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*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

### PRELUDE

*(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 90)

Ms. Kirsten King, 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: 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.**

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands**

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

**Lord, have mercy upon us, today and always. We confess that our sin stifles the good life you desire for us. Our sin removes us from the way of Jesus. Our sin pulls us in directions far from you. We are grateful that you do not let go of us, even when we turn our backs on you. If you counted our sins against us, who could stand? Thank you for giving us grace through Christ, our Lord, and we pray for forgiveness through Him.**

*(Time of personal prayer)*

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen.**

### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### \*SHARING OF GRACE

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

## **THE WORD**

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cosette Blue Fienup

*Infant daughter of Sally and Chris Fienup & younger sister of Jo and Lola Fienup.*

### BAPTISM RESPONSE

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

### SOLO

*With What Shall I Come Before the Lord*

John Ness Beck

Brianna Reilly, mezzo-soprano

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give Him my first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 11:24-31

<sup>24</sup>Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.  
<sup>25</sup>A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.  
<sup>26</sup>The people curse those who hold back grain, but a blessing is on the head of those who sell it.  
<sup>27</sup>Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to the one who searches for it.  
<sup>28</sup>Those who trust in their riches will wither, but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.  
<sup>29</sup>Those who trouble their households will inherit wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise.  
<sup>30</sup>The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, but violence takes lives away.  
<sup>31</sup>If the righteous are repaid on earth, how much more the wicked and the sinner!

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Allies of Gratitude: A Test of Generosity

Dr. Jones

## ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Project Outreach

Ms. Gretchen Kirk

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Tom Sauer

**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

*Why Me?*  
Scott Hall, baritone

Kris Kristofferson

*What have I done to deserve even one of the pleasures I've known?  
Tell me, Lord, what did I ever do that was worth loving you, or the kindness you've shown?  
Lord, help me, Jesus, I've wasted it so, help me, Jesus, I know what I am.  
But now that I know that I've needed you so, help me Jesus, my soul's in your hands.*

*If you think there's a way I can try to repay all I've taken from you, maybe,  
Lord, I can show someone else what I've been through myself, on my way back to you.*

*Lord, help me, Jesus, I've wasted it so, help me, Jesus, I know what I am.  
But now that I know that I've needed you so, help me Jesus, my soul's in your hands.*

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### ***SENDING***

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O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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Washington Gladden, 1879

MARYTON LM

Henry Percy Smith, 1874

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly  
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,  
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Sheep May Safely Grace*  
(from J.S. Bach's Birthday Cantata)

EGON PETRI Arr.

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## WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

Welcome Yao Tingting, pianist, who is substituting for Alex Benford, organist, this Sunday.

On the cover: Artist unknown.

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**Welcome to worship** online and limited onsite with Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We know these are difficult days, and we are so glad you can join our service in the way you feel most comfortable. We are truly glad God brought you here!

**Interested in joining GPC?** *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to join, please contact Kathleen Boyd at 901-833-3413 or [kkboyd@comcast.net](mailto: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.

The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation on November 22 at 11:00am on Zoom to hear a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The link to join the meeting is listed below, and you will need to enter the passcode 564220 to join the meeting.

Topic: Germantown Presbyterian Church Congregational Meeting  
Time: Nov 22, 2020 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99818821356?pwd=cU1aaVICejV5a1ZMK0U2WCtpQmcrdz09>

Meeting ID: 998 1882 1356

Passcode: 564220

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

*Anyone wanting to reach out to Dr. Alex Benford (&/or his family) can send cards/notes to his home: 7940 Poplar Pike, Germantown, 38138. Requests are for cards only - no calls or visits at this time. Obviously prayers are always welcome. Thanks so much.*

*Volunteer needed to help in the office next Thursday, November 19, 8:30am - 4pm. No experience necessary. If you can help, please email Ann De Vere at [office@germantownpres.org](mailto:office@germantownpres.org).*





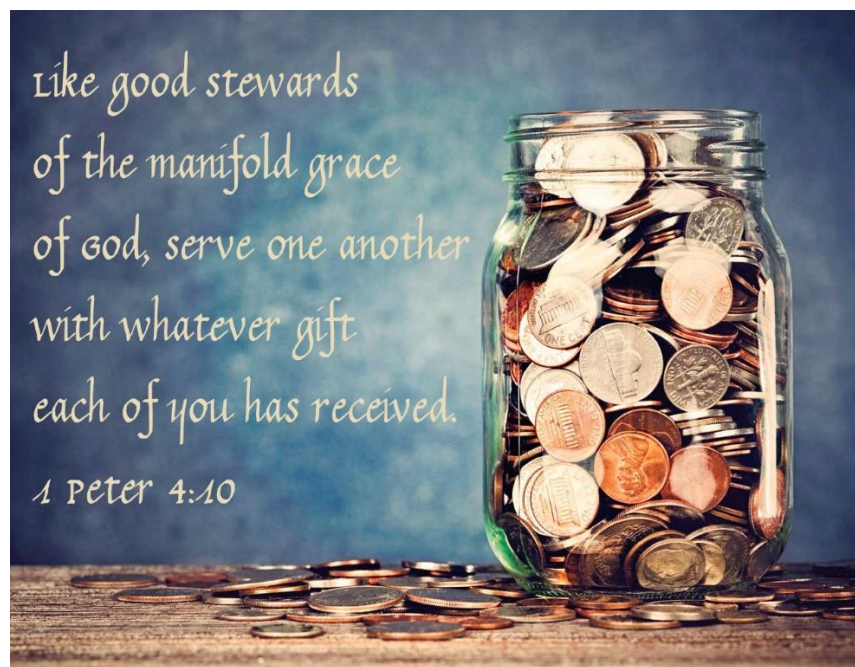
Lamentations 3:22-24 (NRSV)

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in Him."

For more information on this,  
go to the GPC website at [GermantownPres.org](http://GermantownPres.org) and  
click the *Lament to Hope* link.



**COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 22, 2020.**

**MAY GOD GUIDE YOUR COMMITMENT  
AS YOU COUNT YOUR REASONS FOR GRATITUDE.**

## Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of November 15, 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: Carolee & Stewart Carlin, Cat, Will; Alinda & Charles Fahrenkopf; Barbara & Randy Greebon; Kelly & Brett Hogan, Austin & Kelsie; Betty & Bill Potter; Kim Ramos & Wes Robinson; Ann Spragins; Linda & Bob Thurman.

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

**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](mailto:communications@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 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 have begun meeting back onsite in a limited way in Warren Fellowship Hall for their Sunrise 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 [draytonmayers@gmail.com](mailto:draytonmayers@gmail.com). In addition, the men's lunch devotion group has resumed meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1pm via Zoom, so if you'd like to be plugged into that group, please contact Anthony Duke at [anthony.duke@ipaper.com](mailto: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](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org) or call 901-626-3380. Thanks, Helen Warren

**AMPLify** is going strong! **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](mailto: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](mailto:specialneeds@germantownpres.org).

### SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

**GPC's *Breathe* Parents' Night Out (PNO) is in full swing!** The November PNO is scheduled for Friday, December 11. *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](http://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.

**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>.

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](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 including dinner. \*Due to the logistics of Youth Group at 4:30pm, Zoom is only available for 10:45am Sunday School at this time.



**SPECIAL NOTE:** If you are participating in Sunday School by Zoom, please bring a Bible to class! Also, look for a special email with papers to print for Sunday School.

Verse to Remember: Luke 19:10..."For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

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

1. Download youversion
2. Open your yourversion Bible app.
3. Go to the "reading plans."
4. Search "It's Personal."

If you would like to be on the Youth Ministry email list, please email [youth@germantownpres.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@hospitalityhub.org)
2. Room in the Inn (RITI) - 901-395-3329 [innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org](mailto:innkeeper@roomintheinn-memphis.org)
3. MIFA - 901-527-0208 [jseacat@mifa.org](mailto: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 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](http://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!

Questions? Contact Rev. Elizabeth Doolin, the UKirk Campus Minister, at [ukirk-memphis@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:margaretowens1@aol.com). Or you can also send a prayer request to the pastors at [prayers@germantownpres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.**