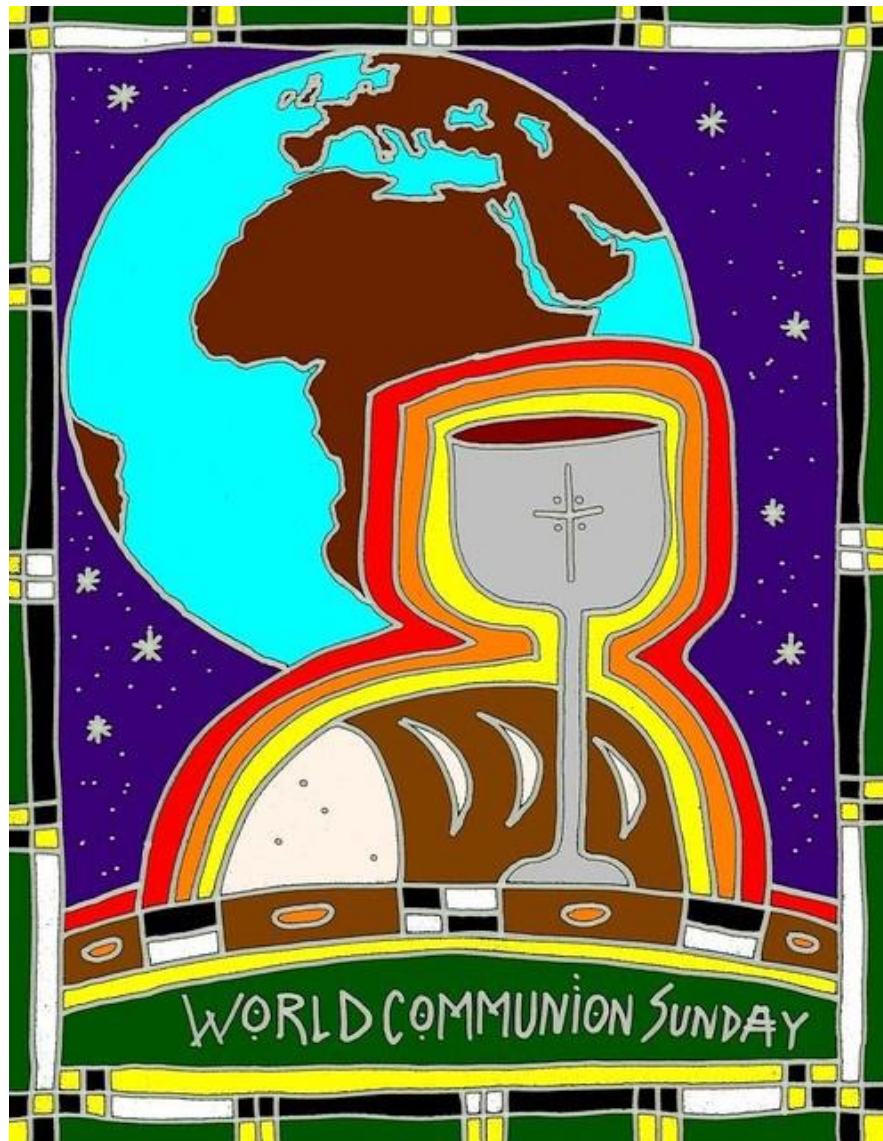




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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Holy Manna

arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

Dr. Noel Florendo

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

God of wisdom and understanding, have mercy on us. We confess that our faith is diluted by distractions. We worry over superficialities. Our trust in you wanes when winds of trouble blow. Please forgive our lack of complete trust in you. Help us to build our lives on the solid rock of your promises. You are trustworthy and true, and we commit ourselves to following you faithfully, 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

**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 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Alex Askew, son of Candace and Graham Askew

Dr. Jones

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit. Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 15:1-7

Ms. Kirsten King

15 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. ²The tongue of the wise dispenses knowledge but the mouths of fools pour out folly. ³The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. ⁴A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. ⁵A fool despises a parent's instruction, but the one who heeds admonition is prudent. ⁶In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but trouble befalls the income of the wicked. ⁷The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the minds of fools.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 4:1-9

Dr. Jones

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Enemies of Gratitude: Strife Instead of Striving

Dr. Jones

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

OFFERTORY

Come Share the Lord
Chancel Choir

arr. Roland Tabell

*We gather here in Jesus' name; His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one. Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.
We'll gather soon where angels sing, we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait. Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.
For He will feed us with His presence here, this bread and wine will do us good.
Our deepest hungers He will satisfy, for He is life and peace and rest and drink and food.
He joins us here, He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.
The One we love the most is now our gracious host. Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs. Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
We are not the family of which the Lord is head. Though unseen He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.*

*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

Holy, Holy, Holy
(led by Chancel Choir)

arr. Jay Althouse

1 [Choir only]

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 *Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,*
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 *Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,*
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

[*Only Thou Art holy; there art none beside Thee,*
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.]

4 *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*
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Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Théodore Salomé

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

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Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements
Week of October 4, 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: Cathy & David Aslin, Molly & Meghan; Katie Burrow; Ginny Cifaldi; Marilyn & John Donnelly; Karen & Bill Fesmire; JW McAllister; Ann & Roscoe Phillips; Kay Shelton.

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

First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, TN
Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN
First Presbyterian Church, Selmer, TN
First Presbyterian Church, Somerville, TN
Tiptonville Presbyterian Church, Tiptonville, 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 morning and evening worship services. The 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 livestreaming. 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're reading this digitally, you can click [here](#) to read the updated policies.

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 with other women of the church and commit to helping every woman develop into the person God intends her to be and grow spiritually through prayer, 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 6:30am. 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 their meetings, so if you'd like to be plugged into that group, please contact Anthony Duke at anthony.duke@ipaper.com.

Onsite Sunday morning adult class: Coffee and Conversations is an onsite class designed to educate you about opportunities for education and church life within GPC. C&C meets from 10:45-11:45am in the blue Noah's ark room in the elementary hallway following worship. Join the class this Sunday, September 27 as Pastor Susie Wiggins shares with the class as well as leading everyone in a devotion connected to what your children are learning in Sunday School.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Jump on Board!! The Special Needs Elementary Sunday School Class needs you! We need 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

AMPlify Has Begun! AMPlify is one of our PEACE Ministry programs. It is a music program which allows students who are differently abled to showcase their gifts and talents through rhythm, melody, and spontaneity. It is led by the very talented, Noel Wilkins. Even though AMPlify looks a bit different this year because we are having temperature checks, wearing masks, and social distancing, there is still lots of fun and learning going on. AMPlify takes place each Thursday at 10:00am, and we will wrap up the semester in December with a winter performance in the sanctuary. We have room for more, so if you'd like to participate or volunteer, please email specialneeds@germantownpres.org. We'd love you to join us as we amplify our hearts, voices, and witness for the glory of God!

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 in full swing! Typically on the second Friday of each month (with some exceptions) *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.*

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

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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

Sunday mornings: Youth meet from 10:45 – 11:45am onsite and on Zoom. For information and the Zoom link, contact Anna White or Erin Bowden at youth@germantownpres.org. Right now we're exploring how family matters and how God works in and through us and our families.

Jr. Hi: Your family doesn't have to be perfect for God to use it. Read [Genesis 27:34-38](#).

Sr. Hi: When it comes to your family, your faith matters. Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#).



Introducing New Daily Devotionals for Youth

Jr. Hi:

1. Open your youversion Bible app.
2. Go to the reading plans.
3. Search for “Fam.”

Sr. Hi:

1. Open your youversion Bible app.
2. Go to the reading plans.
3. Search for “Family Matters.”

Sunday afternoons: Youth meet from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. This Sunday we'll engage in Fall Event Planning! We'll create planning teams to plan the fall event for your youth group. Come with all your great ideas.

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!

Room in the Inn (RITI) Memphis is resuming a regular, limited schedule this fall to be evaluated on a month-by-month basis. Please see below for the details about the upcoming 2020-2021 season and how they plan to offer shelter as safely as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. We'll host on Saturday evenings.

Quick rundown of how RITI will work moving forward (re-evaluated on a month-by-month basis):

- GPC will join with Emmanuel Methodist hosting this year.
- We will host every other Saturday night starting in November.
- We will be back at The Cottage at Germantown Methodist Church.
- RITI Memphis (Carpenters House) will send the same eight guests to that location for the entire week, and the guests will sleep in the same bed every night, so that they can be better contact traced should the need arise.
- Emmanuel Methodist will provide the transportation and van driver every time.
- We will need only one person to spend the night and one person on call who lives close by.
- We will need four hands-on volunteers at night along with people who will make and drop off the food and take-away sacks for the following day.
- We will also need one person to do a quick clean-up and possibly some laundry (TBD).

To sign up and/or volunteer to help, email Susan Shirley Hurt [here](#).

UKirk Memphis is a ministry serving the campuses of Rhodes College, the University of Memphis, and beyond. UKirk is a nationwide campus ministry affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and in partnership with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We seek to reach, love, and teach college students to be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. In the season of COVID-19, we have pivoted from our normal in-person events to holding our weekly gatherings online for a time of fellowship, conversation, and prayer. We are holding some small socially distant gatherings outdoors, along with providing opportunities for one-on-one conversation with the campus minister. We have also sent care packages to our students as tangible reminders that they are loved! Although we are doing ministry differently this year, its importance in the spiritual lives of our students has not waived, nor has our need for support from congregations and individuals.

We ask for your prayers for our students as they navigate life in this time. And if you feel called to donate financially, you can do so online at www.ukirkmemphis.com under the "Support Us" tab. There you can also sign up for our quarterly newsletter. If you would rather write a check, you can make it out to the Presbytery of the Mid-South with UKirk in the memo line and send to the Presbytery office at 449 Patterson St. Memphis, TN 38111. UKirk Memphis sends a big thank you to Germantown Presbyterian Church for their continued support of our ministry!

Upcoming UKirk virtual fundraiser: UKirk Memphis presents a virtual concert on Facebook live, Friday, October 30 from 6:30-8pm. Suggested donations are \$10 and proceeds benefit UKirk. This is a concert by Bailey and Wylie Bigger; Bailey's a current UKirk Memphis student, and her brother, Wylie, is a UKirk alum of Mississippi State.


Questions? Contact Rev. Elizabeth Doolin, the UKirk Campus Minister, at ukirk-memphis@gmail.com.


Follow us on social media! On Instagram and Twitter @ UkirkMemphis, and Facebook @ UKirkatMemphis

The Rising Together Foundation (RTF) has an amazing opportunity. We are excited to be selected to participate in the *USA Today* "A Community Thrives" Challenge, a program that offers an opportunity for nonprofits to share great ideas for how they are improving their communities. It also provides a national platform and a chance at \$2,000,000 in grants to get them off the ground and running. Our campaign is the "RTF Education and Opportunity Fund." This fund provides financial assistance so that disadvantaged students from under-served communities may participate in our academic enrichment programs, events, and summer camps.

When we raise the required minimum of \$3,000 between now and October 16 at 11:00am, RTF automatically qualifies for at least a \$2,500 grant. There are also Bonus Challenges each of the four weeks of the ACT Challenge that present

the opportunity to receive additional grants that I will focus on now. As Team RTF we're going to focus on the last two weeks of the challenges which I think we can win.

 Bonus Challenge 3 is Monday, October 5 11:00am - Monday, October 12 10:59am. Six organizations with the most sole source donations (unique donors as determined by unique email addresses) during the time period on its Official Fundraising Page will receive \$4,000. (If you have more than one email, you can donate from each, which is how the total number of donors will be measured.)

 Bonus Challenge 4 is Monday, October 12 11:00am - Friday, October 16 at 11:00am. Eight organizations with the most eligible donations (total dollars raised) during the time period on its Official Fundraising Page will receive \$4,000.

There are three important rules in the challenge:

1. the minimum donation is \$5;
2. all donations must be made through the [Challenge Website](#); and
3. "unique donations" in Bonus Challenge Week 3 is determined by unique email addresses.

Our average donation through the Challenge to date is \$220, so I'll use that number in my example. In week 3 use all of the email addresses in your family to make as many \$5 donations as possible. Let's assume you have four email addresses and you make four \$5 donations totaling \$20. The fourth week you would donate the remaining \$200 for a two-week total of \$220.

Thank you in advance for playing the game, supporting Rising Together Foundation, and serving disadvantaged students in Shelby County. If you have any questions about the Game Plan and the role that you can play, please email or call me (judd@risingtogetherfoundation.com or 901-378-3251). Gratefully, Judd Peters

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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