



September 6, 2020

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**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

Communion Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Voluntary IV

William Boyce

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 149)

Noel Florendo

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song and praise God in the assembly of the faithful.

People: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Leader: Let them praise God's name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre.

People: For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; God adorns the humble with victory.

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy God, you are from everlasting to everlasting, and your thoughts are beyond our understanding. We confess that we sin because we want to be our own gods. We want to bend the will of others toward us. We want to control all factors around us. We try to resist all limitations. Have mercy on us, O Lord, our friend and savior. Hear us as we express our contrition, and hear us as we ask for forgiveness. You alone are holy, and we seek forgiveness from your abundant love.

(Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 133:1-3

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Fair!

Dr. Jones

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

Mr. Tom Sauer

OFFERTORY

Safe Within Your Arms
Scott Hall, baritone

Mark Hayes

*Whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong, whether I'm weak or whether I'm strong
Whether I'm sure or may be confused, feeling loved or feeling used,
I know a place where I can go, somewhere that winter winds don't blow.
There I am warmed by loving arms, held with care, next to Your heart*

*And I'm safe, within Your arms, Lord. I've become a child again.
I've come back to the source of love, where healing can begin.
Though the world would say I must be strong and prove my worth by what I do,
I will rest assured in Your embrace and find my strength in You.*

*Whether I'm walking in the light or whether I'm stumbling through the night,
You are a God, whose promise endures. Though undeserved, Your love is sure.
When I am tempted to pursue plans that may lead me far away from You,
Gently You call, "My child, come home. I will never let go of one of my own."*

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**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

Mr. Sauer

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

If you are able, please hold each element until all have been served and the minister will signal when to partake.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Sandra Franks, soprano

Luigi Zaninelli

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.*

SENDING

*HYMN

God is Here!

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

1. God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;
 4. Lord of all, of Church and king - dom, in an age of change and doubt

may we find in full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us, as of old.
 keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 Here is hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 Here, in this day's cel - e - bra - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, b. 1903
 MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

ABBOTT'S LEIGH
 8.7.8.7.D.

† This song explains and celebrates what public worship is about. Stanza 3 is particularly appropriate for use when the sacraments are celebrated.

Compare your worship service with the text of the song. It may point out elements in your service that are missing or inadequate.

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Lobe den Herren

Johann Gottfried Walther

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Thank you to our musicians assisting in worship today: Sandra Franks and Scott Hall.

On the cover: Teresa Daughtery, *Where two or more are gathered*, 2018.

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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!

The flowers on the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Susan and Greg Morgan in appreciation of the flower committee and their hard work in making beautiful arrangements every week.

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 September 6, 2020

The Session has called for a congregational meeting on September 13 after the worship service to dissolve the call between GPC and Rev. Amanda Mackey.

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: Helen & Nick Brown; Judy & Bill Carmichael; Kallen Esperian; Wendy & Stewart Holmes, Anderson, Audrey; Kim & Lewis Perkins, Josh, Sara; Phyl & Austin Simmons; Jessie & Bret Wells, Brett & Abby.

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

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland TN

First Presbyterian Church, Paris TN

Marl Bluff Church, Reagan TN

1st Presbyterian Church, Rosemark 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.

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.

ADULTS

Women: Membership in Presbyterian Women (PW) is open to all women and strives to help develop the gifts and talents of all women in our church. It’s a great way to meet the other women of the church and grow in your faith. Please consider joining in as we unite as the women of the church and commit to helping every woman develop into the person God intends her to be and grow spiritually through prayer and Bible study and mission work, keeping our hearts open to God’s call to action and involvement. Individual Bible Study Circles meet the first Tuesday of every month on Zoom for now. For more information please call Nancy Halter, Moderator, 901-454-3268 or Bonnie Algee, Vice Moderator, 901-674-2613.

Men: The men of GPC currently Zoom their Sunrise Men’s Breakfast Friday mornings at 7am. If you’d like to be involved in that fellowship and Bible study, contact Drayton Mayers at draytonmayers@gmail.com. In addition, the

men's lunch devotion group is deciding how to resume those meetings, so if you'd like to be plugged into that group, please contact Anthony Duke at anthony.duke@ipaper.com.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Jump on Board!! The Special Needs Elementary Sunday School Class needs you! We are in need of 2 teacher assistants. You would be helping under the guidance of our exceptional teachers, Mary K. Grantham or Julie Lindow! You would be teaching on a rotational schedule! This way teachers, assistants and students get the best of both worlds.

You get to touch the lives of our special friends and you can still attend adult SS class! If you'd like to volunteer or ask questions please email me at specialneeds@germantownpres.org or call 901-626-3380. Thanks, Helen Warren

Are you artistic, creative, and like to paint? Friendship Circle needs a Bob Ross of GPC - a person to lead us in a small canvas painting. If this is you, please email me at specialneeds@germantownpres.org or call 901-626-3380. Thanks, Helen Warren

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 specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

GPC's *Breathe* Parents' Night Out (PNO) is wants you! *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 September meeting is coming up (Friday, September 11), so go online to reserve your space. Make plans for your children to attend! Remember we include little ones as young as one year old 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 monthly 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.

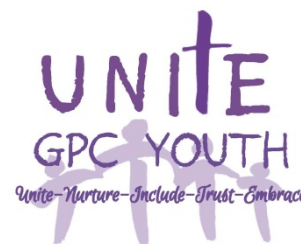
CHILDREN

Sunday, September 13 is a special day in the Children’s Ministry. It’s the day GPC presents all our first-graders with their Bibles. If you are comfortable bringing your first-grader to participate onsite, please be sure to make a reservation [here](#) and let Director of Family Ministry Anna White (annaw@germantownpres.org) know. If you are not comfortable doing this, GPC will arrange to give your child their Bible in some other way.

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!**



Due to weather, Youth Mess Fest has been postponed to Sunday, September 13 from 12pm-2pm.

Youth Group Meals Update - For the foreseeable future, all meals will be ordered in and distributed to the youth by an adult in mask and gloves. This will 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!



Visit germantownpres.org/giving or scan the QR code on the left to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.



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