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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Diane Bish

(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name,

People: Make known His deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

People: Tell of all His wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in His holy name;

People: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works He has done,

People: His miracles and the judgments He has uttered.

Leader: He is the LORD our God;

All: Come, let us worship the LORD!

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

We do not know how to pray, Sovereign God. We have doubted you in the face of affliction and ignored you when things go well for us. You promised to help us in our weakness, yet we live as if we can rely only on ourselves. We have not pursued your kingdom as the only treasure worth claiming. We have feared to trust your assurance and guidance or to lead the search for your saving purposes. We ask your forgiveness and seek the renewal of our covenant with you and with one another.

(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

How Great Thou Art

arr. Craig Courtney

Karen Schowalter Cooper, mezzo-soprano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:31-32

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom He predestined He also called; and those whom He called He also justified; and those whom He justified He also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold His own Son, but gave Him up for all of us, will He not with Him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Broken: Good News for Tough Times - Inseparable

Mr. Tom Sauer

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 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: Tiffany, Louis Comfort, 1848-1933. *Education* (detail), from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. “Depiction of Science (personified by Devotion, Labor, Truth, Research and Intuition) and Religion (personified by Purity, Faith, Hope, Reverence and Inspiration) in harmony, presided over by the central personification of "Light · Love · Life"." -- [from Wikimedia].

Welcome to worship online and limited onsite 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, and we are so glad you can join our service in the way you feel most comfortable. 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 July 26, 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: Huddy & Bayard Boyle; Janet & Ed Dellinger, Carolyn, William; Dot Hartzog; Aggie & Jack Losa; Susan & Greg Morgan; Laura Patteson; Loree & Rich Tisdale; Jody & David Waldrop, Lydia.

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.
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 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. We’re looking for people who want to learn the sound board, work the cameras, and participate in the rest of the livestream process. It’s all very easy and 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.

GPC family: please be assured that GPCKids, PEACE the Special Needs Ministry, and GPC Youth will all follow the CDC/WHO Covid-19 guidelines to ensure the safety of our participants and our leaders as we resume meeting onsite. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White at family@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 12:00p-3:00p starting August 12

WHERE: 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.

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.

SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

Registration for GPC’s *Breathe* Parents’ Night Out (PNO) is now open! *Breathe* exists to provide a quiet night out for parents and a fun Bible experience with friends for kids. For the 2020-21 school year the theme is *Parable Quest* - the fun and excitement of exploring the Amazon rainforest is combined with the discovery of what it means to “follow Jesus on a life-changing adventure.” The Bible focus verse for the year is: John 13:13 - *You call me teacher and Lord and rightly so for that is what I am.*

The first meeting is just around the corner (August 14), and it is going to be super exciting! This month we launch our new theme for the year – *Parable Quest*. Make plans now for your children to attend! Remember we include little ones as young as one through fifth grade as well as children with special needs. Visit our website at www.germantownpres.org/breathe to register for the first time and/or to make this month's reservation. We will look for you on August 14 from 6:30pm-10pm. (Please note: reservations for this event close at noon on the Monday

prior to the event.) The cost is \$15/child per event night (includes a pizza dinner). Scholarships are available upon request. If requesting a scholarship, while checking out choose the "cash" option and contact 901-754-5195 to speak with Anna or Helen.

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 of SS! This is a very important role in the life of our children! We use a curriculum that tells you exactly what to say to your class about each week's Bible story. You just add your authentic, personal touch to teach and develop the relationship with your kiddos! We understand your need for flexibility on weekends. We aim to have teaching teams that include 3 teachers, 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

Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, August 16 at 11am! Parents, drop off your children at the South Field for a socially distanced meal and then pick them up there afterward. We look forward to seeing ALL GPCKids back for the new programming year!



Parents, what will you do while your children are eating pancakes six feet away from each other? Consider the brand new offering this year, also at 11am in the blue Noah's Ark room on the first level, called **Coffee and Conversations**. Keep watching bulletin announcements, social media, and the website for more information.

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.

YOUTH

GPC's youth program needs you! We need some junior high youth leaders for our Sunday night fellowships. If you can help, please email Interim Youth Director Erin Bowden at youth@germantownpres.org. Keep watching this space, the website, and social media for other fun and exciting 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:
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.