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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Holy Ghost with Light Divine"

Healey Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 104)

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**People: All creatures look to you to give them their food. When you give to them, they gather it up.
When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

Leader: When you hide your face, they are dismayed.

When you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

People: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His works.

People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

HYMN 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Our words are often harsh; our thoughts are often vain; our actions are often cruel. We know you are forgiving, yet we harbor animosity for long stretches of time. We refuse to give others the same mercy we ask of you. Forgive our hypocrisy, we humbly pray. Fill us with the Spirit of Jesus Christ on this Pentecost Sunday! Fill us with wisdom and love, and soften our hearts toward you and others.

(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

SOLO

Spirit of God
Althea Crouse, soprano

W. H. Neidliner

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth to joys that dwell above;
Lift me from weakness, mighty as Thou art; teach me to love Thee as I ought to love.
I ask no dream, no passing ecstasies, no ceaseless dwelling in this veil of clay.
Just send Thine angel thoughts thro' op'ning skies. And take the dimness of my soul away.
Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the day to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

OLD TESTAMENT READING: [Numbers 11:21-30](#)

Pew Bible page 114 Adventure Bible page 163

NEW TESTAMENT READING: [Acts 2:1-21](#)

Pew Bible page 885 Adventure Bible page 1199

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Long Arms and Tongues of Fire

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

Rev. 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

Dr. Jones

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

More Love to Thee, O Christ
Russell and Althea Crouse, duet

arr. Ovid Young

*More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee. Hear Thou the prayer I make on blended knee.
More love, O Christ, to Thee, this is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to Thee.
Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest. Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.
More love, O Christ, to Thee, this all my prayers shall be, more love, O Christ, to Thee.
Then shall each breath whisper Thy praise; this is the prayer my heart shall raise;
More love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to 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 126

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ST. AGNES

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,
2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs;
3 Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live
4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,

with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of
in vain we strive to rise; ho - san - nas lan - guish
at this poor dy - ing rate? Our love so faint, so
with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a

sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
cold to thee, and thine to us so great!
Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Dr. Jones

POSTLUDE

Fughetta on "Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

Andreas Arnsdorf

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: *Pentecost*, El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos). c. 1600.

Special thanks to our guest organist, Betsy Moseley, for playing for us while Alex is away.

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 31, 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: Karen & Clyde Blount; Jill Crocker, Daniel, Davis; Sandy Jones; Lanetta Lanier; Judy & Dick Nokes; Melinda & Phil Russell; Sarah Thompson; Maureen & Bill Wilson, Maggie, William.

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 – [Opera Memphis](#)

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](#).

Did you know you can support the Opera even though the season has been cancelled? You can arrange for them to come sing to you, friends, family, 1st responders, essential workers, absolutely anyone else you can think of. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Sing to Me program that will help support the opera and the singers this season.

Opera Memphis was chartered in 1956 by a group of Memphians interested in producing regional opera. Opera Memphis is widely respected for its education and outreach programs, which currently reach over 25,000 children and adults per season. Current program offerings include:

- * *Artist-in-Residence Tour,*
- * *Opera 101,*
- * *Black Roots of Opera,*
- * *Student Dress Rehearsals, and*
- * *Summer Conservatory.*

Under Ned Canty's restructuring, the season shifted the company from three mainstage productions a year to two with the addition of the *Midtown Opera Festival* in the spring. The opera festival is organized as two additional smaller scale mainstage productions designed for intimate spaces or as chamber operas, as well as academic panels and pay-what-you-can shows and activities.

30 Days of Opera is a September/October series of pop-up opera presentations in public spaces throughout the region that offer free exposure to opera in what Canty has described as an effort to "create a trail of breadcrumbs" to opera.

Click [here](#) to go to the Opera Memphis website and see how you can support this great organization!

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. (ICYMI)

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.

RTF requests help from the GPC family in three ways for the Summer SLAM programs: prayers, people, and purse.

- **Prayers:** Pray for the student participants and adults involved. (A specific list of those involved will be provided later.)
- **People:** Week-by-week committed volunteers are needed to serve as teachers, high school/college students as counselors, and general help is needed serving meals and cleaning up. These decisions can be made a week at a time.
- **Purse:** Financial contributions are needed to provide scholarships for student participants and to help pay for other costs of the programs.

For more information please contact Judd Peters at 901-378-3251 or judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com, or check out their website here (<https://www.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) - 901-395-3329 innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 jseacat@mifa.org

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).

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).

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.

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
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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.