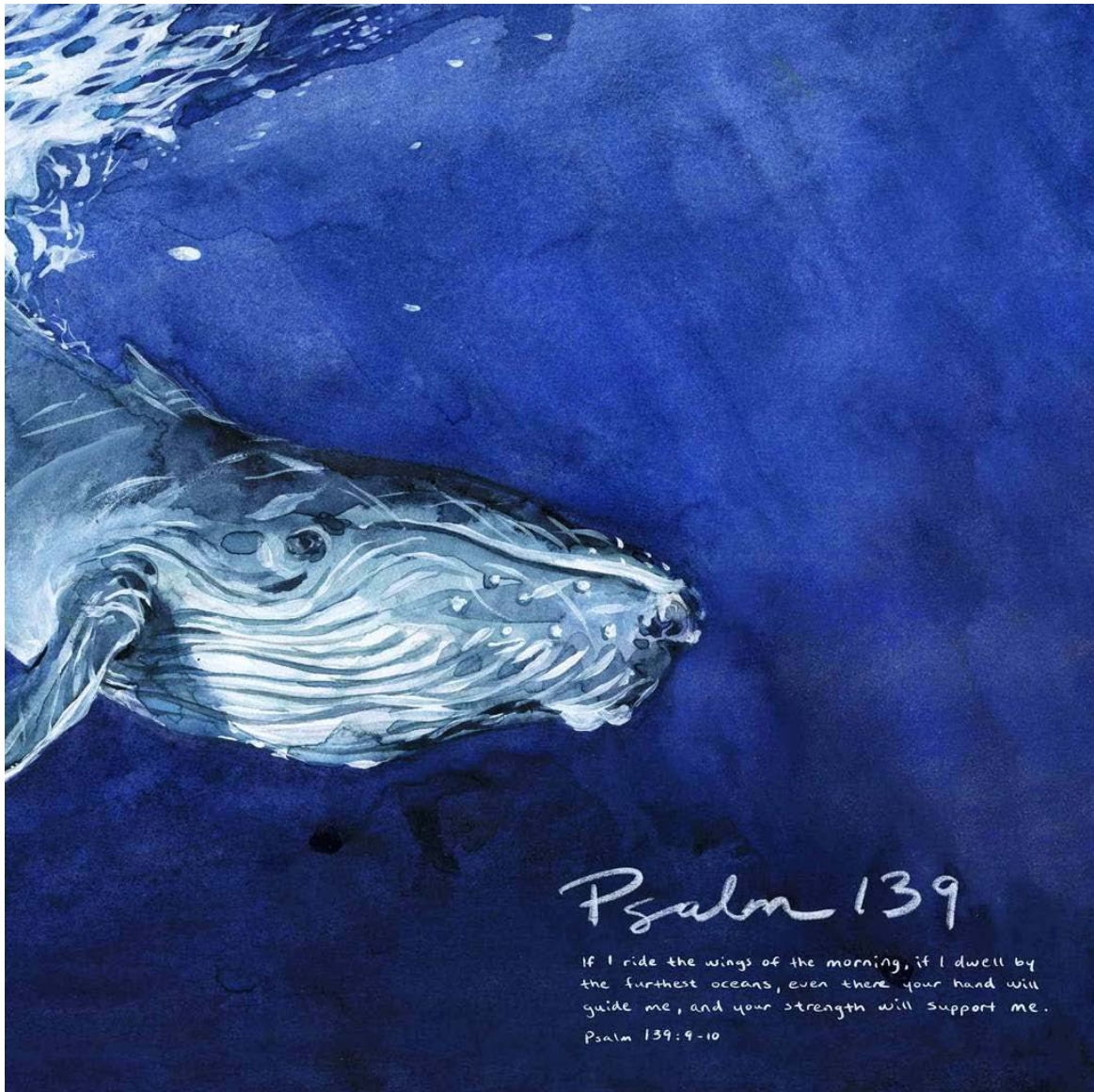




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## GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

PRELUDE

*Four duets: No. 1*

Braun

Bo Cotten and Adam Williams, trombones

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 139)

Drayton Mayers

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up.**

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

Leader: See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

**People: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Lord, have mercy on us: for our hard hearts; for our soft faith; for our self-righteous thoughts; and for our self-serving greed. Lord, forgive us in the name of Jesus, we humbly pray, and help us: to soften our hearts; to strengthen our faith; to think charitably; and to give generously.**

*(Time of silent examination, petition and reflection)*

Leader: We pray in the name Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

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

*With Grateful Heart*

Mark Schweizer

Nate Hicks, baritone

*With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before the throne thy praise I sing;  
I worship in thy holy place and praise thee for thy truth and grace.*

*O Lord, enthroned in glory bright, thou reignest in the heav'nly height;  
Thy truth and grace together shine in thy most holy Word divine.*

*The work thou hast for me begun, shall by thy grace be fully done;  
For ever mercy dwells with thee; O Lord, my God, abide with me.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 28:1-19

<sup>1</sup>Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, “You shall not marry one of the Canaanite women. <sup>2</sup>Go at once to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel, your mother’s father; and take as wife from there one of the daughters of Laban, your mother’s brother. <sup>3</sup>May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and numerous, that you may become a company of peoples. <sup>4</sup>May He give to you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your offspring with you, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien—land that God gave to Abraham.” <sup>5</sup>Thus Isaac sent Jacob away; and he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob’s and Esau’s mother.

<sup>6</sup>Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he charged him, “You shall not marry one of the Canaanite women,” <sup>7</sup>and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and gone to Paddan-aram. <sup>8</sup>So when Esau saw that the Canaanite women did not please his father Isaac, <sup>9</sup>Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath daughter of Abraham’s son Ishmael, and sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup>and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup>Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

<sup>18</sup>So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup>He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

## SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:18-25

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Good News for Tough Times: Broken Lives in a Broken World

Dr. 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

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

*Come Thou, Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

1. Come, Thou Al - mighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,  
2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,  
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4. To Thee, great One in Three, The highest prais - es be,

Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -  
Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy  
In this glad hour: Thou who al - mighty art, Now rule in  
Hence ev - er - more! Thy sovereign maj - es - ty May we in

to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.  
ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spir - it of power.  
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Dr. Jones

POSTLUDE

*Three duets: No. 2*  
Bo Cotten and Adam Williams, trombones

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**WORSHIP ARTS TODAY**

Thank you to our guest musicians today, GPC's own Bo Cotten and his friend Adam Williams, trombones. We also extend our thanks to those leading us in song today – Bob Bobo, Martha Drexler, and Nate Hicks. Nate has been one of our choral scholars for the past two years. Having recently completed his Master of Music degree at the University of Memphis, this is his last Sunday with us before he departs for Huntsville, Alabama as a soon-to-be newlywed. Congratulations and best wishes, Nate!

On the cover: *Whale Oceans*. Artist unknown.

**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 Kathleen Boyd at 901-833-3413 or [kkboyd@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 July 19, 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: Gay Beaumont; Kathleen & Jim Boyd; Martha & Drayton Mayers, Sara & MacLean; Lee Parnell; Jimmy Shumaker; Anne & Jim Tims; Arlene & Brett Wade, Kevin, Lauren.

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

Buntyn Church, Memphis, TN  
Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN  
First Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN  
Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN

*Note: Any text that is [blue](#) is an active link in the electronic version.  
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 YouTube channel [here](#)  
> and the Vimeo channel [here](#)

**Help Needed With Worship Services:** GPC is still looking for volunteers to become a core team who can help with the audio-visual process of the livestream during Sunday worship services. You do not have to be a “techy” person to do this. Those people already participating will be happy to train you, and all you have 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](mailto:communications@germantownpres.org).

### SPECIAL NEEDS

Our Friendship Circle program’s mission statement is: *Friendship Circle at GPC exists for the special needs community to facilitate building God-like character through Bible study and creative outlets all while developing sincere and lasting friendships.*

**WHO:** Any individual with exceptional needs and their caregiver(s)

**WHAT:** Lunch (BYOB), character-building curriculum, and a creative activity within a circle of friends

**WHEN:** Wednesdays from 12pm – 3pm starting August 12

**WHERE:** TBD (Germantown Presbyterian Church-Warren Hall – 2363 S. Germantown Road, Germantown, 38138)

**WHY:** Because GPC has chosen to embrace the special needs community as if they were embracing Jesus Himself!

**HOW:** Registrations is now open, and you can go to our website (<https://germantownpres.org/friendship-circle/>) for more info and to register to secure your spot.

Have Questions? Contact Helen Warren @ [specialneeds@germantownpres.org](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org).

Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for other upcoming special needs events. If you would like to be on the Special Needs Ministry email list, please email [special\\_needs@germantownpres.org](mailto:special_needs@germantownpres.org).

## CHILDREN

**We need the following Sunday School Teachers!** We are all a part of this GPC church family. We can only offer a Sunday School program if we have enough volunteers to lead the program for our church! We need adults who have a heart for kids to teach the following grades:

PreK/K - 1 teacher

1st grade - 2 teachers

2nd/3rd grade - 1 teacher

4th/5th grade - 1 teacher (a dad would be awesome because this is a boy heavy class!)

Please see below to learn a little more about teaching SS! [Click here to email Anna](#) with questions or a desire to teach!

**GPC is looking for volunteers who have a HEART for Kids!** All you need is a heart for kids and enthusiasm for Germantown Pres! We will train you on the structure of the hour for SS! This is a very important role in the life of our children! **We have a curriculum that tells you exactly what to say each week!** You just add your authentic, personal touch to teach and develop the relationship with your kiddos! **We aim to have teaching teams of 3 teachers!** We understand your need for flexibility on weekends. We aim to establish teaching teams of 3 members, so that you work together to cover your weekend schedules! See below for August start back dates. We hope to incorporate Zoom and in-person options. We will need your help in registering your child for Sunday School so that we can make appropriate accommodations to keep children healthy!

Aug 2 - Teacher Training

Aug 9 - Parent / Child Meeting

Aug 16 - Outdoor Pancake Breakfast

Aug 23 - Regular SS Drop off

Aug 30 - 5th Grade Worship Leader Training

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

## YOUTH

The socially distanced youth pool parties were lots of fun last week, and we have some great ideas for GPC's youth moving forward into the future. Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for upcoming youth events.

Please prayerfully consider becoming an advocate for our junior high youth by becoming a junior high youth advisor. We would love to have you as part of the team that will be teaching the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord! (Psalms 78) Please email [youth@germantownpres.org](mailto:youth@germantownpres.org).

If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, please email [youth@germantownpres.org](mailto: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.
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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](mailto: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](mailto:info@hospitalityhub.org)
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 [innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org](mailto:innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org)
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 [jseacat@mifa.org](mailto: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](mailto: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  
Germantown TN 38138.**



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