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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Mr. Alex Ivy

PRELUDE

The Call
Ethan Baskin, tenor

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard.

People: The Lord has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Leader: For you, O God, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried.

People: O Lord, You have brought us out to a spacious place.

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what the Lord has done for me.

People: Truly God has listened and has given heed to the words of my prayer.

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

People: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments.

(Time of silent examination, petition, and reflection)

Leader: We pray in the name Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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 you cannot be with 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 104:24-35

Pew Bible page 483 Adventure Bible page 671

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:15-24

Pew Bible page 877 Adventure Bible page 1186

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Closer and Closer: The Paraclete

Dr. Will Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION Rising Together Foundation: Summer S.L.A.M Program

Mr. Judd Peters

(Find more information about this organization in today's announcements below.)

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

Exsultate, Jubilate

W. A. Mozart

Christina Crouse, soprano

Rejoice, resound with joy, o you blessed souls, singing sweet songs,
In response to your singing let the heavens sing forth with me.

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who 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
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, 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 sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Concerto in D: Allegro

Claude Balbastre

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: *Jesus Giving the Farewell Discourse to His Eleven Remaining Disciples after the Last Supper*, from the *Maestà* by Duccio, c. 1310.

Welcome to worship online 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 as we “shelter at home,” and we are so glad you can join our virtual service on the Internet. 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 Anne Tansil at 901-754-7957, 901-826-5437(cell) or Ltansil@bellsouth.net.

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 baby rose on the chancel today is given to the glory of God in honor of the birth of Rosalie Quinn Goodin, born on May 4, 2020 to her parents, Jennifer and Michael Goodin, sister, Evelyn and brother, Grey.

The flowers on the chancel today are given to the glory of God by the Whitaker family (Emmett, Tracy, Emmett Jr. and Archie Whitaker), Keith Whitaker and the Wise family (Billy, Ginger and Katherine) in recognition of the birthday of Peggy Whitaker, long-time member of GPC.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of May 17, 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: Shirley Billups; Alice Franceschetti; Jennifer & Eric Gentry; Nicki & Tommy Lamar; Richard Linder; Amanda Mackey; Linda & Lanny Oakes; Jackie & Bill Ruleman; Marion Treadwell, Mac, Mary Margaret.

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

Anderson Presbyterian Church, Jackson TN

First Presbyterian Church, Jackson TN

*Note: Any text that is **blue** is an active link.
You can click on that to go to a webpage or send an email.*

GPC NEWS

Did you know GPC has 2 video channels? We do! **And make sure you subscribe!** The more subscribers we have, the more we can post! If you missed any of the videos for any reason, you can catch them at either one of these channels.

> Check out the Vimeo channel [here](#)

> and the YouTube channel [here](#).

Hey, everyone, how are you spending your time while being safer at home?? What are you doing? How are you worshipping? Send us your pictures! Email the Communications Department at communications@germantownpres.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY

LOCAL FOCUS – WKNO TV/FM

Every week GPC highlights local businesses that may be struggling & need some support. We're putting info in the weekly eblast and posting on social media. If you know of any, please email the communications department at the church [here](#).

The WKNO radio and TV stations depend on public support all year. While radio is doing an abbreviated fundraiser this week only, TV has had to suspend their fundraising efforts at present in order to accommodate the safety of the volunteers who come on-site to help. Over 70% of the annual budget comes from the Mid-South community. Whether you're a first-time or long-time supporter of public broadcasting, this is a great time to begin, renew, or even increase your gift. You can make a one-time donation or become a sustaining member, which means giving something on a regular basis (monthly/quarterly/etc.). You can find out how to give on the websites below.

TV website: <https://www.wkno.org/>

Radio website: <https://www.wknofm.org/>

WKNO Mission Statement

WKNO is the Mid-South's premier public media organization committed to creating and presenting both unique local and national content for television, radio and digital media. First on the air in June 25, 1956 and signed on HD on August 3, 2004, WKNO provides 3 radio and 3 TV channels. WKNO, now more than 60 years old, is owned and operated by the Mid-South Public Communications Foundation, licensed to the community of Memphis, Tennessee, and governed by an all-volunteer, self-perpetuating Board of Trustees.

In its unique role as the independent, not-for-profit, community-owned broadcasting voice in the Mid-South, WKNO is dedicated to quality radio and television programming in order to illuminate, inform, entertain, and educate the people of the Mid-South community. WKNO is committed to respond to the needs of the community, reflect community talents and resources, and represent Memphis and the Mid-South to itself, the region, and the nation.

Over 70% of the annual budget comes from the Mid-South community. The remaining 30% comes from federal, state, and local government grants. WKNO also offers a variety of educational services, including programming for classrooms, state and local legislative coverage and more.

You can contact them with any questions at membership@wkno.org.

Friday Night Bites

Every Friday night you can support GPC church members Beth and Ben Brock's restaurants by ordering dinner from the Amerigo's or Char menus which include a selection of family meal packages to-go! These meals will be delivered at a drive-through pick-up point in the GPC parking lot Friday evenings from 5-6pm. Limited menus and meal packages may be viewed on their websites at:

<https://bit.ly/AmerigoMealsToGo>

<http://bit.ly/CharToGoMeals>

To take advantage of this, please call in your orders to either 901-848-4009 (Amerigo) or 901-249-3533 (Char) **by 1pm each Friday**. Orders are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Each order will be individually packaged for quick pick-up. They look forward to serving you soon!

SPECIAL NEEDS

Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming special needs events. If you would like to be on the Special Needs Ministry email list, please email special_needs@germantownpres.org.

CHILDREN

Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming children's events. If you would like to be on the Children's Ministry email list, please contact Director Anna White at children@germantownpres.org.

YOUTH

All youth Sunday school classes will meet on GoToMeeting at 9:30am. Fellowships will meet at their usual times also on GoToMeeting. If you need more info or access codes, email youth@germantownpres.org.

MISSIONS

Rising Together is dedicated to serving and supporting elementary-, middle-, and high-school students by creating, administering, and supporting excellent academic, leadership, and social programs and events and to providing necessary financial assistance so that disadvantaged students from under-served communities may participate.

Rising Together promotes high academic, leadership, and character standards and broadens peer relationships among students throughout the greater community. Designed to foster academic preparedness for a group of emerging academic and social leaders, the programs and events develop and connect future leaders of our community. Ultimately, Rising Together strives to introduce all participants to college and life-preparatory experiences and expectations while promoting inclusive community relationships for a lifetime of leadership and service.

Disadvantaged students in under-served communities often do not receive the support and opportunities needed to become successful students and leaders. As a result in the summer months they experience "summer slide" where they regress academically, physically, and socially. The Rising Together Foundation is dedicated to addressing these challenges by providing excellent college- and life-preparatory programming and events designed for students.

In the summer of 2020 Rising Together anticipates serving approximately 180 disadvantaged students in the Summer SLAM programs (Scholars, Leaders, and Athletes in Memphis) at three locations in the Memphis area: The Neighborhood Christian Center, Star Academy Charter School, and Evangelical Christian School. Rising Together will work with schools and organizations to establish a team of leaders, teachers, coaches, and student leaders who will work at these program locations. These full-day, multi-week programs incorporate the items listed below:

Features of the Summer SLAM programs include:

- College- and Life-Preparatory Program for Students;
- Academic Enrichment in Language Arts, Writing, Math, and Technology;
- Leadership Development and Public Speaking Courses;
- Physical Fitness, Sports, and Games;
- Community Relationships, Outreach, and Engagement.

For more information please contact Judd Peters at 901-378-3251 or judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com.

To help the homeless: There are some terrific ways to help the homeless in the Germantown/Memphis area. If you want to help, please donate and/or give out the phone numbers/emails listed here:

1. Hospitality Hub - 901-522-1808 info@hospitalityhub.org
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 jseacat@mifa.org

Remember – NEVER give out anyone's personal number/email!

Our Ghana missions team asks that you pray for good health and safety for our friends in the Upper Presbytery as well as the country of Ghana. Our committee remains in contact with the Upper Presbytery, as they too are being impacted by Covid19. They are behind us in numbers of confirmed cases; however, as we have all witnessed, these numbers will climb.

The Upper Presbytery sends their prayers and well wishes to all members of our GPC church family. Our Ghana missions committee will share their needs as we come to know them. If you feel called to support them, we will share more details soon of how you can. If you have questions, please contact team members Erin Bowden (901-371-7884) or Beth Brock (901-355-0262).

GPC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The new GPC pictorial directory is available. You can contact the church office at office@germantownpres.org to have one mailed to you.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GPC offers a Grief Support Ministry. The Grief Support Group isn't meeting together currently, but if you or someone you know needs to talk to someone, note your options below. 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).

GIVING

Even if you're not here physically, you can give to support the ministries of GPC during this time. For more information please call Fred Turverey in the church office at 901-754-5195.



Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 901-295-0202.



Download the "GivePlus Church" app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!



**Mail checks to:
2363 S Germantown Rd
Germantown TN 38138.**



Visit germantownpres.org/giving or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.