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## GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

PRELUDE

*O God Beyond All Praising*  
Aaron Redburn, tenor

Gustav Holst  
arr. Rodney Abriol

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then bear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 85:8-13)

Ruling Elder Jill Crocker

Leader: God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

**People: Surely salvation is at hand for those who are in awe of God.**

Leader: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**People: Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**ALL: God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise!  
Let us worship God!**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Helps us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence ...**

*(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 Beautiful Are the Feet of Them* (from *Messiah*)  
Shannon Redburn, soprano

G.F. Handel

*How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,  
and bring glad tidings of good things. (Romans 10:15)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 14:22-33

### **Jesus Walks on the Water**

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,<sup>[a]</sup> for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind,<sup>[a]</sup> he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 10:4-15

<sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

### **Salvation Is for All**

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because<sup>[a]</sup> if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

Broken: Beautiful Feet Bring Good News for These Tough Times

Rev. Wiggins

## *RESPONSE TO THE WORD*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

Dr. Jones

**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 440

*In Christ There is No East or West*

McKEE

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Wiggins

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata in G*

William Walond

**WORSHIP ARTS TODAY**

On the cover: Janet Crestwith, *How beautiful are the feet*. Photograph of monument in Old Live Oak Cemetary, Selma, Alabama.

**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!

**The flowers** on the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory of Gerry Mills, by her family.

**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 August 9, 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: Barbara Branch; Eleanor & David Denton; John Edmonds; Leah & George Lumm, Emma Grace, George; Carolyn Pearce; Beth Schriener; Mary Alice Turner; Cackie & Robert Walker, Alexander, Madeleine, Olivia.

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 looking for volunteers who want to join an ongoing team that will form the core group who works 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).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org).

**The Special Needs Ministry Support Team (SNMST) 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 who 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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. By creating teaching teams of 3 teachers, you work together to cover your weekend schedules! We plan to incorporate Zoom as well as 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 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](mailto:children@germantownpres.org).

## YOUTH

This year, as we start a new season of Youth, we want to focus on Unity, Nurturing of faith, Including all, Trusting God and each other, Embracing our faith. Therefore, we will U.N.I.T.E. In all of our activities, we will **UNITE!**

Who? What? Where? When?





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. Email [youth@germantownpres.org](mailto:youth@germantownpres.org) to let us know you're coming so we have enough food. 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](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 disadvantaged 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.

This summer of 2020 Rising Together is 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](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!**



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