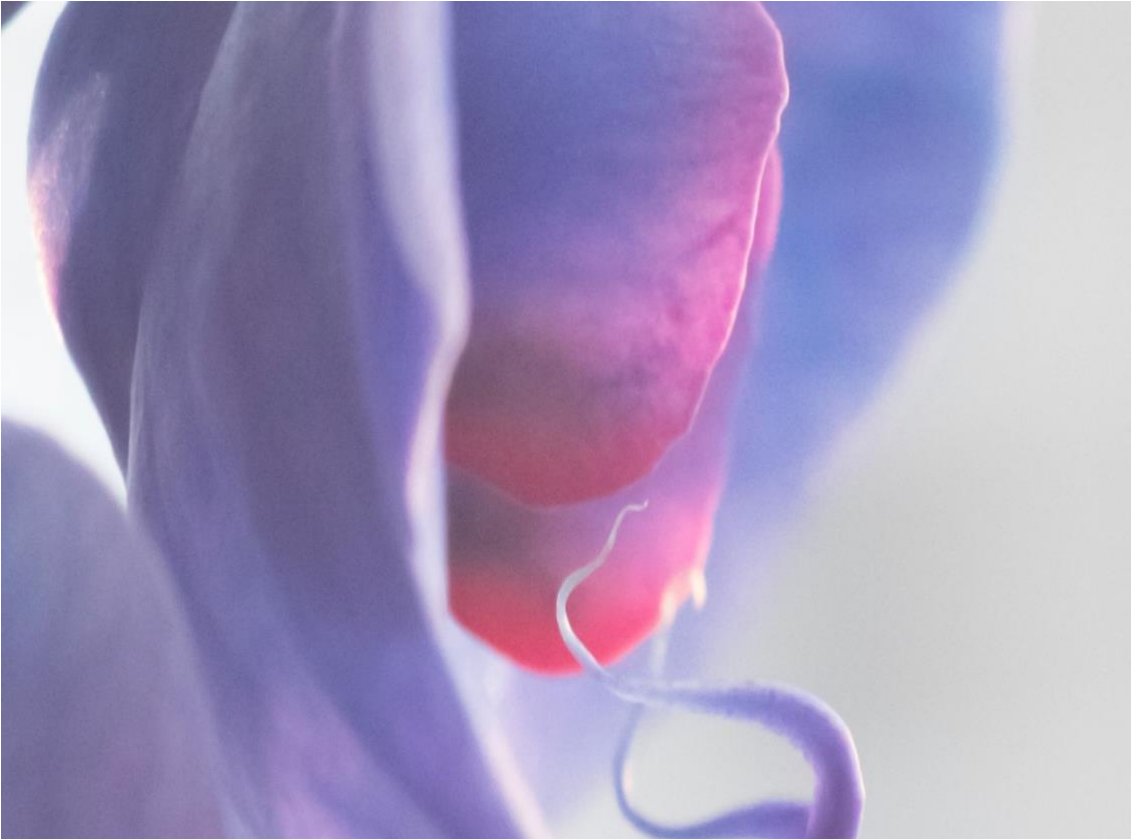




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***August 28, 2022***

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

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*\*Please stand.*

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Prelude on KELVINGROVE*

Kris Rizzotto

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIME INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Hebrews 13:1-2, 8)

(8:30) & (11:00) Paula Stack Hurt

Leader: We gather to worship the Lord our God.

**People: We gather to glorify God's Holy name.**

Leader: God in Christ Jesus calls us to service,

**People: rather than honor.**

Leader: God in Christ Jesus calls us to love the unknown,

**People: rather than the familiar.**

Leader: Trusting in the grace of Christ Jesus, let us gather to worship.

**ALL: Let us gather to worship the Lord God together in this place!**

\*HYMN 466

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**For the times we are afraid of the stranger, for the times we refuse the stranger because we think our resources are just too meager, Lord, forgive us.**

**For the times we stereotype the stranger as enemy, as dangerous, as inferior somehow, Lord, forgive us.**

**For the times we are too busy trying to impress our guests - the times we think we are being hospitable, but instead serve only our own needs, Lord, forgive us.**

**For the times we miss the gift of the stranger, for the times we close our door in fear, for the times we miss your face in the other, Lord, have mercy. Forgive us. Set us back on your pathway for our lives where we always welcome the stranger in our midst and share your mutual love.**

*(Time of personal prayer)*

Leader: Through Christ our Lord we pray.

**People: Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**Thanks be to God!**

\*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.**

## ***THE WORD***

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Blair Hayes

BAPTISM of PARKER PAYNE HOFF (11:00AM)

Rev. Mike Lyle

*Daughter of Mattie & Hunter Hoff, Granddaughter of Molly & Chip Miller, Great-Granddaughter of Brenda Bishop*

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit. Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

*Behold How Good*

Michael John Trotta

Chancel Choir      Marcus King, soloist

*Behold, how good, how wonderful, how pleasant for all of us to dwell in harmony, together all as one.  
From one he made all nations to live on all the earth. In one we move and have our being, our life, our strength.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (pew Bible pg. 979)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Final Instructions: Known by Our Love*

Rev. Wiggins

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The Confession of 1967**

Rev. Lyle

**One:** We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation.

**ALL:** **The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and one another.**

**Men:** **The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves.**

**Women:** **We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.**

**One:** In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

**Men:** **We believe that the new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are.**

**Women:** **We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

**ALL:** **"Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."**

(Ephesians 3:20)

(The Confession of 1967, 9.20, 21, 22, 56, *Book of Confessions: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Part I*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Will Jones

**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

Biblical Songs: *God is my Shepherd* and *I will sing new songs*  
Randal Rushing, tenor

Antonín Dvořák

*God is my shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows. He leadeth me where quiet waters flow.*

*My fainting soul doth He restore and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify His name.*

*And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear for Thou art by me still. Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.*

*I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-string psaltery. Ev'ry day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy Holy Name, Great is God and great His mercy. Who shall tell of all His greatness ?*

*Who shall His pow'r declare ? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yeah, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wond'rous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy Glory.*

\*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

Rev. Lyle

# SENDING

\*HYMN

*The Summons*

KELVINGROVE



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?  
3. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and ne - ver be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and ne - ver be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and ne - ver be the same.



Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare\_ should your life at - tract or scare?  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go\_ where your love and foot - steps show.



Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Wiggins

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata in F*, BuxWV 157

Dieterich Buxtehude

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## *Worship Arts Notes*

Special thanks to our guest soloist this morning, Dr. Randal Rushing, professor of voice at the University of Memphis!

**On the cover:** "Orchid Angel" by Rick Bolin, 2020. <http://somuchbible.com>

**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 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!* **The next opportunity to join is scheduled for September 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.** For more information on how to join, please contact Lea Buring at 901-355-4940 or [leaciabattini@gmail.com](mailto:leaciabattini@gmail.com), or Beth Willingham at 901-494-8480 or [bethwillingham@comcast.net](mailto:bethwillingham@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 August 28, 2022***

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** will resume on September 8 at 10a.m. in room 216 and meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month thereafter. This year we will be studying the book of John using the N.T. Wright study guide. *Everyone is Welcome!* This class does not have a teacher. We all read the scripture and answer the questions in the study guide before the class. Participants may share thoughts or just listen and learn. Contact Jean Carroll at [Jeancarroll1@comcast.net](mailto:Jeancarroll1@comcast.net) or 901-755-6950 (home), or 901-674-6950 (cell) for more information and to order a \$10 study guide.



# Labor of Love 2022

On **Saturday, September 3, 2021 (the Saturday before Labor Day)**, St. George's Episcopal, Germantown United Methodist, Germantown Presbyterian, and New Bethel Baptist Churches are joining together to serve the community in a **Labor of Love!**

Partnering with MidSouth Food Bank, MIFA and The Outreach Program, we will give our members the choice of several ministry opportunities to serve our neighbors in need:

- (1) bringing diapers, incontinence or feminine hygiene supplies to Germantown United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall for MidSouth Food Bank's Bare Needs Diaper Bank - which will distribute those supplies as needed in the community;
- (2) packaging ready-to-prepare meals which will be given to MidSouth Food Bank for distribution to those in our community who are in need (to be held at St. George's); and
- (3) delivering shelf-stable meals to several routes of MIFA clients.

We will gather on **Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.** at St. George's for a time of reflection and prayer together. From that time of shared community, we will roll up our sleeves and share our love with our sisters and brothers. **Please note that for meal packaging:** We will be masked, and we will check temperatures for those who are packaging meals. We will follow MIFA's protocols for delivery of shelf-stable meals. Sign up is required for delivery of shelf-stable meals to MIFA clients, as is the completion of a MIFA volunteer form.

If you are unable to serve on September 3, you can still support Labor of Love by bringing diapers, incontinence products or feminine hygiene products; you may drop off those items at the Fellowship Hall at Germantown United Methodist Church during normal office hours, Monday through Friday (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.), or on Sundays (9:00 a.m. until noon)! We look forward to another great year of serving our neighbors - in **Labor of Love!**

**Date:** 09/03/2022 (Sat.)

**Time:** 8:00am - 11:00am CDT

**Location:** St. George's Episcopal Church, 2425 S. Germantown Rd. Germantown, TN 38138

To volunteer use the link below:

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/20F044BACAA23A57-LABOR](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044bacc23a57-labor)





**Presbyterian Women (PW)** Circles start a new year on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The Bible study is “Celebrating the Sabbath.” Circle packets and Bible study guides will be available for pick up at 9:30am on the stairway landing on the upper level of the education building. Bible study guides are \$10.00.

All are welcome to come and join us for Bible study, fellowship, and service opportunities.

If you have questions please contact: Brenda Jeter at [bjeter3044@gmail.com](mailto:bjeter3044@gmail.com), 901 237-0545, or Ellie Goughnour at [elliegoughnour@att.net](mailto:elliegoughnour@att.net), 901-494-1354.

***Inquirer’s Luncheon Sunday, September 18*** - Interested in learning more about Germantown Presbyterian Church? Please join us in Warren Hall on Sunday, September 18, after the 11:00 worship service. We will serve a boxed lunch, and GPC staff and members will give a brief overview of our church and its various ministries and programs. We look forward to getting to know you better, as well! To confirm your plans to attend, please email or call Ann DeVere in our office at [annd@gpctn.org](mailto:annd@gpctn.org) , 901-754-5195, by Sept. 12.

# COMPASS SERIES

## 'CHRIST & THE CHURCH YEAR'

WEDNESDAYS. 5:30-7:00PM  
DINNER & SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS  
LINDAJO & DON MCKIM

SEP 14

Jesus, The  
Early Life

SEP 21

Death &  
Resurrection

SEP 28

Reign of  
Christ



# FALL 2022 ADULT SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS

**MEET WEEKLY, 2ND FLOOR  
EDUCATION WING. 9:40-10:40AM**

**Join Today!**

- **Coffee & Conversations**  
**Room #** Parents of Young Kids  
**217** Bible Study
- **Psalm 78**  
**Room #** Parents of Teenagers  
**215** Bible Study
- **The Seekers**  
**Room #** Adults of all Ages  
**216** Bible Study
- **Paula's Hearts & Hands**  
**Room #** Women's Knitting Group  
**214** Bible Study
- **Hits of The Ages**  
**Room #** Adults of all Ages  
**218** Bible Study

For detailed information: [www.gpctn.org](http://www.gpctn.org)

**Audio Visual 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. 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@gpctn.org](mailto:communications@gpctn.org).

# Memphis Emmaus Walk October 2022



## *What is Emmaus?*

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus Community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, supports the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk usually begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

Fall 2022 Emmaus Walks: Men October 13-16; Women October 27-30

Several GPC members have attended the Emmaus Walk, and for more information contact Will Jones, Drayton Mayers, or Beth Brock, or visit the Emmaus website: [www.memphisemmaus.org](http://www.memphisemmaus.org).

## *Our PEACE programs* for Fall 2022:

Friendship Circle meets in-person and via Zoom, each Wednesday from 12:15 – 2:30 PM in Warren Hall.

**AMPLify** Our one-of-a-kind music program meets in-person each Thursday from \*10:00 AM – noon in the Activity Center.

*\*Guitarists meet at 9:15 AM, ending with the whole group at noon.*

**Please save the date for our Fall Performance: 11/20.**

Rehearsal for the Fall Performance **will be from 1:15 – 2:15 PM on 11/20.**

Our Fall Performance **will be from 2:30 – 3:30 PM on 11/20.**



**Shout-out for volunteers:** Volunteers are vital to exhibiting GPC as the **Place Exceptional Adults and Children are Embraced!** Our **PEACE** programs reach the hearts and minds of sweet, special friends, providing brotherly love. Please join us. Do not be afraid, for God is with us; He will bless us and increase the number of participants we can serve! –

Read Genesis 26:24 & Isaiah 41:10 – Do not let fear keep you from the experience; you will feel you’ve received more than you’ve been asked to give!

Come join the fun at Wednesdays’ Friendship Circle (noon – 2:30) or Thursdays’ Amplify rehearsals (9 am – noon, or 10 am – noon, or 9 – 10 am)! Email [jackiew@gpctn.org](mailto:jackiew@gpctn.org) for more information.

***Fun ZUMBA® CLASS at GPC!*** ZUMBA (Zoom-bah) classes are being held on Thursdays in our AC at 6pm. No dance experience needed! Zumba is intended as a total-body cardio and aerobic workout. Bring your workout shoes and prepare to have fun dancing and sweating to Latin rhythms. Taught by Rachael Hetherington, this class is about an hour and the cost is \$5 per class. Any questions about Zumba or this class, please contact Donna Morley, [dmorley62@gmail.com](mailto:dmorley62@gmail.com) or 901-826-7122.

***Germantown Career Support and Networking Group.*** Its purpose is to assist people in career networking, interviewing skills, and general support during times of job/career transition or loss. There are no fees: NONE -- all is pro bono support. The meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 6:30pm-8:30pm in the community room on the lower-level in the chapel building. The hosts for the meetings are Mark McKee, Rob Mann, and Carlin Stuart. If you have questions, please email [CarlinStuart@gmail.com](mailto:CarlinStuart@gmail.com).

***Grief Support Group*** holds regular monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6pm in the church parlor. All are welcome to attend this supportive ministry. Contact Stephanie Wall at 901-494-7786 or [stephaniewall@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniewall@hotmail.com) for more information.