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*All who are able are invited to stand.

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Crimond'

Dale Grotenhuis

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: The Lord leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

Leader: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: 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.

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

People: 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.

*HYMN 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

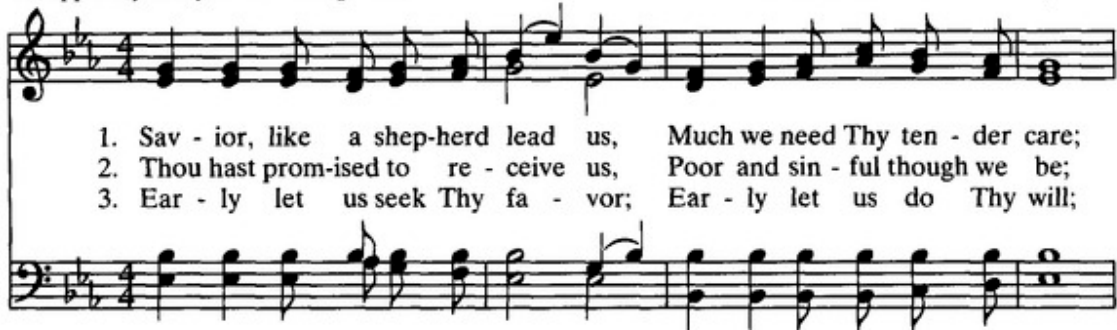
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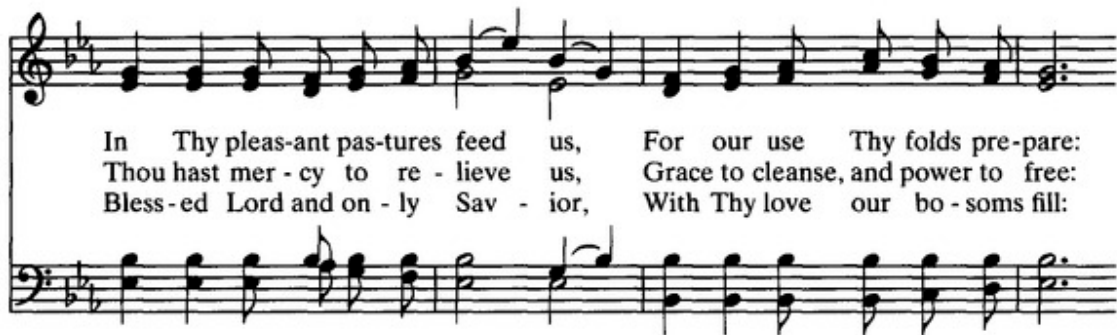
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Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836

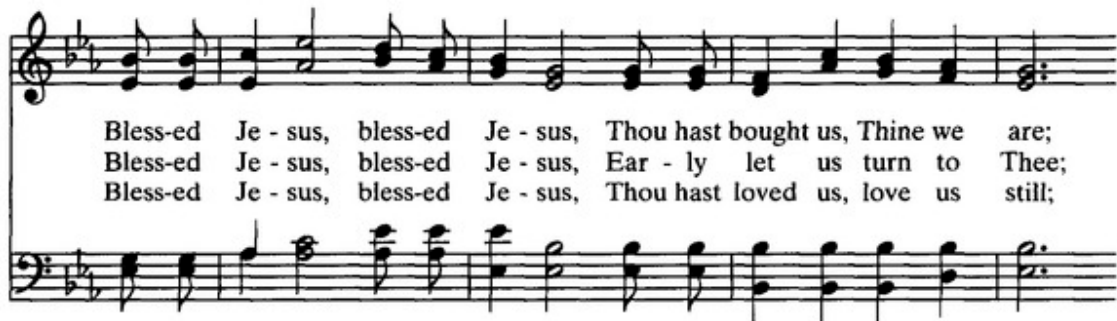
William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord God, have mercy upon on us. We are creatures of sinful habits. When our fear escalates, we often doubt your goodness. When our doubt escalates, we often question your love. When our questions escalate, we often lose hope. When our hopelessness escalates, we try to save ourselves. God of love, forgive us. Have mercy on us when we are caught in cycles of fear, doubt, questions, hopelessness, and selfishness. Christ, our Redeemer, you are our Savior, and we look only to you for the perfect example of love, hope, certainty, faith, and peace. Thank you for forgiving us, and we praise you for giving us your life and love.

(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 remember those who normally sit near you in church with an expression of grace as we worship together.)

SOLO

Abide With Me
Alexandra Colaizzi, mezzo-soprano

William Henry Monk

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 20:1-21

Pew Bible page 58 Adventure Bible page 87

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 9:1-12; 35-31

Pew Bible page 871 Adventure Bible page 1178

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Boot Camp for the Soul: The Thick Darkness of God's Presence

Dr. Will Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins. Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world. He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us, fulfilling the obedience God demands of us, accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness. In His lonely agony on the cross Jesus felt forsaken by God and thus experienced hell itself for us. Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will. He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death that result from our waywardness. In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not holding our sins against us. Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for Him. In Him is our only hope of salvation.

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

George N. Allen

Sandra Franks, soprano

Alexandra Colaizzi, alto

Jeff Day, tenor

Nate Hicks, bass

*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 280

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G

William Wallond

WORSHIP ARTS NOTES

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On the cover: *Healing the Blind*, Brian Jekel.

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 sign up, or to join GPC, 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 LL112. Text “ETC” to 901-299-1216 to have a caregiver meet you there.

If you are having difficulty hearing, 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.

Germantown Presbyterian Church

Week of March 22, 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: Carol & George Barnes; Michelle & Reed Brasfield, Lily; Polly & Rob Cotten, Bo, McKenzie; Dianne & Thomas King; Leslie Murray; Cheryl & Gary Riedel; Mary Lee Toler; Elizabeth & Jerry Wilson, Madison.

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

FOR LENT - ADULTS

The Wednesday night Lenten Compass series will continue online at GoToMeeting. 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 posts (<https://germantownpres.org/blog/>) for the audio, the handouts, and the powerpoint.

Please join this meeting at 6:00pm from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/263372701>

You can also dial in using your phone: **United States: +1 (571) 317-3122**

Access Code: **263-372-701**

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when the first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/263372701>

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 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.

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.

SPECIAL NEEDS

The DressFest and the Memphis Joy Prom have both been postponed. Make sure you watch the church announcements, website, and social media platforms for more information on when these events have been re-scheduled. Questions? Need more info? Contact Director of Special Needs Ministry Monica Kirby at monicak@germantownpres.org.

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 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

Jr High Youth Group is meeting on GoToMeeting from 4:30-5:30pm. Jr High's access code is: 712-587-309.

Sr High Youth Group is meeting on GoToMeeting from 6:30-7:30pm. Sr High's access code is: 571-972-797.

MISSIONS

The Ghana Mission team enjoyed sharing lunch with the congregation in February, but 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.

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 to get yours or have one mailed to you.

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.

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.)*