



October 10, 2021
6:00P.M.

Gathering & Approaching God in Worship

Welcome, Announcements, & Opening Prayer

Dr. Will Jones

Song *Above All* Michael W. Smith

Verse 1:

Above all powers above all kings/ Above all nature and all created things/ Above all wisdom and all the ways of man/ You were here before the world began

Verse 2:

Above all kingdoms above all thrones/ Above all wonders the world has ever known/ Above all wealth and treasures of the earth/ There's no way to measure what You're worth

Chorus:

Crucified laid behind a stone/ You lived to die rejected and alone/ Like a rose trampled on the ground/ You took the fall and thought of me/ Above all

Song *I Give Myself Away* William McDowell

Chorus:

I give myself away/ I give myself away/ So You can use me/ I give myself away/ I give myself away/ So You can use me

Verse 1:

Here I am/ Here I am/ Here I stand/ Lord, my life is in your hands/ Lord, I'm longing to see/ Your desires revealed in me

Verse 2:

Take my heart/ Take my life/ As a living sacrifice/ All my dreams all my plans/ Lord I place them in your hands

Bridge:

My life is not my own/ To you I belong/ I give myself, I give myself to you

Listening to God's Word

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But

Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Upside-Down Kingdom: Value and Worth

Dr. Jones

Offering & 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.

Dedicating Ourselves in Response to God

Song

I Lay It All

Sovereign Grace Music

Verse 1:

When troubles come, when darkness crowds/
When fortunes fail and loss surrounds/
My soul is weak, but Christ is strong/
And so to Him I leave it all/
For He Who holds all things/
Can bear each care I bring

Chorus:

So, I lay it all on Jesus/
Steadfast is the love of Jesus/
He hears my cry, He’s faithful/
I lay it all on Jesus

Verse 2:

When questions rise, when faith wears thin/
When fears come fast, and truth grows dim/
The One Who saved will not forsake/
I’ll trust His word and trust His way/
For He Who bore my blame/
Can bear each care I name

Bridge:

I am weak; You are strong/
Jesus, come and take it all/
All my cares I cast on You

Song

Worthy Of It All

David Brymer

Verse:

All the saints and angels bow before your throne/ All the elders cast their crowns before
the lamb of god and sing

Chorus:

You are worthy of it all, You are worthy of it all/ For from You are all things, and to You
are all things, You deserve the glory

Bridge:

Day and night, night and day, let incense arise

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 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 October 10, 2021*

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Laura Brown; Judy and Don Chandler; Susan and Bo Hornberg; Deranda and Caleb Lester, Darcy; Luke McClellan; Gaye and Bob Pitts; Alta and Jim Simpson.

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 is now open 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.

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.

Youth Group will not meet tonight (10/10) because of Fall Break. Have a fun and safe vacation, and we will see you next week (10/17)!

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/508084caaac22aafa7-idlewild) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084caaac22aafa7-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.

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

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.)