOSPEL READING: John 6:24-35

<sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said,  
“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup> (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended<sup>[a]</sup> into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup> We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Longer Strangers: The Power of One

Dr. Jones

## ***THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER***

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*The Lord is My Light and My Salvation*  
Aaron Redburn, tenor

Frances Allitsen  
Psalm 27

*The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation, whom, then, shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?  
Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;  
And though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.  
For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle,  
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me and set me up upon a rock of stone.*

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Mike Lyle and Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Laudate Dominum* (from *Solemn Vespers*)  
Shannon Redburn, soprano

W. A. Mozart

*Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people.*

*For He has bestowed His mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### ***SENDING***

\*CLOSING HYMN 438

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

DENNIS

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

\*POSTLUDE

*Carillon*

Louis Vierne

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## **WORSHIP ARTS TODAY**

We offer our deepest thanks today to our vocalists, Aaron and Shannon Redburn, who have faithfully served our music and children's ministries at GPC for the past four years. After earning masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Memphis, Shannon and Aaron have accepted positions in the Kansas City area from which they hail. We send them off with our sincere gratitude and wish them all the best!

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**The baby rose** in the sanctuary this morning celebrates the birth of Henry David Martin on July 21. His parents are Hannah and Jacob Martin, and his grandparents are Tara and David Martin. Congratulations and God's blessings on this new family member.

**The flowers** in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in memory of their grandson, Grant, by Ellie and Dick Goughnour.

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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!



Scan the QR code to sign in to the online Friendship Pad.

*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 August 1, 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: Barbara Branch; Eleanor & David Denton; John Edmonds; Leah & George Lumm, Emma Grace, George; Carolyn Pearce; Beth Schriener; Cackie & Robert Walker, Alexander, Madeleine, Olivia.

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

Liberation Community Church, Memphis, TN

Parkway Garden United Church, Memphis, TN

Shady Grove Church, Memphis, TN

Kerrville Presbyterian Church, Millington, 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

**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

**There are a number of 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; Psalm 78; Seekers; Paula's Hearts and Hands.

**Women:** August 28 Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins will present our Bible study for 2021-2022 via zoom. We will be studying the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus - Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary. The name of our study is *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. Zoom information will be made available closer to the presentation date. We invite all women to sign in and enjoy this presentation. PW Circles begin September 7 going through May 4 and will meet at GPC. Circles meet the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00am. 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 meeting in person and combining that with 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

**JoyLife 901 Breakfast seeking assistance!** A Dollar or Two Goes a Looooonnnng Way!

We've found the talent.  
Our chefs stand ready!  
"More time, more time?"  
Yes, we can offer that, too.  
IF only... if...  
Some small treasure,  
An initial investment,  
Recouped upon entry,  
Is suitably deposited.



GPC's SNM seeks initial tiny investment to broaden our participation in the JoyLife 901 Breakfasts from one week per month to two weeks per month (August – May). Please prayerfully consider contributing money or items for the JoyLife 901 Breakfast.

Items provided typically include Chick-fil-A biscuits, donuts, grapes, bananas, coffee, juice, water. Participants pay \$5 for dining. For more info email Jackie Classen at [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org).



**PEACE seeks substitute volunteers!**

**4 Sundays: August 29, September 12, September 19, and October 31.**

For our Adult PEACE class, currently serving one, typically happy-go-lucky, well-known, and well-liked participant! **Jackie Classen**, available at 754-5195 or [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org), will be able to offer further information and provide easy-to-follow lesson plans!

**Helping won't interfere with Worship among your GPC Family:** There will be two opportunities to attend Worship, before or after the Sunday School hour (9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.). We are planning\* to return to the 2-worship-services Sunday morning schedule shortly!

*\*Stay tuned to the GPC website, E-blast, and/or Bulletin Announcements for more information on the upcoming schedule change.*

**Friendship Circle & AMPLify RETURN the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August!!!** These programs offer more chances to plug in to the FUN !!!

Much like Wacky Wednesday, **Friendship Circle** provides weekly social engagements for our friends to build Bible knowledge and lasting friendships. Participants join us from 12:30p – 2:30p each Wednesday. Volunteers (and some early arrivers) may be here at 12:15p. Come for all or part of the fun! You will leave feeling fully rewarded!

Come to **AMPlify** and check out how we rock God's house, each Thursday from 10:00am – 11:30am! Come jam with us – no prior experience or lessons required! It's SO MUCH FUN!!! For more information, please call or email Jackie Classen, at 901-754-5195 or [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@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

**Sunday School Teacher Training** for Children's Ministry is Sunday, August 8 at 10:30am in the Well! Join us for training and refreshments.

**GPCKids is in need of one Sunday School teacher** for our PreK/Kindergarten class! Teaching is not demanding. We aim to create a team of three to four teachers so that you can alternate your teaching weekends. Even the lesson prep work is done for you! Your job is to teach the Bible stories to the children and share your faith with the next generation! Please email Anna White if you can teach this year: [children@germantownpres.org](mailto:children@germantownpres.org).

**GPCKids Nursery is in need of hiring staff** to join our paid nursery staff team. If you know of someone who loves caring for babies and toddlers and wants to work flexible Sunday mornings, some Wednesday evenings, and some special events, please email Anna at [children@germantownpres.org](mailto:children@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 and some terrific summer activities. 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 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](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 regular meetings on Thursday, August 12 from 6:00-7:30pm in the church parlor and will continue to meet on the second Thursday of every month. 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.



Visit [germantownpres.org/giving](http://germantownpres.org/giving) or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.



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!