



August 2, 2020

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**Please stand.*

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

PRELUDE

In Thee is Gladness

Paul Manz

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

Bo Hormberg

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all His words and gracious in all His deeds.

People: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy God, we confess our sin before you, knowing that you are a just and merciful God. We cling to harmful habits and unjust ways. We seek to be served, rather than to serve you and others. Forgive us when we follow our selfish impulses and allow sin to reign. In your mercy, show us how to be more like Christ in mind, actions, and speech. Guide us in living with Christ and for Him today and always.

(Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

**Glorry 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 greet those around you and remember those who usually sit near you.

Pray for them and contact them later today to share your love for them.)

THE WORD

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

Amazing Grace

arr. Ovid Young

Althea Crouse, soprano

Russell Crouse, baritone

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

An Invitation to Abundant Life

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 12:1-8

Dr. Jones

The New Life in Christ

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Broken: Good News for Tough Times – the Body of Christ

Dr. Jones

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

*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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Wiggins

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

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Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of August 2, 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: Beth Boyle; Susan & Scott Bingham, Harrison & Kate; Nancy & Jeff Halter; Becky Long; Sally & Bruce McCulloch; Sue & Jim Perrin; Robert Shaw; Donna & Jerry Willhite.

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

Liberation Community Church, Memphis, TN
Parkway Garden United Church, Memphis, TN
Shady Grove Church, Memphis, TN
Kerrville Presbyterian Church, Millington, 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 Vimeo channel [here](#)
- > and the YouTube channel [here](#).

Help Needed With Worship Services: GPC is still 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. 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.

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 12:00 till 3:00 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.

The Special Needs Ministry Support Team is Looking for a New Director. The Director of Special Needs Ministry is responsible for developing, implementing and supervising the PEACE Program of GPC. PEACE stands for the Place where Exceptional Adults and Children are Embraced. This position is a part-time, 12 month-a-year, salaried position averaging 25 hours per week.

We would like to ask for your help. First, we ask for your prayers to help guide us in finding the right person to lead our PEACE program. Secondly, we ask that you help us communicate this position. You may know of someone or you may have a neighbor, friend, co-worker, a church connection that knows a person that has a special calling to work with this great group of people.

If you have any thoughts or recommendations you'd like to share, please contact our Special Needs Ministry Support Team or SNMST: Mary K. Grantham, Neal Horner, Cathy Borden, Mary Nelson or Helen Warren at specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

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.

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 child(ren) 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 have a curriculum that tells you exactly what to say!** 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 aim to have teaching teams of 3 teachers!** We understand your need for flexibility on weekends. We aim to have teaching teams to include 3 teachers, so that you work together to cover your weekend schedules! Be on the lookout for information regarding 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 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

This year, as we start a new season of Youth, we want to focus on **U**nity, **N**urturing of faith, **I**ncluding all, **T**rusting God and each other, **E**mbracing our faith. Therefore, we will U.N.I.T.E. In all of our activities, we will **UNITE!**

Who? What? Where? When?

August 2- Youth Sunday School and Youth Leader Training. Sr. High room following 9:30 worship service. We will discuss the plan for the fall and review the curriculum.

August 9- Parent and Youth Meeting. 4:30 Warren Hall. We will discuss the plan for Sunday School and Sunday night youth, curriculum and COVID-19 procedures and virtual alternatives to in-person participation.

August 16- Kick-off Sunday. Pancake Brunch on the south field following 9:30 worship service. Evening- Jr and Sr High Pool Parties (details to come).

August 23- Regular Sunday School and Sunday Evening Youth. Sunday school following 9:30 service we will begin a 5-week study of GOALS through Paul's letters to the churches scattered throughout Galatia. We will continue looking at these letters in Youth Group in the evening and how they are relevant for us today. Jr and Sr High Youth 4:30-6:30.

August 30- UNITE: Mess Fest (formerly known as CRUD Day). Get Ready to Get Messy. (details to come).

If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, please email youth@germantownpres.org.

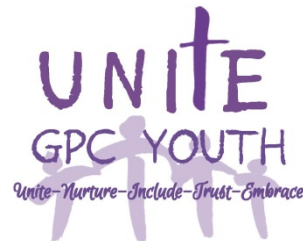
MISSIONS

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!



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