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GATHERING

PRELUDE	Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654	J. S. Bach
	(Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness, Hymn 506)	-

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL	TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107)	Lisa Cook, liti
Leader:	O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.	
People:	Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those He redeemed from trouble.	
Leader:	Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town	
People:	Many were hungry and thirsty, and their soul fainted within them.	
Leader:	Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress	
People:	Let us worship the God of our salvation.	

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord, look upon us in mercy on this day. We confess our sin before you, praying for forgiveness and reconciliation. You have provided so generously for us, yet our instinct is to horde. You have offered us love through Christ, yet we harbor hatred toward others. You have allowed us to live in the world you created, yet we are not always good stewards of creation. Have mercy on us, and forgive us, we pray. Show us each day how to follow Christ more faithfully and how to love one another more sincerely.

(Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** 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.)

READING OF THE NECROLOGY

Frank Eugene Williams	11/14/2019	Judy Broemmelsick Oakes	4/21/2020
Robert Scott Ruleman	12/5/2019	Jeffrey Benson Arthur	7/15/2020
Robert Cox Lanier	12/29/2019	Robert Allen Cook	7/22/2020
Suzanne Hague Bowlin	1/7/2020	Geraldine Mills	7/23/2020
Patricia Gibson Tracey	1/9/2020	Elizabeth McLemore Beaumont	8/15/2020
Roy Wesley Hendrix	1/13/2020	Angielyn Sanders Phillips	8/17/2020
John Boyd Maize, Jr.	2/28/2020	Mary Alice Turner	9/15/2020
Joe Bryan Donaho	3/23/2020	-	

GLORIA PATRI

Dr. Will Jones

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THE WORD

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Chancel Choir

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Thy name, two or three are met together Thou are in the midst of them; Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. ¹⁰ For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**.

SERMON

Companions of Gratitude: For All the Saints

Dr. Jones

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

Kirsten King

Dr. Jones

Howard Helvey

Let Us Break Bread Together Chancel Choir

arr. Craig Carnahan

Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

*DOXOLOGY 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

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

OLD HUNDREDTH

Rev. Wiggins



*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Postlude in Canon on 'Sine Nomine'

Thomas J. Crawford

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

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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 are given to the glory of God in memory of Keith Rogers Jr. by Mary Rogers and Keith Rogers.

The rose on the baptismal font today is in honor of Avery Leigh Bittick, born October 8, the daughter of Courtney and Brian Bittick, and the granddaughter of Stephanie and Barry Wall.

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.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of November 1, 2020

Sign in to the online Friendship Pad <u>here</u> 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: Martha Day; Jane Deupree; Susan Hanlon; Lorri & Robbie Hughes, Allie; Kathy McCoy; Debbi & Larry Schweitzer; Christy & Walter Smalley; Tracy & Emmett Whitaker, Archie, Emmett.

> In November, please pray for these churches in the Presbytery: Oak Street Community Presbyterian Church, Union City, TN First Presbyterian Church, Caruthersville, MO

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

<u>Did you know GPC has 2 video channels? We do</u>! 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 <u>here</u>.

<u>Help Needed with Worship Services:</u> 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 <u>communications@germantownpres.org</u>.

ADULTS

<u>Women</u>: *The 2020 Women's Retreat* – this year we're zooming! <u>You still have time to register!</u> 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: <u>The Road Back to You</u>, by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile and <u>Mirror For the Soul</u>, 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 <u>here https://germantownpres.org/womens-retreat/</u>).

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.

<u>Men</u>: The men of GPC have begun meeting back onsite in a limited way in Warren Fellowship Hall for their Sonrise Men's Breakfast Friday mornings at 6:30am. They are combining this format with ongoing Zoom options for those more comfortable staying at home. If you'd like to be involved in that fellowship and Bible study, contact Drayton Mayers at <u>draytonmayers@gmail.com</u>. In addition, the men's lunch devotion group has resumed meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1pm via Zoom, so if you'd like to be plugged into that group, please contact Anthony Duke at <u>anthony.duke@ipaper.com</u>.

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 <u>specialneeds@germantownpres.org</u> 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 <u>specialneeds@germantownpres.org</u>.

SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

GPC's *Breathe* **Parents' Night Out (PNO) is in full swing!** The November PNO is scheduled for Friday, November 13. *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 <u>www.germantownpres.org/breathe</u> 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 <u>EMPTY</u> large coffee cans <u>WITH</u> the plastic lids or other cans similar such as baby formula cans, Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate cans. Don't forget to save the <u>LID</u>! We can't have drums without the <u>CAN</u> and <u>LID</u>! 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 <u>mailto:children@germantownpres.org</u>.

YOUTH

<u>Sunday mornings and afternoons</u>: 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 <u>youth@germantownpres.org</u>.



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 <u>innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org</u> 901-527-0208 <u>jseacat@mifa.org</u>

3. MIFA -

<u>Remember – don't give out anyone's personal number!</u>

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 <u>www.ukirkmemphis.com</u> 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!

<u>Upcoming UKirk virtual fundraiser</u>: 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 <u>ukirk-memphis@gmail.com</u>.

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

<u>Our Ghana missions team</u> 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

<u>GPC Prayer Ministry</u> - 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.

<u>GPC offers a Grief Support Ministry.</u> 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 <u>Stephanie Wall</u>, Certified Grief Counselor, American Academy of Grief Counseling and Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, Grief Recovery Institute (901-494-7786) or <u>Beth Brock</u> (901-355-0262) or <u>Linda Oakes</u> (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 <u>here</u> to read the updated policies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White at <u>family@germantownpres.org</u>.

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.

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Nominating Committee Member gifts of spiritual discemment and wide knowledge of the members of the congregation to seek God's will for the leadership of the congregation	congregation willingness to teach and preach	spiritual leader with a vision to provide oversight and direction for the	Elder nifts of nood judgment fair-mindedness	Deacon gifts of sympathy, compassion, and sound judgment in ministry to others	Particular Qualifications for Offices	openness to new ideas	ability to follow through on assignments	Personal Characteristics and Skills	work in the world and guide for Christian living	acceptance of the Bible as the unique and authoritative witness to God's	community) sniritual maturity	demonstration of grace and compassion in common life (family, work,	strong faith	Christian Living love of Jesus Christ and dedication to Christ as Lord and Savior	demonstration of commitment to the church and its mission	acuvities areas of service in church ministries	regular attendance at outloay worship and participation in church	Church Involvement	Consider the following qualifications before completing the back of this form:	office@germantownpres.org. The Nomination Forms will be available through the month of October.	offering plate, to a Nominating Committee member or via email to	officers. These are very important roles of service and responsibility. You can submit your nomination form directly to the church office in the	Nomination for Officers	Germantown Presbyterian Church	GERMANIOWN C+H+U+R-C+H	