



October 3, 2021

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Please silence electronic devices.

World Communion Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on O Waly Waly

Andrew Unsworth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(8:30) Mrs. Elaine Cates
(11:00) Mrs. Helen Norman

Leader: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker!

People: God's steadfast love is before our eyes, and we draw near in faithfulness.

Leader: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker!

**People: We gather around the table of our Lord,
singing songs of thanksgiving, proclaiming God's wonderful deeds.**

Leader: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker!

People: We come to praise our Maker and worship the Lord our God!

*OPENING HYMN 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Merciful, Holy God, your grace and love surround us each day. We are blessed to live in the world of your creation where your grace is offered to all people. By the power of the cross, there is no barrier that you haven't already broken through. And yet, sometimes we doubt that you love sinners such as ourselves, and sometimes we exclude others from your encompassing love and mercy.

Forgive us we pray, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, draw us near to you again. Forgive us and renew us to your calling on our lives to love and serve you with our whole selves.

(Silence for 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.

(Please remember others in our church family that cannot be with us today. As you think of them, please pray for their health and well-being. Please contact them later today and offer your love).

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

MEDITATION IN MUSIC.

Panis Angelicus

Cèsar Franck

Kerriann Otano, soprano

Dane Suarez, tenor

May the Bread of Angels become bread for humankind; the Bread of Heaven puts all foreshadowings to an end; Oh, a miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor, the servile, and the humble.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. James Awuni

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and 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. Awuni

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Cathy Stamegna

Kerriann Otano, soprano

Dane Suarez, tenor

*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

GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Paul Manz

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

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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 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.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God to celebrate the marriage of Mattie Kathryn Jordan and Robert Hunter Hoff who were married in the sanctuary on October 2. The bride is the daughter of Molly and Chip Miller and the granddaughter of Brenda Bishop.

The baby rose on the baptismal font is given to the glory of God to celebrate the birth of Lachlan Matthew Jones on September 28, 2021 in California. He is the grandson of GPC member Susan Jones.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements
Week of October 3, 2021

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.

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.

The Ghana Mission Team will host a luncheon following the 11:00am worship on October 3, and you are all invited to attend. Pastor James will share updates on the Upper Presbytery's mission and evangelism work. Please RSVP to Ann DeVere in the church office (901-754-5195 or office@germantownpres.org) by September 28 so we can know the number of box lunches to order.

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: alexb@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.

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

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/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.

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.)