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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Do, Lord

arr. Marianne Kim

David Spencer, trumpet

Alex Benford, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 96) (8:30) Mrs. Elaine Cates (11:00) Mr. Lanny Oakes

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing praises to God's name; proclaim the Lord's salvation day after day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

People: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. Our God is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: Splendor and majesty go before the Lord, and strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

People: Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, who is coming to judge the earth.

* HYMN

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

REFRAIN: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Let all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the son of God. [REFRAIN]
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [REFRAIN]
3. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [REFRAIN]
4. O, Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [REFRAIN]

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. [REFRAIN]

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy God, we acknowledge our love for you, and we admit our foolish sin before you. We have not loved you or others with a pure heart. We often think of you as a mirage, aloof and hands off. We are often paralyzed by sin, and we look at others with envy and disdain. Forgive our suspicious minds and cleanse us with your burning love. Turn our hearts of stone and purge our memories of sin. Starting today, may we live within your never-ending love and amazing grace. Remind us that with you, we will never walk alone.

(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

Mrs. Anna White

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND REDEDICATION OF SANCTUARY AND ROOMS

Opening Remarks

Dr. Jones

Litany of Thanksgiving
Benford

Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Nabers, Rev. Wiggins, Rev. Lyle, Mr.

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

People: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Happy are those who live in your house ever singing your praise.

Leader: 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.

Leader: By your grace, O God, you have brought us into your covenant through the waters of baptism, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are made members of the body of Christ, the church.

People: At our baptismal font, may lives be claimed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the work and witness of your people in this world.

Leader: May everyone who comes through the waters of baptism be renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Today we dedicate our baptismal font and its waters as visible signs of your invisible grace.

Leader: God of mercy, we rejoice that our Savior invites all who trust him to share the feast he has prepared.

People: We come with the hunger of our souls that can be fed only by the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Leader: Gracious God, we come to you empty and you invite us to take, eat, and drink.

People: As you feed us at the table, Lord, may we, your earthen vessels, carry your treasure to the world. We dedicate our communion table as a sign of your coming kingdom.

Leader: You have spoken your Word, O God, through prophets and apostles, and in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We dedicate our pulpit as a place where your Word will be faithfully proclaimed.

Leader: We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth.

People: Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate this Bible in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Leader: Eternal God, our praises join with the songs of heavenly choirs and the music of the universe.

People: May our organ and all instruments encourage our praise and lift our singing to your throne as faithful prayers in times of joy and times of sorrow.

Leader: God of wisdom and truth, we dedicate our education rooms as places for nurturing families, equipping saints for the work of ministry, and building up of the body of Christ.

People: Inspire us to think your thoughts after you, that our wills may be so bound with your will that we will be obedient disciples of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Leader: We dedicate our whole lives in service to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: May all who enter these spaces know of the saving love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Leader: We join our lives of faith with all the other saints and sinners through the decades who have called this church their faith home.

People: May we live up to their example, and give us grace to pass down faith to those who follow us. We rededicate our church and our communal life together in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

Here's One
Marcus King, baritone

trad. Spiritual
arr. Tom Fettke

*Talk about a child who do love Jesus – here's one. Here's one.
Ever since I heard the gospel story, I been walkin' up the path to glory.
Talk about a child who's been converted – here's one. Here's one.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: James 1:1-8

Dr. Jones

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Faith that Works

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

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. Mike Lyle

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

How Great Thou Art
Chancel Choir Quintet

Stuart K. Hine
arr. Rouse & Kirkland

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Wiggins

SENDING

*HYMN 333

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

La Rejouissance (from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*)
David Spencer and Nairam Simões, trumpets

G. F. Handel

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover. Bebe Beltz Pinckley, local artist rendering of Germantown Presbyterian Church chapel.

Thank you to our musicians leading us in worship this morning:

Singers Keriann Otano, Desiree Soto, Brianna Riley, T. J. Turner, and Marcus King
Trumpets David Spencer and Nairam Simões

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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.

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 15, 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: Beth Bowman; Paul Boyle; Kriste & Kevin Cullum; Judy Hobbs; Lindsay & Zac Overbey, Everett & Isla; Carole Phelps; Linda & Bill Shirley; Frida Walters Moky, Dilon, Isabella.

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.

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 the Presbyterian Women (PW) installation of officers to be held Tuesday, August 17 at 10:00am in Warren Hall. Contact Nancy Halter (jhalter2097@comcast.net) or 731-267-0497 or Bonnie Algee (bbalgee@bellsouth.net) or 901-674-2613 for additional information.

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 and 7:00pm. 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 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. 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 seeks *stand-by substitute volunteers!*

Our fabulous PEACE teachers occasionally need a Sunday off. Are you willing to be “*on call*” to step in and fill that need?

*Advanced notice and prepared lesson will be provided.

Both of our PEACE classes (Adult and Youth) each serve one, typically happy, well-respected participant. Our Adult class meets in the Library; our Youth class meets in the Purple Room in the Elementary hallway. ... and helping won't prohibit you from worshipping with your GPC Family! May we count on you???

For more information, please contact Jackie Classen, at 754-5195 or specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

Friendship Circle & AMPLify are back! Offering 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 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.

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!

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! You

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.

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.

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 and some terrific summer activities. If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, please email 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.

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 regular meetings on Thursday, August 12 from 6:00-7:30pm in Warren Fellowship Hall 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.



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!



Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.



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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