



GERMANTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
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September 5, 2021
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

**Please stand.*

Communion Sunday

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele

Johann Adam Hiller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jones

Rev. Dr. Will

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 33)

Liturgists: Mr. Eddie Batey (8:30)

Mrs. Brenda Jeter (11:00)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright

People: Sing to the Lord a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

People: God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the love of the Lord.

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield.

People: Our hearts are glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

*OPENING HYMN 341

Blessed Assurance: Jesus is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we often fall short of your call to love one another as you love us. We allow ourselves to be blinded by comforts and differences. We tune out the cries of all manner of poverty, and have defined ourselves by what we are against. Heal and transform us by the power of your mercy, to meet one another with charitable generosity, to follow your law of liberty, and to share your redemptive grace.

(Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glorify 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.

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS (11:00)

Mrs. Anna White

MEDITATION IN MUSIC (11:00) *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Mark Andrews

T. J. Turner, tenor Brianna Reilly, mezzo-soprano

arr. Fetteke

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!
Fatherlike He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows. In His hand He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows!
Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress. Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Angels in the height adore Him; You behold Him face to face. Saints triumphant, bow before Him; gathered in from ev'ry race. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Mike Lyle

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: James 2:1-17 (Pew Bible pg. 981)

Rev. Lyle

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

James – A Faith that Works: New Nobility

Rev. Lyle

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

Rev. Dr. Will Jones

OFFERTORY

And Can it Be?
T. J. Turner, tenor

Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?/ Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;/ Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,/ Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins and Dr. Jones

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS



1. "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2. "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3. "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wa - king, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you hear my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, TN

First Presbyterian Church, Paris, TN

Marl Bluff Church, Reagan, TN

1st Presbyterian Church, Rosemark, TN

GPC church office will be closed Monday, September 6 in observation of Labor Day.

#GPCJubilee event: After much discussion and prayer, the #GPCJubilee team has decided to postpone the Jubilee event to a later date to be determined. Continue to watch GPC's various communications for updates. Please keep this event and these planners in your prayers.

GPC Library: 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.

Lost and Found: Dark men's suit jacket has been found and is in the church office. Contact office@germantownpres.org or come by to claim.

Wednesday Evening Compass Meal and Program: After much discussion and prayer, GPC's Wednesday night Compass program will not meet this fall due to Covid-related concerns. We will resume in January instead. 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.

Audio Visual 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. 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.

Children's Sunday School: GPC Kids needs one Sunday School teacher for our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade class and one teacher for our combined 4th and 5th grade class. The lesson prep work is done for you. All you do is teach 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.

Special Needs Program: There are many volunteer opportunities each week in our special needs program, including our Wednesday lunch and Friendship Circle, our Thursday morning *Amplify* music program, and our upcoming Friday morning JoyLife901 Breakfast Club meetings. For more information about participation and/or volunteering, please contact Jackie Classen at specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

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.

Labor of Love Mission Day: Every year on Labor Day, GPC joins with our neighborhood churches to provide resources to the community. This year, 10 volunteers from GPC are needed Monday, September 6 from 9am-11am to help package ready-to-serve meals for MIFA and/or fill emergency services bags. Sign up [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ea9ac2aaafc1-labor6) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ea9ac2aaafc1-labor6>).

Covid precautions will be in effect (including masking). Sign up [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ea9ac2aaafc1-labor6) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ea9ac2aaafc1-labor6>). If you can't volunteer on Labor Day, you can still help by collecting the following supplies and dropping them off across the street at St. George's any time before Sunday, September 5:

- disposable diapers (all sizes),
- baby wipes,
- baby bottles,
- infant juices,
- small-sized containers of baby shampoo,
- small-sized containers of baby lotion.

Memphis Food Bank Mobile Pantry 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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eaaac22aafa7-idlewild) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eaaac22aafa7-idlewild>) to sign up to help give out food to our hungry neighbors.

Mentors for 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 Mentoring Program. 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.

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 office@germantownpres.org.

GPC Prayer Ministry – As a church, we pray for all our members during the year. 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. 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.



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