



GERMANTOWN
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March 27, 2022

8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

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Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Pastorella

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 40)

Pam Graddy (8:30)
Patti Bradford (11:00)

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord; who turned and heard my cry.

People: The Lord lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire

Leader: God set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

People: The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

Leader: Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in Him.

People: You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

*HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy God, during Lent, we are especially mindful of:

the sins we have committed against you;

the sins we have done toward others;

the sins we have repeated and repeated;

the sins we are ashamed of;

the sins we should be ashamed of;

the sins that have wounded those closest to us.

**Loving God, please forgive our many sins, for the sake of Christ, our Lord,
for whom we live and to whom we belong.**

(Time of personal prayer)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS, HYMN 76

LOVE UNKNOWN

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,

love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

*SHARING OF GRACE

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

People: And also with you.

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

Jackie Williams

ANTHEM (11:00)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Chancel Choir

Gilbert M. Martin

1. *When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*
2. *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through His blood.*
3. *See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*
4. *Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jay Floyd (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 15:1-9 (pew Bible pg. 521)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (pew Bible pg. 940)

Dr. Jones

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Calling and Character: Reconciliation

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly

condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Mike Lyle

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

And Can it Be?

Dan Forrest

Sergio Mandujano, tenor

Charles Wesley, text

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me? He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE, HYMN 85

WONDROUS LOVE

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am;
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Wiggins

SENDING

*HYMN 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKEE

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Marianne Kim

Worship Arts Notes

Music at GPC during the month of March celebrates Women's History Month! Fanny Hensel Mendelssohn (1805-1847) was a German composer and pianist of the early Romantic era. Due to social conventions of the time about the roles of women, many of her works were published under her brother Felix's name. Chicago-based composer, pianist, organist, and harpsichordist, Marianne Kim (b. 1972) has been noted for her vibrant performances and compositions in a wide diversity of musical styles, including classical, jazz, Broadway, R&B, and gospel, alongside traditional and contemporary church music.

On the cover: Vasconcellos, Josefina de, 1904-2005. *Coventry Cathedral - Reconciliation*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Today's sanctuary flowers contain sunflowers and the colors of yellow and blue in honor, and in memory, of the over ten million Ukrainian people who've escaped, been displaced, lost their lives, and/or are fighting for their very existence against the brutal, invasive, oppressive Russian regime.

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WORSHIP TODAY

Welcome to worship online and 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!

Scan the QR code to sign into the online Friendship Pad.



Interested in joining GPC? You are welcome here! For more information on how to join, please contact Amy Phillips at (901) 647-6433 or amybirdwellphillips@gmail.com.

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.

Name Tags: We used to wear our name tags on Sunday. Do you know where yours is located? Let's start wearing them and if you can't find yours make a note on the Friendship Pad on Sunday and we'll make a new one for you that will be available in the narthex the next time you attend.

Special Announcement – Special Offering for Ukraine: GPC's Session met on Thursday, March 17 and voted to collect a special offering for the next 2 Sundays, March 20 and March 27, for assistance for Ukraine. 100% of this offering will be sent to assist Ukrainian refugees. Please write Ukraine in the memo line of your check or designate *For Ukraine* if making an online donation which you can do by going to the Donate tab on the website or scanning this code. The missions committee will report back on the amount collected and the agencies assisted. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Hormberg (thehormbergs@gmail.com), Chair of the Missions Committee, or Pastor Will (willj@gpctn.org). And please continue to lift up Ukraine daily in your prayers.



Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Lauren/Myles Beaupre, Emmy, Ruby; Jay Chandler, Anna, Will; Kay/David Collins; Lori/Chris Harding, Jackson, Katherine; Jeffrey Harding; Tracey/Rush Smith, Grey & Susie.



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 worship and 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. The March worship leader is Jay Floyd.

What is your full name? *James Carlyle Floyd.*

Who are your parents? *Kevin & Rebecca Floyd.*

Do you have any siblings, if yes what are their names? *I have a brother Charlie.*

Where do you go to school? *Woodland Presbyterian School.*

What's your favorite activity to do outside of church? *Playing piano and being a member of the school's robotics team.*

What have you most enjoyed doing at GPC? *Attending Vacation Bible School.*

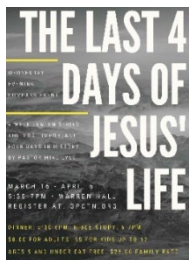
What have you learned at GPC? *I have met new friends and teachers, and I have learned how to be a Christian.*

In the future what do you hope to experience at GPC? *I look forward to attending youth group and getting to go on trips.*

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements

Week of March 27, 2022

Compass at Lent



Pastor Mike is leading a 4-week Compass Lenten series in Warren Fellowship Hall titled *The Last 4 Days of Jesus' Life* from March 16 – April 6. The meal will begin at 5:30 (\$8 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, kids under 5 eat free, \$25 family rate), and the study will begin at 6. Pastor Mike will be using Mark's Gospel as his text, so there's nothing to buy. Just bring your Bible!

The meal this week will be pork tenderloin, broccoli medley, roasted potatoes, corn, salad, rolls, ambrosia, Oreo cookie cake, and lemon whipped cream cake.

In order to get a good food count, reservations are requested but not required, and you can do that here: <https://germantownpres.org/compass-reservation-lent-2022/>.

It's baaaaaack! The GPC Children's spring musical! Our presentation will take place on Mother's Day, May 8, during 11:00 worship.

GPC children, pre-school through 5th grade, are invited to learn and sing about the love of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Based on the parable of the 99 sheep, "We Like Sheep" follows the antics of Grimey, who leaves the flock only to realize that the Good Shepherd will leave the 99 just to find him. As the remaining ewes and rams reflect on the love Jesus has for them, everyone learns that "No matter how baaad we are, the Shepherd loves us" and celebrates when Grimey is brought back into the flock.

Rehearsals begin with hearings for speaking roles (2nd-5th graders only, please) today (!) March 27, at 12:15pm immediately following the late service downstairs in The Well and continue on select Sunday afternoons (4:30-5:30) and Wednesday evenings (5:30-6:30). Contact Dr. Alex (alexb@gpctn.org) for more information. Register your child(ren) to participate here: <https://germantownpres.org/childrens-music-registration/> or scan this code.



Change in April Grief Support Meeting: The second Thursday in April is Maundy Thursday (April 14), the date grief support would normally meet, so for this month only the group will meet on the first Thursday of the month, April 7, at 6 pm in the GPC Parlor. Please attend if you are interested in joining your family of faith who has lost a loved one.

NaCoMe churchwide retreat is coming up! – April 29 – May 1 – and registration is now open. Yay! Scan the QR code or click here (<https://germantownpres.org/nacome-registration-2022/>) in the electronic version of the bulletin to register or go to the home page and find the link there. **Sign-up deadline is Thursday, March 31.** Questions? Need more info? Please contact Sherrie Horner at sherriehorner@gmail.com.



The 2022 theme comes from Psalm 150:

Alleluia!

We praise you, Holy God, in your sanctuary; we praise you in your mighty skies!

We praise you for your powerful deeds; we praise you for your overwhelming glory!

We praise you with the blast of the trumpet; we praise you with lyre and harp!

We praise you with timbrel and dance; we praise you with strings and flute!

We praise you with clashing cymbals; we praise you with resounding cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise Almighty God!

Alleluia!

Ushers Needed. When people come to GPC, they all leave with the impression of what a friendly church we are. Ushers are the first people that most will meet when they enter our house of worship. Please consider being part of this welcoming ministry. If you are fairly new to GPC, this is a great way to become involved and meet people. If you are interested, you may contact Dick Goughnour at regoughnour@att.net or Bob Johnson at rhjohnson9@gmail.com.

GPC's Special Needs Ministry Offers Volunteer Opportunities. Registration for the Memphis Joy Prom is OPEN & 400-500 more volunteers are needed! Follow the link (or scan QR code) to locate the registration page.



<https://forms.fellowshipone.com/?formId=f78bfl6e-b870-4790-b876-d553dc7a955e>. The registration page includes many ways to offer monetary donations. You can also see other ways to support Memphis Joy Prom.

Can't volunteer on April 29? Other ways to support MJP/get involved: volunteers are also needed for Dress Fest on April 1 and 2 at 2PC.

Important Notes for Donations:

- > The tuxedo rental cost has risen to \$70 each this year.
- > Various individually wrapped candies for Grove Park goody bags. Perhaps you can offer your time assembling or distributing goody bags or both. Donation deadline = Tuesday, April 5.
- > Snacks and bottled water for volunteers. Donation deadline = Friday, April 22.
- > Flower arrangements.

For more information, please contact Jackie Williams in the office: jackiew@gpctn.org or 901-754-5195.

GPC's Easter Egg Hunt is on – scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 10! We need the congregation's help to gather enough candy and plastic eggs. Please bring individually wrapped candy (no chocolate please) and plastic egg donations to the Activity Center lobby by Sunday, April 3. Remember, the candy has to be small enough to fit in a plastic egg. If you are interested in volunteering with this event, please contact Sherrie Horner at sherriehorner@gmail.com.

At Eastertide, it is a tradition to decorate the church with Easter lilies given in memory or honor of loved ones. If you would like to take part in this tradition, please fill out an envelope located on tables in the AC lobby, the AC itself, and/or the Welcome Center and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Monday, April 11. Donations in any amount are welcome. Please write *Easter Flowers* in the check memo line. Or you can make your dedication and donation online by clicking [here](#). Or scan this QR code:



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 Amber Miller 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!



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



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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Church office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.

The flowering cross is found in Christian art as early as the sixth century and is based on a legend that says that the cross itself burst into bloom at the moment that Jesus died. The legend of the True Cross describes how the wood of the cross came from a tree that sprang from a seed taken from the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden.

In spite of its function as a brutal form of execution, the cross stands at the center of our faith as a symbol of life. There can be no Easter without Good Friday, no Resurrection without the Crucifixion. Indeed, the cross, rather than the empty tomb, has held the place of honor as the primary symbol of the Christian faith.

A modern expression of this idea may be found in the custom of flowering the cross. On Easter morning, flowers are used to decorate a cross. So, on Easter Sunday, please bring flowers of any kind and place them on the cross in the church yard near the Arthur Road entry. Since it will be conveniently placed for access, this is a great opportunity for everyone - old, young, and in between - to participate and take photos of their families. Let our flowering cross celebrate the beauty of God's creation, glorify Him, give thanks for His many blessings, and honor the new life Christ's sacrifice upon the cross has given us.

