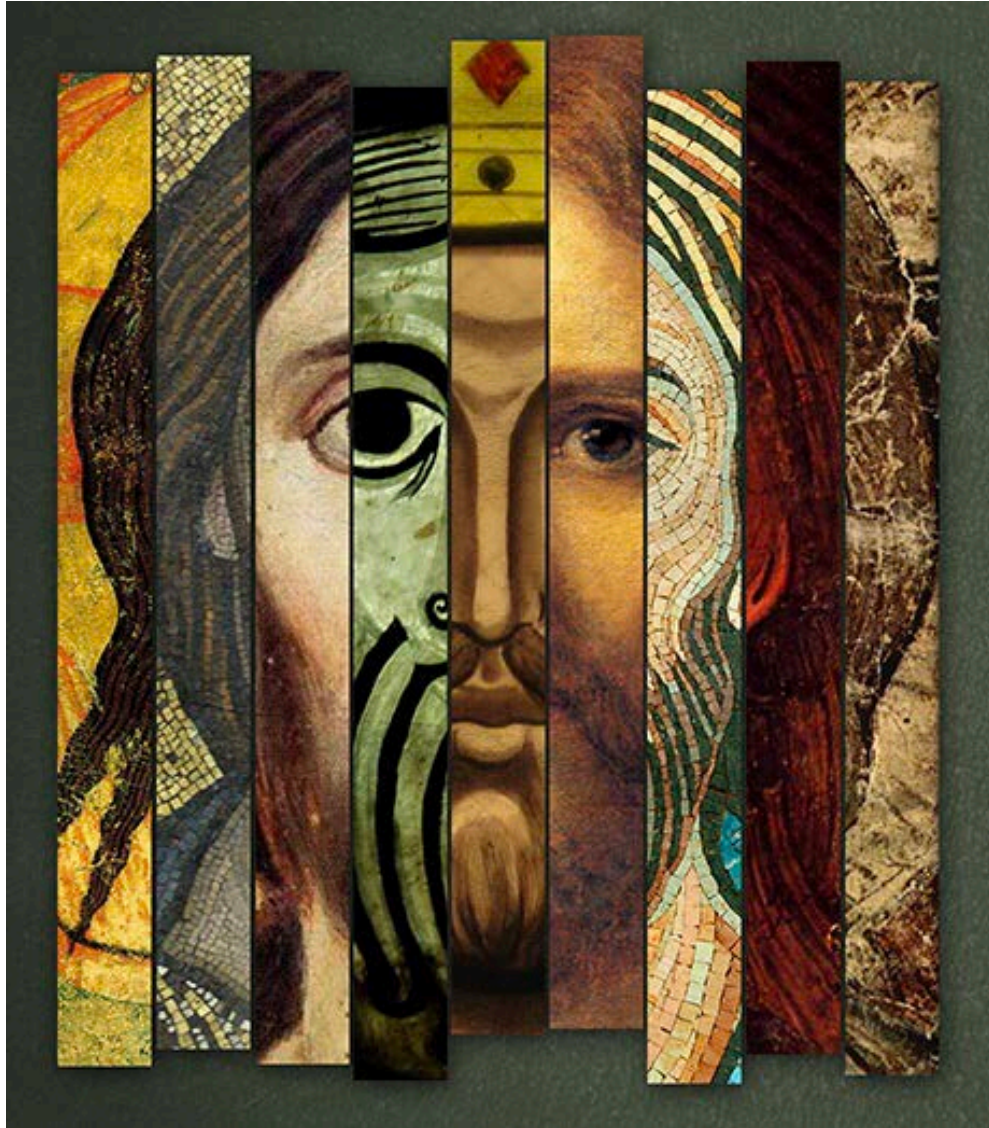




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August 23, 2020

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Partita on Old 124th: Ritornello and Aria

David P. Dahl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

HANDBELL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 138)**

Dan Young

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Leader: You have exalted your name and your word above everything.

People: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies.

People: You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

Leader: The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me.

People: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

***CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)**

Lord, have mercy on us, we pray, and forgive us when we sin. We are driven to succeed, yet sometimes we run others over to do it. We crave affirmation, but sometimes we do anything to get it. We value our resources, but sometimes we forget that they actually belong to you. Lord, for any and all of the ways we sin, we pray for mercy. Help us to repent and turn to you, and guide us in the way of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Scherzino on "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"
Handbell Ensemble

arr. Sondra Tucker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats;^[a] but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Face Like Yours

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

OFFERTORY

Old 124th

Genevan Psalter

Karen Schowalter Cooper, mezzo-soprano

Now Israel may say, and that in truth, if that the Lord had not our right maintained, if that the Lord had not with us remained, When cruel foes against us rose to strive, we surely had been swallowed up alive.

Yea when their wrath against us fiercely rose, the swelling tide had o'er us spread its wave, the raging stream had then become our grave, The surging flood, in proudly swelling roll, most surely then had overwhelmed our soul.

Blest be the Lord who made us not their prey: as from the snare a bird escapeth free, their net us rent and so escaped are we: Our only help is in God's holy name, who made the earth and all the heav'nly frame.

*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

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

She is his new creation by water and the word.
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endowed.
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternal-ly.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Partita on Old 124th: Fugue

David P. Dahl

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Thank you to our musicians for assisting in worship today: Karen and Mark Cooper, and Shannon and Aaron Redburn.

On the cover: *"Who do you say that I am?"* Artist unknown.

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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 August 23, 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 & Ben Brock; Christy Campbell, Claire & Max Lino; Teresa & Ty Hardin, Sarah; Jeanie & Walter Hill; Kelly & Thomas Lackey, Catherine; Morgan & David Paris, Darcy, Jean, Roy; Sandy Roberts; Anna & Jeff White, Alyssa, Julianna.

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

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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.

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: Germantown Presbyterian Church-Warren Hall, 2363 S. Germantown Road, Germantown/Zoom

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

HOW: Registration 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 (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.

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.*

If you missed the August meeting, go online to check out and reserve your space for other dates. Make plans 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 a reservation. We will look for you in the months to come. (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

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!

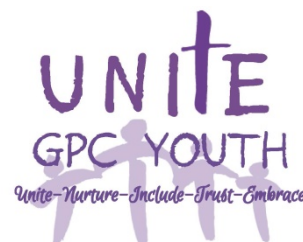
Aug 23 - Regular SS Drop off

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!**



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).



Youth Group Meals Update - As mentioned in the parent meeting, the best plan for handling the Sunday night youth meals was still in development. After last Sunday's YMST (Youth Ministry Support Team) meeting, it was decided that, for the foreseeable future, all meals would be ordered in and distributed to the youth by an adult in mask and gloves. This would also be done in a way to keep youth physically distant. (Bring a beach towel so that we can picnic on the south field if the weather allows.) Thank you for your patience as we navigate the safest ways to minister to our youth.

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

MISSIONS

In case you missed it. (ICYMI)

Resources 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 Prayer Ministry - These times are filled with anxiety and unrest. We as a church want to pray for all our members. There are several ways to request prayer. The website has a prayer request link toward the bottom of the homepage page with praying hands graphic. We also have replenished the pew prayer cards. Just fill them out and put them in the offering plate. Another way is the email that church member Margaret Owens oversees. The address is margaretowens1@aol.com. Or you can also send a prayer request to the pastors at prayers@germantownpres.org. The pastors also pray over all confidential prayer requests. This is a great way for us to get renewed strength during these uncertain times.

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).

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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