



September 12, 2021
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Da Pacem, Domine

J. P. Sweelinck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Liturgists: (8:30) Mr. Xander Batey
(11:00) Dr. Noel Florendo

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

People: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Leader: Keep your servant also from willful sins, may they not rule over me.

People: May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

* HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy God, today we confess how often we misuse the gift of speech. Instead of building up, we tear down. Instead of praising, we curse. Instead of praying, we boast. We use our speech in ways that are often sinful and wrong, and we confess our inability to control our tongues. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to speak as Jesus did, in ways that provide healing, reconciliation, and hope.

(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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00): Nicholas Grant Boswell

Nick is the son of Teresa and Nathan Boswell. Also assisting in today's ceremony are Elder Mary K. Grantham and George Lumm.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE (11:00)

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, we are His children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

THE WORD

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

Send Out Thy Light
Chancel Choir Ensemble

M. A. Balakirev

Send out thy light, O send thy truth, that they may lead me, O Lord, that they lead me to thy holy hill. My soul shall trust in God the Lord; for I will yet give thanks to God, who is the help of my countenance, and my God. Send out thy light, O send thy truth, that they may lead me, Lord, to thy dwelling place.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:1-12 (Pew Bible pg. 981)

Dr. Jones

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

James: The Viper in your Mouth

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

Mr. Tom Sauer

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

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

Rev. Mike Lyle

OFFERTORY

I Vow to Thee, My Country
Karen Schowalter Cooper, mezzo-soprano

arr. Rodney Abriol

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above, entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love. The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test, that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best./The love that never falters, the love that pays the price, the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice./Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;/ And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still;/ To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*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

SENDING

*HYMN 391

Take My Life and Let it Be

HENDON

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

G. F. Handel

Welcome to worship online and 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.

The chancel flowers celebrate the marriage of Paula Sanders Stack and John Franklin Hurt, III who were married in the chapel on Saturday, September 11. The flowers are also in loving memory of Betty Baker Hurt and Robert "Bob" Stack.

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Thank you to our musicians assisting in worship this morning: Clara Norell, Karen Schowalter Cooper, and Marcus King.

On the cover: Alexej von Jawlensky, 1864-1941. *Meditation, The Prayer*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Russian expressionist painter, Alexej von Jawlensky, writes, "I knew that great art should only be painted with religious feeling...the artist must express that within him which is divine. That is why art is 'a longing for God.'"

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Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements *Week of September 12, 2021*

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Lindsey & Joseph Butler, Adelaide, Chandler; Kay Dortch; Alexa & Garrett Guynes, Garner, Gabby; Amy & Barry Phillips; Ramona & John Seabold; Helen & Lance Warren; Nancy Webb.

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

New Mobile App for Contributions: Our credit card processor has updated the mobile app that we use for contributions to GPC. This change applies only to new contributions and changes to existing contributions. It will not impact any existing recurring contributions that are made by credit card or direct transfer from your bank account. The previous application (MobileAccess) will not be supported after September 30.

If you need to make a new contribution or change an existing contribution after September 30, you will need to download the [new Vanco Mobile app](#) from the App Store or the Google Play Store. Just find Germantown Presbyterian Church and log in to this app with your existing user name and password to make your contribution – one-time or recurring – just as you have in the past.

If you have questions about this process, please call Fred Turverey in the GPC office at 901-754-5195.

#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 Music Begins Next Sunday, September 19: GPCKids is ramping up the music program for the new year, but there are some differences. Children will stay after the 11:00am worship, enjoy a light snack and learn music – vocal and instrumental. Please email Alex Benford if you have questions and/or would like to be involved: alexb@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 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.

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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