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*August 22, 2021*

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*Please silence electronic devices.*

## ***GATHERING***

PRELUDE

*Fantasia in C*

Abraham van der Kerckhoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 84)    Liturgists: (8:30) Mr. Gary Veazey    (11:00) Mrs. Patti Bradford

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.

**People: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.  
Happy are those whose strength is in you.**

Leader: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.  
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the  
tents of wickedness. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 263

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Holy God, have mercy on us, we pray. You invite us to experience generous love, yet we choose differently. You offer us an escape from rage, yet every day we seethe with anger. You provide grace to us so that we can do the same to others, but we often refuse it and prefer alienation. Have mercy on our sin-sick souls, and renew us today with generous love, reconciling mercy, and amazing grace.**

(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.**

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

Rev. Mike Lyle

### ***THE WORD***

MEDITATION IN MUSIC (11:00) *Built Upon the Rock*  
Brianna Reilly, mezzo-soprano

Sally DeFord

*Here within these walls, our refuge from the world; We shelter from the rain and seek for warmth against the cold. Humble earthly homes where heaven is our light are fortresses of faith upheld by heaven's might. For we are built upon the Rock of our Redeemer, secure amid the tempests of our time. Though the winds may blow, though the floods may rise, though the storms may rage abroad this refuge will abide. For we are built upon the Rock of our Redeemer, built upon the cornerstone of Christ. Here His Spirit speaks, His children walk in truth, guided by His word we are disciples from our youth. Here we learn of love, here we feel His peace, here we gather strength to stand in time of need. Here we learn of sacrifice and joy amid our strife, here we seek His perfect grace and everlasting life.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: James 1:12-27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

James - A Faith that Works: The Implanted Word

Dr. Jones

### ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Lyle

**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	<i>Oh God, Have Mercy</i> (from <i>St. Paul</i> ) Michael Anderson, baritone	Felix Mendelssohn
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*O God, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions, according to Thy loving kindness; yea, even for Thy mercy's sake, deny me not. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Spirit from me, O Lord. Lord, a broken and a contrite heart is offered before Thee. I will speak of Thy salvation, I will teach transgressors, and all the sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Then open Thou my lips, Lord, and my mouth shall show forth Thy glorious praise.*

*DOXOLOGY	OLD 100TH
<b>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.</b>	

PRAYER OF DEDICATION	Rev. Lyle
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## *SENDING*

*HYMN 388	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	ANGEL'S STORY
*CHARGE and BLESSING		Dr. Jones
*POSTLUDE	<i>Minuet in D</i>	James Hook

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## WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: *Apostles with God*, 5<sup>th</sup> century, Ivory diptych leaf, Louvre (Paris). From *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Thank you to our musicians assisting in worship today: Brianna Reilly and Michael Anderson. New to our musical family at GPC, Michael is an attorney living here in Germantown who was introduced to us by former GPC pianist Stephen Carey, who served here when he was Music Director for Opera Memphis. Stephen attended high school with Mike in Pennsylvania and later worked with him as an opera singer.

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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 or by 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.

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***Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements  
Week of August 22, 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: Tucker Brock; Kay Donaho; Joyce Henry; Molly & Chip Miller, Andrew, Mattie, Miller Grace; Pamela Palmer; Martha Shuler; Fred Turverey & Gerre Craig.

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.***

*Free books: If you're on the GPC campus, be sure to stop by the library and check out the free books being offered. Take one or more for yourself and/or your friends and family.*

*After much discussion and prayer, GPC's Wednesday night Compass program will plan to resume in January. Please continue to lift up this popular and important ministry in your prayers as planning continues to resume for the midweek meal, fellowship, and Bible study.*

## ***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: All women of the church are invited to attend a PW circle the first Tuesday of each month. Our study for 2021 - 2022 *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning From the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Beginning September 7 – May 4, the three Day Circles meet at 10:00am at the church - Circle #1 - UL215, Circle #2 - UL216, Circle #3 - UL217. Circle #4 (Night Circle) also meets the first Tuesday of the month in the church parlor at 6:30pm for refreshments and

7:00pm for lesson. Contact Bonnie Algee ([bbalgee@bellsouth.net](mailto:bbalgee@bellsouth.net)) or 907-674-2613 or Brenda Jeter ([bjeter3044@gmail.com](mailto:bjeter3044@gmail.com)) or 901-237-0545.

August 28 Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins will present an overview of the 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. We invite all women to sign in and enjoy this presentation.

Men: The men of GPC are meeting in person and combining that with Zoom meetings for their Sonrise 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**

Come volunteer with us! Our extraordinary PEACE teachers occasionally require a Sunday away from the classroom. We appreciate our volunteers who have agreed to fill that void! Thank you!!!

We continue to have need for our Children's Classrooms, for PEACE and for Elementary Sunday School. If you are willing to step up and step in to help, please contact Jackie Classen, at 754-5195 or [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org).

\*Advanced notice and prepared lesson will be provided.

Friendship Circle & AMplify are back offering chances to plug in to the fun!

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! For more information, please call or email Jackie Classen, at 901-754-5195 or [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org).

AMplify music program: Come 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).



Sadly, Joy Life 901 Breakfast HAS BEEN PUT ON PAUSE... I'll let you know when we get back on track to provide this fantastic treat to our special friends! Thank you for your continued prayers and support! Stay tuned to our weekly bulletin and E-blast messages, please!

## Children

GPCKids is in need of one Sunday School teacher for our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and one teacher for our combined 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade 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

Today, Sunday, August 22:

12pm-1pm – youth parent town hall – Warren Fellowship Hall

4:30pm – junior high pool party

5:30pm – senior high meal & fellowship at GPC

Feed our Youth! Youth Sunday activities have begun, and we would love your help in providing them food. You can provide breakfast, supper, or both. Click or copy and paste [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fabaf23a2f9c07-gpcyouth) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fabaf23a2f9c07-gpcyouth>) to sign up to bring the youth food. Thanks for your help. If you have any questions, want to volunteer with GPC youth, or 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)

New Opportunity – August 2021: Memphis Food Bank has set up a mobile food donation site at Idlewild Presbyterian Church, and more volunteers are needed to sign up and help Idlewild volunteers distribute food. The volunteers staff this site two (2) times a month on Wednesday mornings from 8:00am-10:30am; at least 25 volunteers are needed. Go to this website [here](#) to sign up to help give out food to our hungry neighbors.

New Opportunity – August 2021: Memphis Athletic Ministries (MAM) is searching for men and women who will commit to mentor a high school student for this upcoming school year. Mentors will be matched with students accepted into our Amplify Mentoring Program (AMP). AMP students are hand selected and hired by MAM to work in our sites and gain college and career training. Mentors will help these students set goals and take the steps to reach those goals and prepare them for life after MAM. For more information or to sign up, go to: [www.mamsports.org/volunteer](http://www.mamsports.org/volunteer).

## Congregational Care

GPC Prayer Ministry - We as a church want to pray for all our members. There are several ways to request prayer. We 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 has begun meeting regularly again on the second Thursday of every month 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.



**Mail checks to:  
2363 S Germantown Rd  
Germantown TN 38138.**



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

## **GPC Staff**

William G. Jones, Pastor

Susan Carter Wiggins, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Michael Lyle, Associate Pastor for Evangelism & Discipleship

Tom Sauer, Associate Pastor to Senior Adults

Anna White, Director of Family Ministry

Christopher Greco, Director of Youth Ministry

Jackie Classen, Director of Special Needs Ministry,  
Asst. to Director of Children's Ministry

Jerold Teachey, Director of Music Ministry

Alex Benford, Organist/Music Associate

John Johnson, Worship Leader/Musician

Jennifer Gentry, Director, Germantown Presbyterian Preschool

Fred Turverey, Business & Facilities Administrator

Amber Miller, Financial Secretary

Ann DeVere, Church Secretary/Receptionist

Carl Woods, Maintenance Assistant

Randy Smith, Maintenance Technician

Laurie Henderson, Director of Communications

## Engage 2021

*I am doing something brand new, something unheard of.  
Even now it sprouts and grows and matures.  
Don't you perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and open up flowing streams in the desert.  
Isaiah 43:19 (TPT)*



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