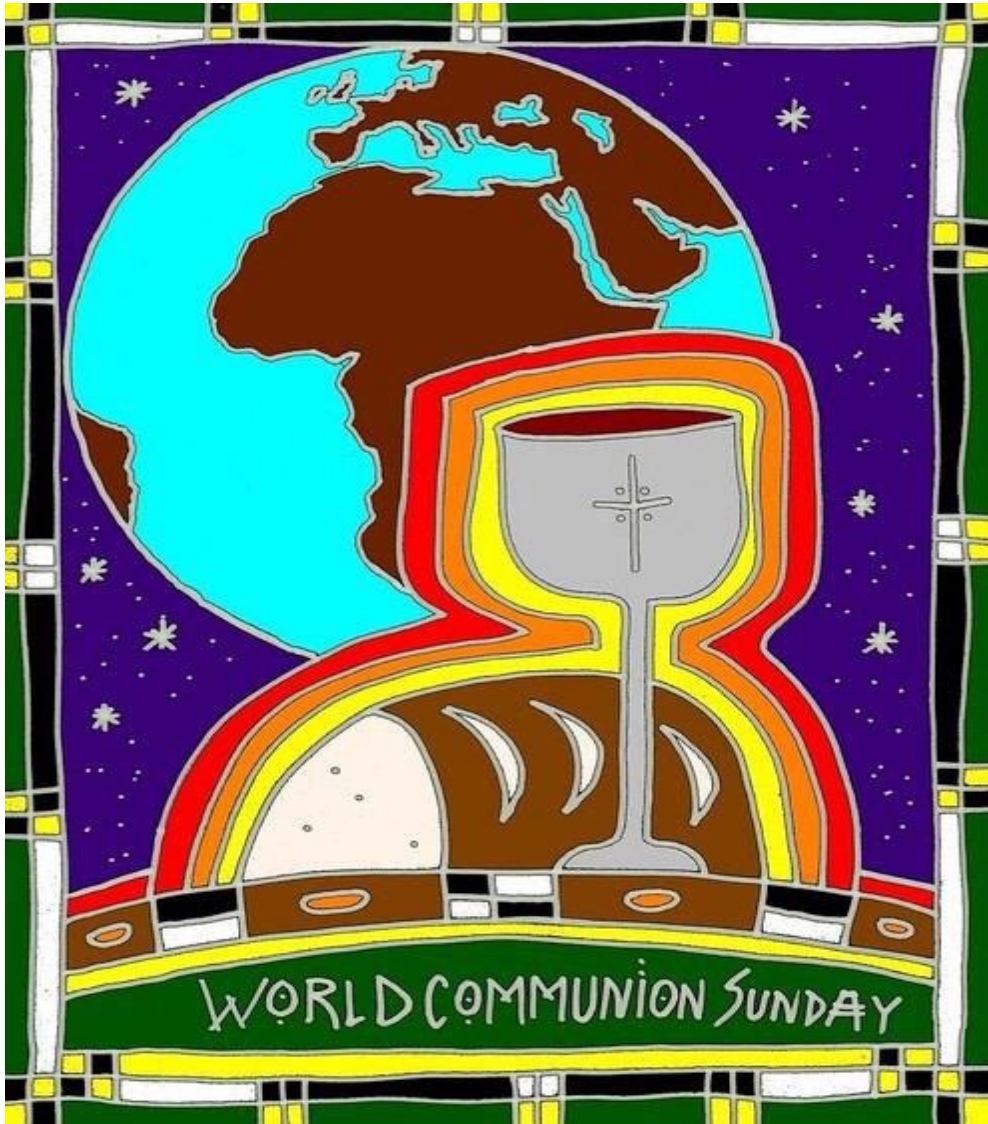




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October 3, 2021
6:00P.M.

Gathering & Approaching God in Worship

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

Dr. Will Jones

Song *Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord* Paul Baloche

Verse:

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord/ Open the eyes of my heart/ I want to see You/ I want to see You

Chorus:

To see You high and lifted up/ Shining in the light of Your glory/ Pour out Your power and love/ As we sing holy, holy, holy

Bridge:

Holy, holy, holy/ Holy, holy, holy/ Holy, holy, holy,/ I want to see you

Song *Cornerstone* Hillsong Worship

Verse 1:

My hope is built on nothing less/ Than Jesus blood and righteousness/ I dare not trust the sweetest friend/ But wholly trust in Jesus name

Chorus:

Christ alone/ Cornerstone/ Weak made strong/ In the Saviour's love/ Through the storm He is Lord/ Lord of all

Verse 2:

When darkness seems to hide His face/ I rest on His unchanging grace/ In every high and stormy gale/ My anchor holds within the veil/ My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3:

When He shall come with trumpet sound/ Oh, may I then in Him be found/ Dressed in His righteousness alone/ Faultless stand before the throne

Listening to God's Word

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Making Disciples of all Nations"

Rev. James Awuni

Offering & Prayer before Communion (& Lord's Prayer, contemporary version)

Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God

Song **Build My Life** The Housefires

Verse 1:

Worthy of every song we could ever sing/ Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe/ We live for you/ Oh, we live for you

Verse 2:

Jesus, the Name above every other name/ Jesus, the only One who could ever save/
(worthy...)/ Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe/ We live for you

Chorus:

Holy, there is no one like You/ There is none beside You/ Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me/ With Your heart and lead me/ In your love to those
around me

Bridge:

I will build my life upon Your love/ It is a firm foundation/ I will put my trust in You
alone/ And I will not be shaken

Song **Christ Be Magnified** Cody Carnes

Verse 1:

Were creation suddenly articulate/ With a thousand tongues to lift one cry/ Then from
North to South and East to West/ We'd hear Christ be magnified

Verse 2:

Were the whole Earth echoing His eminence/ His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops/ We'd hear Christ be magnified

Chorus:

Oh! Christ be magnified/ Let His praise arise/ Christ be magnified in me/ Oh! Christ be
magnified/ From the altar of my life/ Christ be magnified in me

Verse 3:

When every creature finds its inmost melody/ And every human heart its native cry/ Oh
then in one enraptured hymn of praise/ We'll sing Christ be magnified

Bridge:

I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship You/ And if it puts me in the fire, I'll
rejoice 'cause You're there too/ I won't be formed by feelings, I hold fast to what is true

If the cross brings transformation then I'll be crucified with You/ 'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life/ And if I join You in Your suffering, then I'll join You when You rise/ And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints/ My heart will still be singing, my song will be the same

Benediction and Blessing

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Special thanks to the following for their participation in this service:

Vocalists: Jaylah Tate Karissa Walhof Britni McCullough John Johnson

Keyboardist: De'Merteiro Lee *Acoustic Guitar:* David Oppel

Electric Guitar: Kyle Wright *Bass player:* Nathan Spohn *Cajon:* Jeff Williams

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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!

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.

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 October 3, 2021

GPC welcomes guest preacher Rev. James Awuni from Ghana today to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Rev. James K. Awuni is the Chairperson of the Upper Presbytery, Presbyterian Church of Ghana. He is the former pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Bolgatanga, the Bolgatanga District Minister, and the Director of Finance of the Upper Presbytery.

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Alex Benford, Patsy Benford; Martha & Tom Drannon; Paula & David Hopkins; Betty McCallen; Teresa & Tim McCaskill; Dale & Mike Rowland; Cynthia Shaw; Anne & Mike Zachry.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, TN
Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN
First Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN
First Presbyterian Church, Somerville, TN
Tiptonville Presbyterian Church, Tiptonville, TN

GPC is searching for a new Director of Ministry to Children. This is a full-time job, and a position description may be found on the church website. There are also copies available on tables outside the entrances to the sanctuary. For more information, please contact September Eason at children@gpctn.org.

GPC's 4th Annual Women's Retreat is Back! This year the retreat will be a one-day event held at GPC on Saturday, November 6 from 9am – 4pm. Mouth-watering cinnamon rolls will be provided by Pinecrest, and lunch and snacks will be provided by the Women's Retreat Planning Team. This year's theme is: *Generation after Generation: Learning From, Becoming, and Handing Down Women's Wisdom*. And for those of you with kids, Pastor Will is working with the Retreat team to come up with a dad/kid event for that day. Women's retreat tee shirts are available for purchase as well. Registration opens Monday, October 4 on the GPC website. For more information, contact Pastor Susie at susiew@germantownpres.org.

Children's Music Wants You! GPCKids is ramping up the music program, but there are some differences. Children from preschool through 5th grade are invited to stay after the 11:00am worship, enjoy a light snack lunch and learn music – vocal and instrumental. They will also play games and take part in fun activities. Pick-up time is 1:30pm. Please email Alex Benford if you have questions and/or would like to be involved: alexbenford@germantownpres.org.

Nursery Open Sunday Nights: The nursery is now open Sunday evenings from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. If you haven't come on Sunday nights because you need childcare, now is your time! Come join us.

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.

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/508084eaac22aafa7-idlewild) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eaac22aafa7-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.

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world.

Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration (1 Corinthians 11:29).

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical Church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, when the Reverend Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr served as pastor.

John A. Dalles, a Pittsburgh native, a friend of Shadyside, and a PC(USA) pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday, reported in the October 7, 2002, issue of *Presbyterian Outlook*:

“Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr’s younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.”

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it was not until 1940, when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world, that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, transcending boundaries of denomination, geography, and language.

A Prayer For Peace

I am your servant God. When there is chaos around me, help me stay centered. When those around me argue and fight, let me be your peacemaker. Show me what's important. Help me keep an open mind. Help me soothe the anger of others. Help me remember what is truly important. Help me resolve the conflicts in my life. *(Name aloud the chaotic situations and people with whom you are struggling; include yourself and the tough decisions you face)* Stay with me God. Enter into the hearts of all those with whom I cannot find common ground. Fill their hearts and fill mine. Let us stop fussing and find peace. I am your servant, God. *Amen*



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)

Germantown Presbyterian Church

Nomination for Officers

Please prayerfully consider nominations for the next class of church officers. These are very important roles of service and responsibility. You can submit your nomination form directly to the church office, in the offering plate, to a Nominating Committee member or via email to nominations@germantownpres.org. The Nomination Forms will be available through the month of October.

Consider the following qualifications before completing the back of this form:

Church Involvement

- regular attendance at Sunday worship and participation in church activities
- areas of service in church ministries
- demonstration of commitment to the church and its mission

Christian Living

- love of Jesus Christ and dedication to Christ as Lord and Savior
- strong faith
- demonstration of grace and compassion in common life (family, work, community)
- spiritual maturity
- acceptance of the Bible as the unique and authoritative witness to God's work in the world and guide for Christian living

Personal Characteristics and Skills

- cooperativeness: willingness to learn and listen
- ability to follow through on assignments
- openness to new ideas

Particular Qualifications for Offices

Deacon

- gifts of sympathy, compassion, and sound judgment in ministry to others

Elder

- gifts of good judgment, fair-mindedness
- spiritual leader with a vision to provide oversight and direction for the congregation
- willingness to teach and preach

Nominating Committee Member

- gifts of spiritual discernment and wide knowledge of the members of the congregation to seek God's will for the leadership of the congregation

Officer Nomination Form

I suggest _____

for nomination to the office of:

____ Elder

____ Youth Elder (*current high school 10th or 11th gr*)

____ Deacon

____ Youth Deacon (*current high school 10th or 11th gr*)

____ Nominating Committee

____ Nominating Committee, Youth Member (*current high school 10th / 11th gr*)

What spiritual gifts does this person possess?

What church activities/programs does this person participate in?

Submitted by _____

(Please print your name here.)



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