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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

PRELUDE

American Anthem

Gene Scheer

Lexa Ferrill, mezzo-soprano

*All we've been given by those who came before, the dream of a nation where freedom would endure.
The works and prayers of centuries have brought us to this place. What shall be our legacy?
What will our children say?*

*Let them say of me, I am one who believes in sharing the blessings I receive.
Let me know in my heart when my days are through, America, I gave my best to you.*

*Each generation from the plains to distant shore, with the gifts that they were given,
were determined to leave more.
Valiant battles fought together, acts of conscience fought alone, these are the seeds from which America has grown.*

*For those who think they have nothing to share, who fear in their hearts there is no hero there.
Know that quiet acts of dignity are that which fortifies the soul of a nation that never dies.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 113)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the
 3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at His feet may

fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace, and
 ball, to Him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and
 fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and

crown Him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al
 crown Him Lord of all; hail Him who saves you
 crown Him Lord of all; to Him all maj - es -
 crown Him Lord of all; we'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of all.
 by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
 ty as - crite, and crown Him Lord of all.
 last - ing song, and crown Him Lord of all.

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

God of resurrection, we confess our sin and our need for forgiveness.

In the many places of our lives:

- where we are dead in sin, raise us to new life;
- when our anger leads to alienation, raise us to new life;
- where we have thoughts that are impure, raise us to new life;
- when our addictions are destructive, raise us to new life;
- where we harden our hearts, raise us to new life.

In every place and circumstance, pour your grace into our lives and raise us out of death and sin.
 For your love and holiness, we are grateful.

(Time of silent examination, petition and reflection)

Leader: We pray in the name Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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 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

Abby Wells

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 47:1-9

Pew Bible page 450 Adventure Bible page 634

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 1:1-11

Pew Bible page 884 Adventure Bible page 1198

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Closer and Closer: Witnesses

Dr. Will Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Wiggins

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

Rev. Wiggins

*Behold the Lightener of the stars on the crests of the clouds, and the choralists of the sky lauding Him.
Coming down with acclaim from the Father above, harp and lyre of song sounding to him.
Christ, thou refuge of my love, why should I not raise thy fame! Angels and saints melodious singing to thee.
Thou Son of the Mary of graces, of exceeding white purity of beauty. Joy were it to me to be in the fields of thy riches.
O Christ my beloved, O Christ of the Holy Blood, by day and by night I praise Thee.*

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

Rev. Wiggins

SENDING

HYMN 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: John Singleton Copley, 1738-1815. *The Ascension*, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Original source: <http://www.mfa.org/>.

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.

APNC Announcement The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is undertaking a thorough search process to call an Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship.

As a member of GPC, you may be an excellent resource for the search process. We invite you to pray for us, and we invite you to think about any exceptionally gifted pastor you may know who might be a candidate for this position. If you have connections at other churches around the country or know of other pastors who can assist us in our search, please let us know.

The APNC welcomes your recommendations and will consider all suggestions. If you have a recommendation, please contact APNC chairperson Alex Ivy (alex.ivy@fidcpa.com), any member of the APNC, or any of GPC's pastoral staff. Thank you very much!

(APNC Team: Ben Brock, Anthony Duke, September Eason,
Rebecca Floyd, Sherrie Horner, Meredith Mattila)

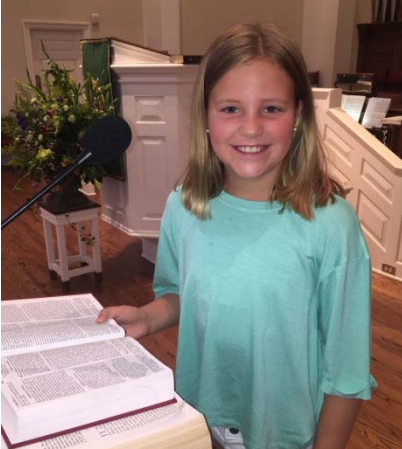
Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of May 24, 2020

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: Sherril & Jim Blair; Rachel Gwin; Mary & Jerry Heimlicher; Carol & Phillip Langsdon; Patricia Potter; Brittany & Ryan Schwaigert, Greyson, Lachlan; Cindy & Rick Tripp; Stacy & Brad Weiss, Jake.

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.*

THANK YOU TO MAY'S 5TH GRADE WORSHIP LEADER, ABBY WELLS.



The Fifth Grade Bridge program exists to guide children as they begin to live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, to encourage friendships among one another, to actively participate in church life, and to successfully transition to GPC youth. Throughout the year you will see 5th-graders reading scripture in worship, participating in retreats and fellowship activities, gathering to meet junior high students, mentoring younger GPC Kids at VBS, and serving in the community through Mission 901. Questions about this program can be directed to Anna White, Director of Children's Ministry (annaw@germantownpres.org).

May's 5th Grade Worship Leader is Abby Wells.

1. Full Name: *Abigail Larson Wells*
2. Parents Names: *Jessica and Brett Wells*
3. School: *Crosswind Elementary School - Collierville*
4. Most enjoyed at GPC: *I've enjoyed participating in Youth Sunday with my teachers and classmates.*
5. What I've learned at GPC: *I have learned to love and trust in God and that He will always be there by my side.*
6. What do you hope to experience at GPC in the future: *I hope to experience new things as I move up to Jr/Sr High Sunday School and events.*

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 – novel. bookstore

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](#).

In February of 2017, our city lost a beloved institution seeing The Booksellers at Laurelwood close its doors in a spot that had been a home for independent bookselling for over 30 years. That could have been the end of the story, but it most definitely was not. The community spoke up loud and clear and told us this was not okay. Roughly 3 months later, the doors opened on the next chapter of independent bookselling in Memphis. In all the time that there has been a bookstore on this site, this is the first time it has been entirely locally owned and operated.

You can shop online (<https://www.novelmemophis.com/>), you can even have a bookseller shop with you on the phone (901-922-5526). They offer curbside pick-up (387 Perkins Extd.) AND delivery to your house! Go to their website [here](#) and see everything they offer - books, magazines, games, puzzles, candles, crafts, and tons more as well as unique items from local and regional artists (you can find those [here](#)).

Help support this local institution.

You can visit their website here: [novel.](#)

The bookstore also houses a restaurant called Libro which is offering curbside pick-up.

You can find the Libro menu [here](#).

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

(In case you missed it last week...)

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 the 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 numbers listed here:

1. Hospitality Hub - 901-522-1808 info@hospitalityhub.org
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901
3. MIFA - 901-

Remember – don’t give out anyone’s personal number!

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