



October 25, 2020

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

All Glory be to God on High

Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Women's Retreat – November 7

CHIME INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 90)

Kelly Phillips, Liturgist

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

People: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

Leader: Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

People: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

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

Lord, you are good and merciful, and your steadfast love lasts for generations. We appeal to your love as we contemplate our sin. We have fallen away from the good life you provide, pretending there is a better way. We have walked away from neighbors in crisis, pretending not to see their pain. We have spoken words in anger, pretending that they won't matter. Be merciful to us, O God, so that we might have another chance to live as you desire, to serve our neighbors in love, and to be gracious in our speech.

(Time of 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 those who usually sit near you, and pray for them and contact them later today to share your love for them.)

THE WORD

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

Lord, God of Abraham (from *Elijah*)
Coburn Jones, baritone

Felix Mendelssohn

Draw near, all ye people, come to me!

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, This day let it be known that Thou art God, And that I am Thy servant!

Oh shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word.

Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, Oh hear me and answer me,

And shew this people that Thou art Lord God. And let their hearts again be turned!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

George Lumm

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Dr. Jones

34 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴ The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

⁵ Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. ⁶ He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹ Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹ He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Enemies of Gratitude: Disappointment

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

A Litany for Reformation Sunday
(Composed of excerpts from the Creeds, Catechisms,
and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church [U.S.A.])
(compiled by The Reverend Susan Carter Wiggins)

One	We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.	Nicene Creed Apostles' Creed
ALL	We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust.	Scots Confession
One	We believe that we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. We believe that, all things are governed by the Providence of God.	Heidelberg Catechism Second Helvetic Confession
ALL	We believe that the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.	Westminster Confession of Faith
One	We believe that the chief end of humankind is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever.	Shorter Catechism
	We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.	Larger Catechism
ALL	The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.	Theological Declaration of Barmen
One	We believe that, the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.	Confession of 1967
ALL	We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world.	Confession of Belhar
One	We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ. Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.	
ALL	With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.	Brief Statement of Faith

(If you are interested in exact citations for each clause, please contact the church office.)

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

On Eagles' Wings
Sandy Franks, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear.
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.*

*For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways.
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

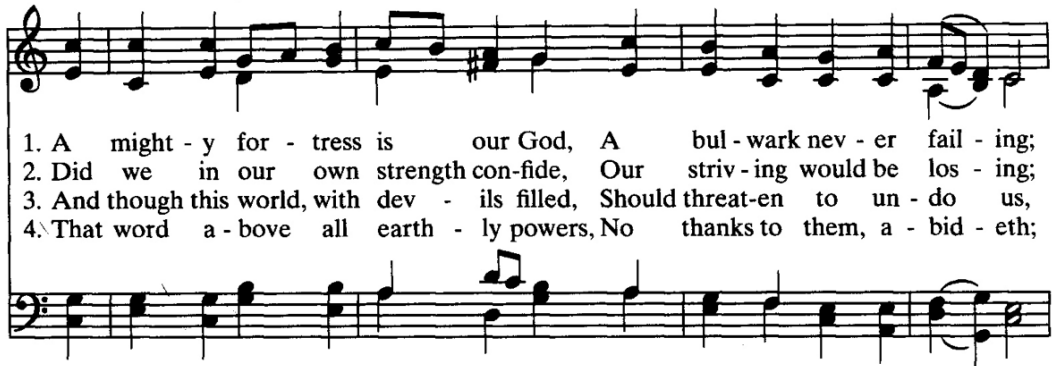
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

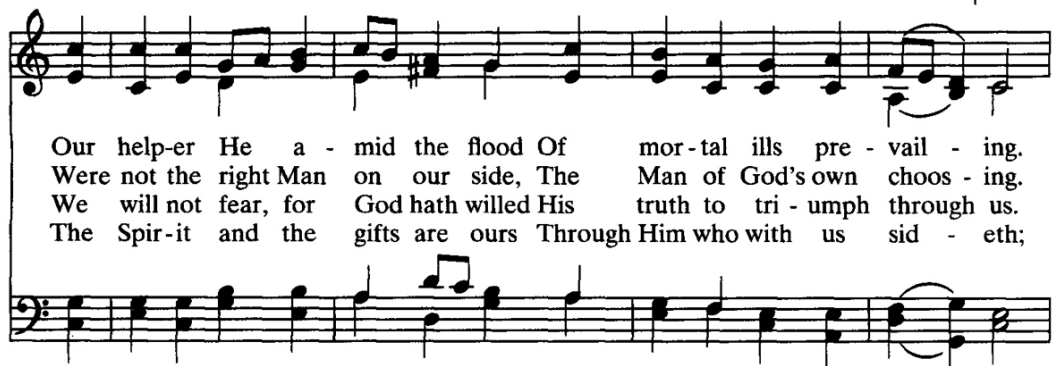
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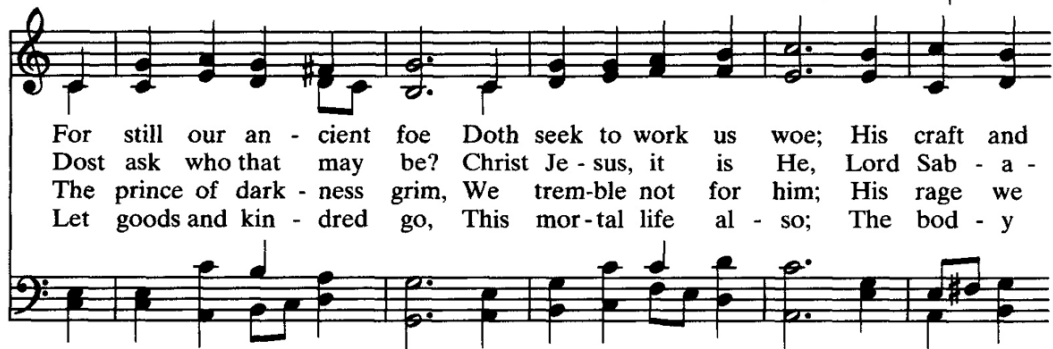
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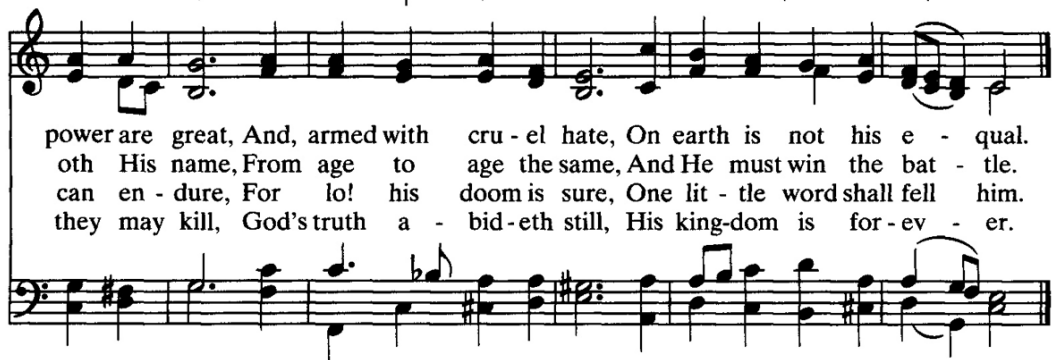
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Flor Peeters

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Thank you to our musicians assisting in worship today: Dr. Sandy Franks and Coburn Jones.

On the cover: *Martin Luther in the Circle of Reformers*, 1625–50 (oil on panel), by an artist of the German School.
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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 in memory of Rev. Joe Donaho by his family. The Memorial Service for Joe was held for the family in the Sanctuary on Friday.

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.

¹ The Nicene Creed, *The Book of Confessions: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part I*, Louisville, KY: Office of the General Assembly (PCUSA, 2016), 1.3

¹ The Apostles' Creed, Ibid, 2.3.

¹ The Scots Confession, Ibid, 3.01.

¹ The Heidelberg Catechism, Ibid, 4.001.

¹ The Second Helvetic Confession, Ibid, 5.029.

¹ The Westminster Confession of Faith, Ibid, 6.039.

¹ The Shorter Catechism, Ibid, 7.001.

¹ The Larger Catechism, Ibid, 7.117.

¹ The Theological Declaration of Barmen, Ibid, 8.26.

¹ The Confession of 1967, Ibid, 9.32.

¹ The Confession of Belhar, Ibid, 10.3.

¹ A Brief Statement of Faith, Ibid, 11.5, 11.6.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of October 25, 2020

Sign in to the online Friendship Pad [here](#) to indicate you attended the service, whether onsite or online, (and/or to ask the ministers any questions) and thank you for worshipping with us this Sunday.

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: Brenda Bishop; Martha & Dennis Drexler; Cheri & Mike Howle; June & Mark McClellan; Barb Poier; Suzanne Ray & Gracie; JoEllyn & David Slott; Nancy & Dave Wells.

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.**

THANK YOU TO SEPTEMBER'S 5TH GRADE WORSHIP LEADER, GEORGE LUMM



The Fifth Grade Bridge program exists to guide children as they begin to live their lives of faith in Jesus Christ, to encourage friendships among one another, to actively participate in church life, and to successfully transition to GPC youth. Throughout the year you will see 5th-graders reading scripture in worship, participating in retreats and fellowship activities, gathering to meet junior high students, mentoring younger GPCKids at VBS, and serving in the community through Mission 901. Questions about this program can be directed to Anna White, Director of Children's Ministry (annaw@germantownpres.org).

What's your full name? *George David Lumm*

Who are your parents and sibling(s)? *Leah and George Lumm, sister Emma Grace*

What school do you go to? *Riverdale*

What have you most enjoyed doing at GPC? *Seeing my friends and learning about God.*

What have you learned at GPC? *How to worship God.*

In the future what do you hope to experience at GPC? *Going to youth group with my friends.*

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 on 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.

ADULTS

Women: *The 2020 Women's Retreat* – this year we're zooming! Saturday, November 7, 9:30a – 12:30p with a registration cost of \$30/woman. This year we will learn even more about ourselves, begin to see ourselves as God sees us, and continue to grow and be transformed by the Holy Spirit of God.

Our tool will be the ancient personality typing system called the Enneagram, and our facilitator will be Memphian Anna Duggan, Enneagram Teacher and Coach. The Enneagram's origins have been lost to history, but we do know that its Christian roots date back to the desert fathers and mothers of the 4th century (BCE).

Recommended reading to learn more about the Enneagram: The Road Back to You, by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile and Mirror For the Soul, by Alice Fryling. One each of these books is available to check out from the GPC library.

For more information about this year's retreat, the enneagram and what it is, and to register, check out the women's retreat webpage [here https://germantownpres.org/womens-retreat/](https://germantownpres.org/womens-retreat/).

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 with both morning and evening options. 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 downstairs following worship. Join the class any Sunday as the class will feature different speakers each week as well as offer 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! Watch for upcoming dates here and online and in emails. 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

Sunday morning adult class onsite for parents with children in Sunday School: 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 downstairs in the elementary hallway following worship. Join the class any Sunday as the class will feature different speakers each week as well as offer a devotion connected to what your children are learning in Sunday School.

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.

We are Collecting Specific CANS! Please save your EMPTY large coffee cans WITH the plastic lids or other cans similar such as baby formula cans, Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate cans. Don't forget to save the LID! We can't have drums without the CAN and LID! You can bring these by Anna's office! Thank you! If you have any questions about this donation or about the children's ministry, please email Anna White at mailto:children@germantownpres.org.

YOUTH

Sunday mornings and afternoons: Youth meet for Sunday School from 10:45 – 11:45am onsite and on Zoom and for Sunday afternoon fellowship from 4:30-6:30pm.



To participate in the Bible reading plans, youth, here's what you do:

1. Open your yourversion Bible app.
2. Go to the "reading plans."
3. Jr hi – search for "fam."
4. Sr hi – search for "family matters."

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 (USA) 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 waivered, 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 Wyly Bigger; Bailey's a current UKirk Memphis student, and her brother, Wyly, 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 **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).

GPC family: please be assured that GPCKids, PEACE the Special Needs Ministry, and GPC Youth 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.

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.



**Mail checks to:
2363 S Germantown Rd
Germantown TN 38138.**

It's that time of year again! In spite of all the changes around us, some things remain the same. We need your officer nominations! The form is below so write in your recommendation and drop the form off in the offering plate on the way out. The deadline for submissions is November 1, 2020.



Germantown Presbyterian Church
Nomination for Officers

Please prayerfully consider nominations for the next class of church officers. These are very important roles of service and responsibility. You can submit your nomination form directly to the church office, in the offering plate, to a Nominating Committee member or via email to office@germantownpres.org. The Nomination Forms will be available through the month of October.

Consider the following qualifications before completing the back of this form:

- **Church Involvement**
 - regular attendance at Sunday worship and participation in church activities
 - areas of service in church ministries
 - demonstration of commitment to the church and its mission
- **Christian Living**
 - love of Jesus Christ and dedication to Christ as Lord and Savior
 - strong faith
 - demonstration of grace and compassion in common life (family, work, community)
 - spiritual maturity
 - acceptance of the Bible as the unique and authoritative witness to God's work in the world and guide for Christian living
- **Personal Characteristics and Skills**
 - cooperativeness; willingness to learn and listen
 - ability to follow through on assignments
 - openness to new ideas
- **Particular Qualifications for Offices**
 - **Deacon**
 - gifts of sympathy, compassion, and sound judgment in ministry to others
 - **Elder**
 - gifts of good judgment, fair-mindedness
 - spiritual leader with a vision to provide oversight and direction for the congregation
 - willingness to teach and preach
 - **Nominating Committee Member**
 - gifts of spiritual discernment and wide knowledge of the members of the congregation to seek God's will for the leadership of the congregation

Officer Nomination Form

I suggest _____

for nomination to the office of:

_____ Elder

_____ Youth Elder (*current high school 10th or 11th gr*)

_____ Deacon

_____ Youth Deacon (*current high school 10th or 11th gr*)

_____ Nominating Committee

_____ Nominating Committee, Youth Member
(current high school 10th/11th gr)

What spiritual gifts does this person possess?

What church activities/programs does this person participate in?

Submitted by _____

(Please print your name here.)