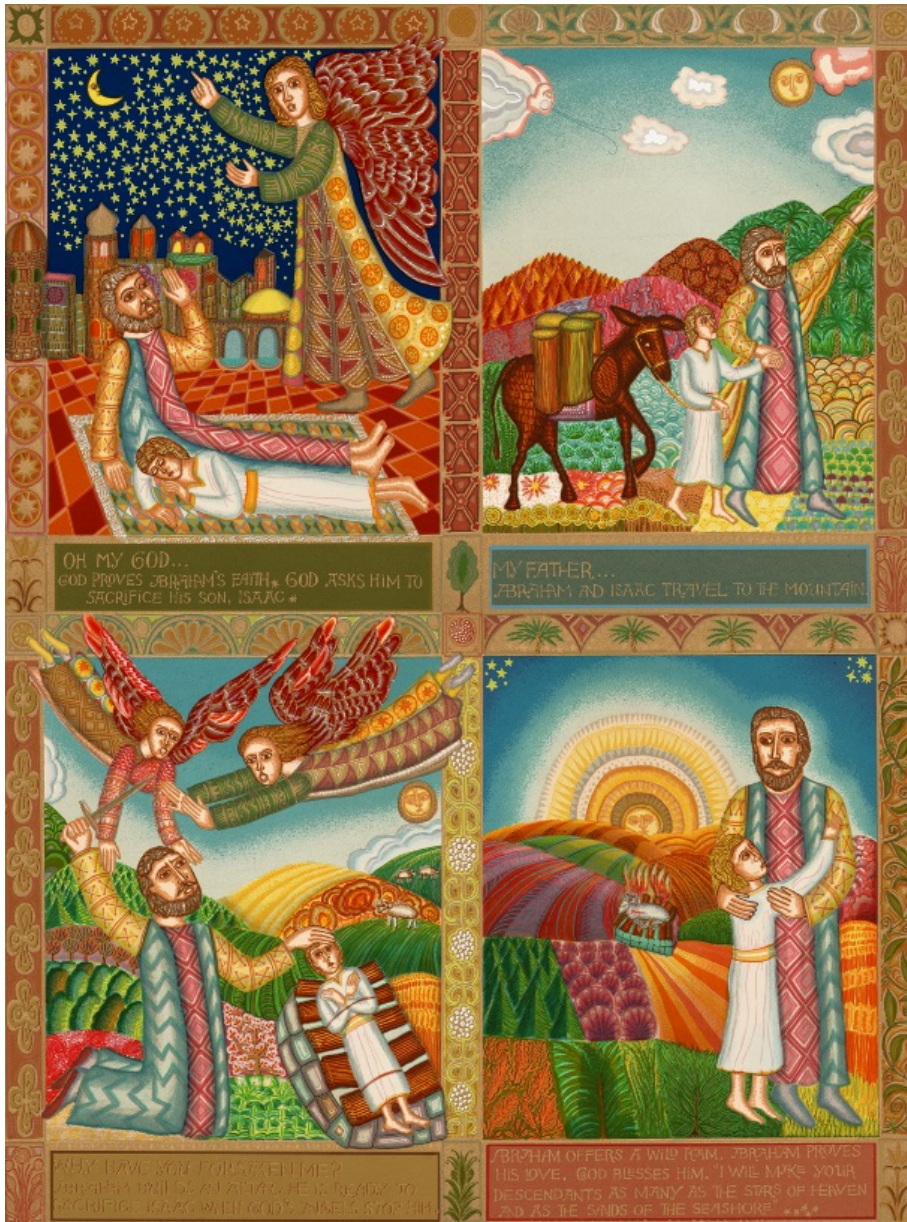




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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

PRELUDE

Balm in Gilead
Marcus King, baritone

Harry T. Burleigh

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 89)

Neal Horner

Leader: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever. With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

People: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne, love and faithfulness go before you.

People: Who is like you, Lord God Almighty? You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Leader: The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.

People: For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord? Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings? Let us worship the Lord!

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, have mercy. Day after day pours out testimony to you. From sunrise to sunset, your glory is on display in creation around us. From dusk to dawn, the night shines with millions of witnesses to your creative power. We confess that we are so consumed with our lives that we forget we are part of something much larger than ourselves. We worry over small things when you invite us into a relationship of eternal significance. We want control over others, yet we have little self-control over ourselves. Lord, have mercy, and remind us of your eternal love through Christ Jesus, in whose name we ask forgiveness.

(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

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

Anna White

SOLO

O Rest in the Lord (from “Elijah”)
Lexa Ferrill, mezzo-soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him, and fret not thyself because of evil doers.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 22:1-14

The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”

³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 6:12-14

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Creative Connection: Through Many Dangers, Toils, and Snares

Dr. 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.

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

*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 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days,
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: Swanson, John August. *Abraham and Isaac*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Original source: www.JohnAugustSwanson.com - copyright 1976 by John August Swanson.

Welcome to worship with Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We welcome those who are able to be with us in our sanctuary as well as those who are watching at home. 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 Kathleen Boyd at 901-833-3413 or kkboyd@comcast.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 June 28, 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: Liz & Alan Callicott, Ben, Lucy, Ruth; Janie Day; Shelby Glass; Karen & Bill Lawhorn; Tara & David Martin, Hunter; Mack Pepper; Laura & Bob Schriener; Betsy & Dominique Vacheron, Albert, Nathalie.

In June, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery:

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Martin TN
First Presbyterian Church, McKenzie, TN
Balmoral Presbyterian Church, Memphis TN
Bethel Presbyterian Church, Memphis, 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](#).

Help Needed With Worship Services: GPC is looking for volunteers who can help run the sound booth during worship services. You do not have to be a “techy” person to do this. The sound buttons and levels are pre-set, and all one has to do is learn the user-friendly system. In addition, the volunteer will switch camera views during certain parts of the service for our live-streaming. It’s all very easy, and yet vitally important to our expanding Internet presence. Please consider volunteering, and if you are interested you can contact the church office at communications@germantownpres.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY

LOCAL FOCUS – [Ronald McDonald House of 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](#).

It is a pleasure to share the mission of the Ronald McDonald House of Memphis (RMHC-Memphis) with the congregation of GPC. Many members of GPC have deep roots in the mission of RMHC-Memphis. RMHC-Memphis is part of the RMHC Global network with a mission of providing housing for families that have children being treated in hospitals. There are over 365 houses around the world in addition to mobile units and hospital rooms that help keep families together in a time of crisis.

RMHC-Memphis is unique in the following ways.

- We have one hospital partner and that is St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. RMHC-Memphis was the first housing for the families of St. Jude.

- St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is not an admitting hospital which means that the actual patients live at RMHC-Memphis with their families. Families only go to the hospital for treatment so we have the unique opportunity to serve the whole family.
- There is never a charge for any family to stay at RMHC-Memphis.
- RMHC-Memphis is its own 501(c)3 entity with its own governing board. We are financially supported by St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital for the services provided but the majority of the \$3,200,000 budget must be raised by RMHC-Memphis through donor support and activities.
- McDonald’s supports RMHC-Memphis by the change kiosk that is collected at the stores or by customers rounding up at the counters and by product sales. For every happy meal sold, we receive a penny.

COVID-19 has impacted RMHC-Memphis in many ways. We no longer can have volunteers of any type on campus, but we now must serve three meals a day to our families. We are asking meal groups to please consider donating the funds that would have been spent to feed families to us so that we can pay for the resources to feed our families and also stock our pantries. All gatherings and activities have been suspended. We are learning how to be innovative with virtual bingo and possibly even virtual camp from Pinecrest to provide some fun for the kids and their families. Our fundraising activities have also been cancelled due to COVID-19 which will result in a short fall of about 8% of our budget.

Despite COVID-19, we continue to serve families with our mission of “near the care they need with the family they love.” We have approximately 30 families living at RMHC-Memphis today. Unfortunately, cancer is not curtailed by a pandemic, and our families need for us to provide a safe and secure home especially now. I want to thank my GPC family for helping us during this time. Each time that I become concerned, it seems like a member or group from GPC reaches out to help. THANK YOU!

For more information about RMHC-Memphis, please go to www.RMHC-Memphis.org. And for more details on this mission, watch the July newsletter. Jill S. Crocker, Executive Director of RMHC-Memphis

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

Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming youth events. If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, please 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:
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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.