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\*All who are able are invited to stand.

Please silence electronic devices.

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Miserere*

William Byrd

(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 121)

(8:30) Eddie Batey (11:00) Rodney Strop

Leader: Triune God, you split rocks in the wilderness and gave your people abundant drink.

**People: Come to us, Lord. Bless us your abundant water.**

Leader: You made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

**People: Come to us, Lord. Send the waters of your love down upon us.**

Leader: You provided springs gushing p to eternal life.

**People: Come to us, Lord. Create springs in our hearts for all eternity.**

**ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord together!**

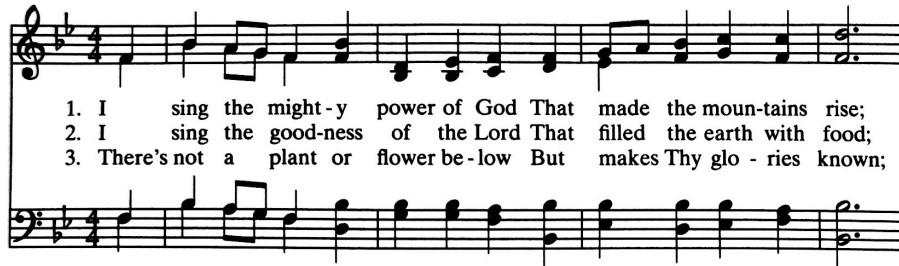
#### \*HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

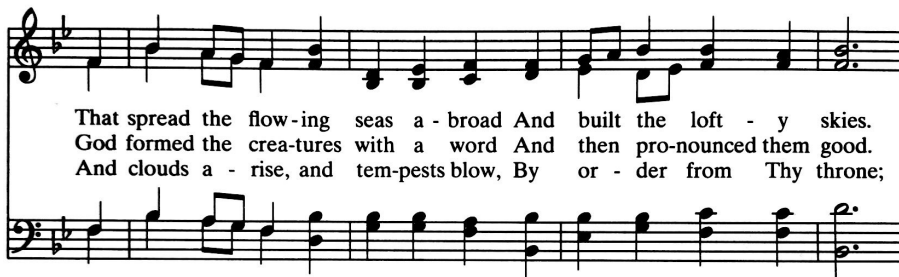
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Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

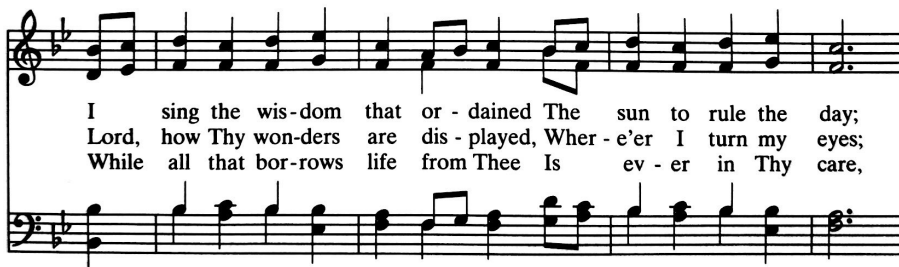
*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*



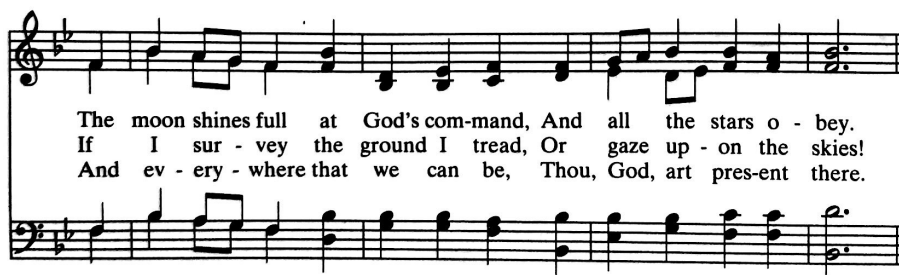
1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;  
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;  
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;



That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.  
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;  
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!  
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants.**

(Time of silent examination, petition and reflection)

Leader: We pray in the name Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WOODWORTH

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

\*SHARING OF GRACE

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(Please greet those near you with an expression of grace as we worship together.)

## THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS (11:00)

Elizabeth Wilson

SOLO (11:00)

*Forward Into Light*  
Aaron Redburn, tenor

Charles Ives

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible page 56 Adventure Bible page 84

GOSPEL READING John 4:5-30, 39-42

Pew Bible page 864 Adventure Bible page 1168

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Bootcamp for the Soul: Streams of Living Water

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Psalms 23**

**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside still waters;  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for His name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff - they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Confession of 1967**

**One:** We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation.

**ALL:** **The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and one another.**

**Men:** **The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves.**

**Women:** **We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.**

**One:** In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

**Men:** **We believe that the new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are.**

**Women:** **We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

**ALL** **"Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."**

*(The Confession of 1967, 9.20, 21, 22, 56, Book of Confessions: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Part I)*

#### 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

OFFERTORY (8:30)

*Forward Into Light*

Charles Ives

Aaron Redburn, tenor

(11:00)

*I Shall See*

Michael John Trotta

Chancel Choir Marcus King, baritone

**\*DOXOLOGY**

SCHUMANN

**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

**\*HYMN 357**

*Oh Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

MARYTON

# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 357

Washington Gladden, 1879

MARYTON LM

Henry Percy Smith, 1874

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly  
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,  
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

\*POSTLUDE

*Prelude in E minor, S. 533.1.*

J. S. Bach

On the cover: Solomon Raj, Water of Life, 2009. Hyderabad Bible College, Hyderabad, India.

The flowers today are given to the glory God by the family of Frank Williams who held a memorial service for him in this sanctuary yesterday.

## WORSHIP ARTS NOTES

*Forward Into Light* (from The Celestial Country, Bernard of Cluny, 12th century)

Forward, flock of Jesus, salt of all the earth, til each year in purpose springs to glorious birth; Sick, they ask for healing, blind they grope for day; Pour upon nations wisdom's loving ray.

Forward out of error, Leave behind the night. Forward out of darkness, forward into light. Forward when in childhood buds the infant mind. All through youth and manhood, forward til the veil be lifted; Climb height to height! Forward out of darkness: On, ever onward climbing til our faith be sight.

*I Shall See* (Psalm 27)

Teach me your way, Lead me in your straight paths, One thing I seek to dwell in your house

Your face I seek, Hide not from me All of your good in the land of living

I believe That he will strengthen me. Wait for him, He is your strength

I will not fear - He is my strength

## **Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of March 15, 2020**

As part of the Church Family Prayer Program, members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Jill Cox; Missy & Paul Gwin, Cole; Sue Kelley; Melissa & Alex Ivy; Diane & Edward Newton; Ashley & David Robinson, Anne-Louise, Charlotte, Tyler; Jan Thomson; Merrill & Reut Wise, Grant, Laura Grace.

For March, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:

Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Big Sandy, TN

First Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, TN

Purdy Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs, TN

Collierville Presbyterian Church, Collierville, TN

Cordova Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN

First Presbyterian Church, Dyer, TN

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CANCELLED**

**Today's Samaritan Counseling Centers Information Luncheon** in Warren Fellowship Hall following the 11am service has been cancelled. Please look for information in the future for ways you can find out more about this meaningful ministry.

**Presbyterian Women (PW) Gathering** Tuesday, March 17 is cancelled. Ladies, your leaders will keep you informed of any future scheduling changes.



**Welcome to worship at Germantown Presbyterian Church.** Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. If you have any needs or questions, please consult one of the ushers. We are truly glad God brought you here!

**Interested in joining GPC?** You are welcome here! For more information on how to become a member, please contact Anne Tansil at 901-754-7957, 901-826-5437(cell) or Ltansil@bellsouth.net.

**Child care for infants and children through age four is provided during Sunday morning services.** The nursery is located on the lower level under the Activity Center in the preschool hallway.

**Extended care for individuals of all ages with exceptional needs** is available during the worship hour as an extension of our special needs ministry. The room downstairs is LL-112. Text "ETC" to 901-299-1216 to have a caregiver meet you there.

**If you are having difficulty hearing the service** or reading the bulletin, please notify an usher. Headsets for additional volume and large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex.

**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.

#### **FOR LENT - ADULTS**

**A new Lenten Compass Series has begun.** Compass for adults, GPC's midweek program, is a great way to spend your Wednesday night. Join Pastor Susie for this Lenten study based on Adam Hamilton's book The Walk. If you missed any session and want to listen, check out GPC's blog post (<https://germantownpres.org/blog/>) this week for the audio, the handouts, and the powerpoint.

#### **FOR LENT - CHILDREN**

**Wednesday Night Lenten Art Classes for GPCKids are going strong!** During Lent we hope families will pause and take a moment together to reflect upon their relationship with Jesus Christ. Parents, you can attend the adult classes led by Pastor Susie in Warren Fellowship Hall while your children may join our Lenten art classes! These classes, led by Director of Children's Ministry Anna White and church member Kathy Kalagias, uses different art media each week to help children think about four of the important Christian concepts highlighted in The Walk by Adam Hamilton. Come to one or come to ALL! Each session offers a stand-alone project. The nursery will also be open. Please email Director of Children's Ministry Anna White (annaw@germantownpres.org) if you would like to reserve a spot for your baby or toddler to be in the nursery and/or if you plan for your child to attend the art classes!

March 18 – Spring Break - no meeting

March 25 – Being the Light - a city on a hill (Matthew 5:13-15).

April 1 – The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and what it means for us (John 19 & 20).

## FOR LENT - MISC

**At Eastertide, it is a tradition to decorate the church with Easter lilies** given in memory or honor of loved ones. If you would like to take part in this tradition, please fill out an envelope located in the pew racks and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Monday, April 6. Donations in any amount are welcome. Please write *Easter Flowers* in the check memo line.

Join the children of the church for an afternoon of Easter fun on April 5. The Congregational Life Committee is hosting the **annual children's Easter Egg Hunt**. The egg hunt will begin at 3:30pm. Following the hunt, a petting zoo will be set up so children can experience petting and feeding the animals. For questions, you may email Susan Lipscomb at [slipscomb6@gmail.com](mailto:slipscomb6@gmail.com).

**We need the congregation's help to gather enough candy.** Please bring individual sized, wrapped candy (no chocolate please) to the AC lobby by Sunday, March 29. Remember, the candy has to be small enough to fit in a plastic egg. If you are interested in volunteering with this event, please contact Susan Lipscomb at [slipscomb6@gmail.com](mailto:slipscomb6@gmail.com).

## SPECIAL NEEDS

**Sponsor a tuxedo for the Memphis Joy Prom.** Last year Germantown Presbyterian showed up and showed out in a big way by fully sponsoring all the tuxedo rentals for the Memphis Joy Prom! Let's see if we can do it again this year!

How to Sponsor a Tuxedo:

Step 1 – Determine how many tuxedos you would like to sponsor.

Step 2 – Multiply that number by \$45 and write a check made out to Germantown Presbyterian Church with “MJP” in the memo line.

Step 3 – Encourage others to do the same!

**The DressFest is on March 28** this year at Second Presbyterian Church! Saturday, March 28, is the day girls from all over the community will be “shopping” for a dress to wear to the Memphis Joy Prom. There will be racks and racks of dresses, laughter being heard over the humming of sewing machines, and smiles galore as each girl tries on the dress of her dreams! Volunteers are needed to serve as personal shoppers. Minor alterations are also offered and additional volunteers to pin up hems, etc. are needed. The day starts at 10:00am and ends at 2:00pm. Come experience the joy that is DressFest! Volunteer by contacting Director of Special Needs Ministry Monica Kirby at [monicak@germantownpres.org](mailto:monicak@germantownpres.org). Dress donations may be taken directly to Second Presbyterian.

**Memphis Joy Prom – Friday April 17, Christ Church.** For more information and to volunteer for this fun and amazing event, follow this link: <https://www.christchurchmemphis.org/memphisjoyprom>.

**Indoor putting greens needed!** Are you a golfer who especially likes to practice at home? GPC's Special Needs Ministry is asking you to lend us your indoor putting green for an upcoming event in Friendship Circle where the participants will learn all about golfing. Contact Special Needs Ministry Director Monica Kirby ([monicak@germantownpres.org](mailto:monicak@germantownpres.org)) to find out how you can help.

## CHILDREN & SPECIAL NEEDS

**What is making that noise?** Is it a cow? A goat? A sheep? A pig? The answer is “Yes, Yes, Yes, and Yes!” Join us for the next Breathe-Parent's Night Out on April 3 as we explore Genesis 1:24-26 and the sixth day of creation when God created animals and people. It promises to be a very hands-on evening! Kidz Kountry will be here with a menagerie of animals to pet and feed. Visit our website at [www.germantownpres.org/breathe](http://www.germantownpres.org/breathe) to register for the first time and/or to make this month's reservation. We will look for you on Friday, April 3 from 6:30pm-10:00pm. (Please note: reservations for this event close at noon on the Monday prior to the event.)

## YOUTH

**Youth Group:** Remember - there is no youth group today and no Compass for youth on Wednesday, March 18 due to Spring Break. See you next week for our regular programming on Sunday, March 22.



## MISSIONS

**The Ghana Mission team enjoyed sharing lunch** with the congregation a few weeks ago. If you couldn't attend, you can still find out about the latest trip to Ghana and about opportunities for GPC members to become involved. We have many new ways that our members can support the Upper Presbytery of Ghana in their evangelism efforts and the growth of the presbytery. So many of you have expressed interest in helping...now is your chance to find out how! Contact Erin Bowden at [erinbowden@gmail.com](mailto:erinbowden@gmail.com).

**GPC is thrilled to be a Room in the Inn (RITI) host church, and we need your help in March!** Come join this group of volunteers and get involved in this important ministry. GPC hosts guests in the new community room on the 2nd and 4th Saturday evenings each month. Please join the other dedicated volunteers who help show the love of Jesus as GPC ministers to the homeless. Thanks! and we're excited to work with you this year.

*Susan Shirley Hurt ([susanshirleyhurt@gmail.com](mailto:susanshirleyhurt@gmail.com)), the RITI Core Team, & the Mission Leadership Team*

## Donations for March:

INDIVIDUAL WET WIPES  
INDIVIDUAL KLEENEX PACKS  
TOOTHPASTE

DEODERANT (MEN'S & WOMEN'S)  
ANTI-BACTERIAL CLEANING WIPES  
FOOT POWDER

## SURVEY

**The APNC Congregational Survey is now available.** Fill out the survey and let the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee know what you think. This is your chance to participate in the process of finding the next staff member. You can take the survey online by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPCNewAssociatePastorSurvey>. Or you can fill out a paper survey and return it to the office. If you need a paper survey, contact the church office at [office@germantownpres.org](mailto:office@germantownpres.org).

## DIRECTORY

**The new GPC pictorial directory is available** for pick-up throughout the church. Check the narthex, the AC lobby, and the Welcome Center. You can also contact the church office at [office@germantownpres.org](mailto:office@germantownpres.org) to get yours or have one mailed to you.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**GPC offers a Grief Support Ministry.** Come gather with others in the community of faith who understand and offer support unconditionally and without judgment. GPC's Grief Support Group meets at 6:00pm in the church parlor every second Thursday night. Contact the church office (901-754-5195) or Stephanie Wall, Certified Grief Counselor, American Academy of Grief Counseling and Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, Grief Recovery Institute (901-494-7786) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262) or Linda Oakes (901-237-6566). *(If you know someone who might benefit from this Grief Support Group Ministry, please invite and encourage them to attend. Remember this ministry is open to GPC members and visitors as well as to those individuals throughout the greater community area.)*



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