



February 7, 2021

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**Please stand.*

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Land of Rest

Sam Batt Owens

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 147)

Ms. Pam Graddy, Liturgist

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God, who is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: The Lord heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

Leader: Our God determines the number of the stars and gives to all of them their names.

People: Great is our Lord and abundant in power; whose understanding is beyond measure.

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

God of truth, goodness, and mercy, we confess that we are creatures who sin. Unlike all of your other creatures, we defy who you intended us to be. You created us with a will for choices, inviting us to choose what is right. We confess that we choose against you and for evil. We confess that our desires and inclinations lead us away from you and apart from what is right. We pray for your forgiveness, and we ask for mercy in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer.

(Silence for personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*SHARING OF GRACE

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

People: And also with you.

(Please remember others in our church family that you cannot be with today. As you think of them, please pray for their health and well-being. Please contact them later today and offer your love.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ms. Kirsten King

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:28-31

Dr. Jones

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.²⁹ He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for

the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to Him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, He got up and went out to a deserted place, and there He prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for Him. ³⁷ When they found Him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And He went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus, Man of Mystery: The Healer

Dr. Jones

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

OFFERTORY

Healer of our Every Ill
Brianna Reilly, mezzo-soprano

Marty Haugen

*Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.
You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness, Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.
In the pain and joy beholding, how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision: God of love.
Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother, Spirit of all kindness: be our guide.
You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing, Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.*

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*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

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

CERMONY OF CONFIRMATION

Will Chandler, Kate Reynolds, Isabella Walters

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Wiggins

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007

LAND OF REST
American



1. We come to you for heal - ing,
2. As once you walked through an - cient
3. You touch us through phy - si - cians'
4. Through nights of pain and wake - ful -
5. We come to you, O lov - ing



Lord, of bod - y, mind and soul,
streets and reached toward those in pain,
skills, through nurs - es' gifts of care,
ness, through days when strength runs low,
Lord, in our dis - tress and pain,



and pray that by your Spir - it's touch
we know you come a - mong us still
and through the love of faith - ful friends
grant us your gift of pa - tience, Lord,
in trust that through our nights and days



we may a - gain be whole.
with pow'r to heal a - gain.
who lift our lives in prayer.
your calm - ing peace to know.
your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Triumphal March of Heritage

Uzee Brown, Jr.

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

In honor of Black History Month, some of our music during the month of February will provide a brief glimpse of the contributions to the sacred music repertoire by African-American men and women. Today's postlude was written by Uzee Brown, Jr., a native of Cowpens, South Carolina. Dr. Brown, now a resident of Atlanta, is chair of the Department of Music at Morehouse College and director of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir.

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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.

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.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE AND WOULD LIKE TO, GO ONLINE TO [GERMANTOWNPRES.ORG/2021-PLEDGE-COMMITMENT/](https://germantownpres.org/2021-pledge-commitment/) OR CONTACT THE FINANCE OFFICE AND SPEAK TO FRED OR DEBBI – 901-754-5195.

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of February 7, 2021

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: Andrew Arthur, III; Sondra Biggs; Katie/Ed Eleazer; Beverly Froelich; Meredith/Matt Mattila, Risto; Darwyn Mitchell, Andrew, Stephen; Dorothy Reger; Sherry/Jason Williams.

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

Bethel Springs Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs TN

Purdy Presbyterian Church, Bethel Springs TN

Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Big Sandy 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.

TIME TO SET THE TABLE!



We're kicking off 2021
With Italian food and
fun!

Join Us....
By signing up for

GUESS WHO'S ZOOMING TO DINNER!

A FOOD and FELLOWSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA!
Hosted on zoom because,.. we're getting really good at
this zoom thing, and we need some fun together!

Date: Sat. Feb.20.2021
Time: 6pm – 8pm

RSVP: [here](https://germantownpres.org/guess-whos-zooming-to-dinner/) (or <https://germantownpres.org/guess-whos-zooming-to-dinner/>)

After registration, you'll receive a zoom link straight to the party! (From your living room... So Easy!)

Upon arrival, we shall all gather for a “welcome reception” before moving into our smaller “parties.” (don't worry, we've got the technology covered, just click your heels together three times and you shall reach your virtual destination!)

<<<<<<< Getting Ready? >>>>>>>

- >Dress up (or down) YOUR TABLES AND YOURSELVES
- >Order up (or cook up a feast) of your FAVORITE FOOD!
(The theme is Italian, but we won't judge!)

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

GPC NEWS

Church members and friends beware: churches and members are often targeted for scams, especially during the holidays. Please be aware that **no staff member will ever email or text you asking for help or money.**

GPC's Wednesday evening Compass program will not meet in the winter and spring of 2021 due to COVID. Keep watching social media and the website for more Compass details.

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: 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 resumed Zoom meetings for 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 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 anthony.duke@ipaper.com.

Sunday morning adult class limited onsite and online for parents with children in Sunday School: Coffee and Conversations is a hybrid online/limited onsite class that meets from 10:45-11:45am in the blue Noah's ark room in the elementary hallway downstairs following worship. Join this class any Sunday as Pastor Will leads this group in exploring what it really means to be a disciple of Christ, to revive our call to serve as Christ's disciples, to enhance the ways we call others to discipleship, and simply to enjoy life together in the body of Christ. For Zoom info, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White [here](#).

SPECIAL NEEDS

We wish everyone a PEACE-filled year in 2021! We, the staff of Germantown Presbyterian Church, encourage you to engage in our fantastic PEACE programs! We offer weekly activities to join, with plans for future events in the works!

Our larger-than-life Friendship Circle meets every Wednesday from 12:15pm - 2:30pm, through May 19!* You may reserve seating at germantownpres.org/friendship-circle-registration-form/ (up to our safe local limits) by appointment or join on our Zoom link. It's a casual lunch atmosphere allowing us to break bread in fellowship as we learn about our Lord and Savior, do arts and crafts or exercise, and enjoy each others' company! We only ask you to register (on our website here: germantownpres.org/friendship-circle-registration-form/) to share important information which helps us plan for the needs of our participants. Come check us out!

*NOTE: There will be a recess on Wed., March 17 for Spring Break.

Thursdays bring a joyous sound unto our Lord and through the hallways of GPC under the inspired direction of Noel Wilkins! Our **AMPLify** program requires no training or special talent; just a can-do attitude! Mr. Wilkins offers guitar lessons by appointment from 9:15am - 10:00am. Immediately following, the full **AMPLify** crew work together to rehearse for our upcoming musical production,* concluding at 11:30am. The required registration here (germantownpres.org/amplify-2020-registration/) allows us to prepare the proper number of instruments, and parts, for the participants attending.

* 🎸 🎵 : Musical production coming May 20! No rehearsal March 18 for Spring Break!

If you have not seen **AMPLify's** Christmas special performance, it remains available through GPC's Social Media networks (Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo). You can find on GPC's Youtube here: <https://youtu.be/XlpZHzyKCCo>.

We hope you'll register to participate in our PEACE ministry programs on Germantown Presbyterian Church's website. You may also contact the Special Needs Ministry Director at specialneeds@germantownpres.org for help with registering or to receive more information. We look forward to helping you engage in our fun times!

Praise God and our volunteers! Thank you for blessing our Special Needs Elementary Sunday School class through your willingness to serve with caring and compassion! Anyone interested in volunteering with our special friends may email us at specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

Please keep your eyes open for updates on our website and through our various Social Media networks for this and other upcoming Special Needs events. If you would like to be added to the Special Needs Ministry email list, please email specialneeds@germantownpres.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS & CHILDREN

GPC's Breathe/ Parent's Night Out (PNO): Do not despair! We are having talks about the Breathe/Parent's Night Out program and wish to bring it back as much as you'd love to see it restored! It is also our desire to have this program in full swing, and we sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding!

CHILDREN

Sunday morning adult class limited onsite and online for parents with children in Sunday School: Coffee and Conversations is a hybrid online/limited onsite class that 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 Pastor Will leads this group in exploring what it really means to be a disciple of Christ, to revive our call to serve as Christ's disciples, to enhance the ways we call others to discipleship, and simply to enjoy life together in the body of Christ. For Zoom info, please email Director of Family Ministry Anna White [here](#).

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

Youth Sunday School and Sunday afternoon fellowships are meeting and in full swing with Christopher.

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

1. Download your version
2. Open your your version 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.

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:

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| 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 has temporarily suspended housing the homeless due to the rise of COVID. However, donations are always welcome. You can drop off various toiletries in the bin in the Activity Center labelled RITI.

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 wavered, 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!

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.



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