



GERMANTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
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October 16, 2022

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

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Marianne Kim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 121)

Elaine Cates (8:30)

Kim Sauer (11:00)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hill—where does my help come from?

People: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber.

People: Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

People: The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

*HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

God of grace, have mercy upon us. We look for help often in sources other than you. Instead of looking to our Maker, we try to make our own way. We are distracted by so much triviality, and we rarely stop to listen for you. Please forgive our divided hearts, and we pray for your mercy in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Time of 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.

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

ANTHEM (11:00)

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Chancel Choir

Tom Fettke

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, The birds of the air, The fish of the sea.*

*O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly, And so would we.
Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 32:23-31 (pew Bible pg. 26)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 18:1-8 (pew Bible pg. 853)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Four Prayers that Don't Work:
The Prayer that Quits

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles Creed)

Rev. Wiggins

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.

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

For the Mountains Shall Depart (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but Thy kindness shall not depart from me; neither shall the covenant of Thy peace be removed.

Michael Anderson, baritone

*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. Wiggins

SENDING

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor, the lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will
go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

Toccata

Eugène Gigout

Worship Arts Notes

We are thrilled to welcome our long-awaited new organ this morning! This upgrade represents not only a new organ console, but also a digital expansion which doubles the overall size of the instrument. This project was made possible by a generous donation in loving memory of Keith Rogers.

On the cover: Praying Hands, photo from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Freestanding Sculpture, Metal, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

Welcome to worship today at 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 today; 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 Lea Buring at 901-355-4940 or leaciabattini@gmail.com, or Beth Willingham at 901-494-8480 or 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.

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Brenda Bishop, Martha & Dennis Drexler, Cheri & Mike Howle, June & Mark McClellan, Barb Poier, Suzanne Ray & Gracie, JoEllyn & David Slott, and Nancy & Dave Wells

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements ***Week of October 16, 2022***



world relief
MEMPHIS

Presbyterian Women Gathering

Tuesday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Warren Hall

The speaker will be a representative from World Relief of Memphis. This organization resettles refugees coming to Memphis. Luncheon will follow.

If you have questions contact or are Brenda Jeter, bjeter3044@gmail.com or Ellie Goughnour: elliegoughnour.net

Germantown Presbyterian Church

FALL FEST



SATURDAY, OCT 29, 3-5 PM

Bring your kids for a night of fun and enjoy a night out on your own!

Friday, October 21, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
(Infants - 5th grade)



Registration is open until Tuesday, October 18.
Parents/Guardians must register.
www.germantownpres.org/gpconnect-registration/



Special Musical Performances Reformation Sunday

October 30

GPC Childrens Choir
Childrens Hand Chime Choir

Memphis Brass Quintet
will accompany us
and perform the
prelude & postlude.



Interested in singing with the choir? Email Jerold at jeroldt@gpctn.org.

GPC'S 5TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT!



Saturday Nov. 5

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Warren Hall



Eat
Pray
play
2022

Sign up at the church, online using the QR Code above,
or visiting www.germantownpres.org/womens-retreat-registration-2022/

Getting Ready to Get Set!

Amplify Concert
Nov. 20, 2:30 p.m.

Come share in the joy
of our weekly meetings



Wednesday
11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(bring a lunch)

AMplify

Thursday
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SMALL GROUP

6-Week Series, Pastor Mike Lyle

Beginning October 2, 3:30-4:30 p.m., GPC Parlor

Pressing On: Encouragement from the Philippians



NEW SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Wild Faith

6-Week Series revealing the power of wilderness
experiences for our journey of faith

BEGINNING 10.2.2022

5:00-5:45PM IN GPC PARLOR



LED BY PASTOR MIKE LYLE

CHANCEL CHOIR: *Make a Joyful Noise*

Become a member of the Chancel Choir and join a great group of people that are singing praises weekly. We need sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses, but most importantly, we need your voice. All are welcome.

We have special concerts coming up in November and December, so now is the time to join! Email Jerold Teachey at jeroldt@gpctn.org or come to rehearsal on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



Memphis Fall 2022 Emmaus Walks Women: October 27-30 (Thu-Sun)

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.

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.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 10a.m. in room 216.

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 or 901-755-6950 (home), or 901-674-6950 (cell) for more information and to order a \$10 study guide.





Arise2Read at BCA!

Binghampton Christian Academy is starting a chapter of **Arise2Read** this fall. They are looking for individuals willing to volunteer with this effort. The school, serving students pre-K through 8th grade, will need approximately 20 – 25 volunteers to help with the program. **Arise2Read** volunteers are trained in a simple sight word approach and are paired with either a 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade student at BCA. Volunteers commit to serve for 1 hour a week, coaching two students, one each for 30 minutes. BCA Volunteer Days for the 2022-23 school year: **Either Monday or Thursdays from 1 – 2 p.m.**

Contact Shelley Alley at salley@bcamemphis.org if you are interested or for more information. Volunteers must attend a one-hour training session and have a clear background check.

Basketball Registration

GPC is partnering with the Bodine School for youth basketball teams this winter. There are separate teams for girls and boys, and different grades are paired together based on numbers (i.e. 1-2 grade boys or 4-5 grade girls, etc..).



If your child would like to play on a basketball team, you can download the registration form at <https://germantownpres.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2022/10/2022-Fall-Bodine-Basketball-Registration.pdf> or connect through the QR code above.

Germantown Career Support and Networking

Next meeting is Monday, October 24, 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

Community Room (in basement of the Chapel Building)

We regularly meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday to assist people pro bono in career networking, interviewing skills, and general support during times of job/career transition or loss.

If you enter the building from the parking lot on the west side, the Community Room is straight ahead.

The doors will unlock at 6:00 p.m. and will automatically secure at 6:50 p.m.

Visit <https://germantownpres.org/ministries/career-support/> for more information or email Carlin Stuart at CarlinStuart@gmail.com.

Grief Support Group

Regular monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor. All are welcome to attend this supportive ministry. Contact Stephanie Wall at 901-494-7786 or stephaniwalk@hotmail.com for more information.

Giving

Even if you're not here physically, you can give to support the ministries of GPC.
If you have questions or need more information, contact Amber Miller in the church office.
901-754-5195 or amberm@gpctn.org

TEXT 901-295-0202

Set up a recurring or one-time donation by texting the amount you wish to give.

MAIL CHECKS TO:

2363 S Germantown Rd,
Germantown, TN 38138

GIVE PLUS CHURCH APP

Download the app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone.

WEB SITE

Germantownpres.org/giving
or scan the QR code to set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts.



Church Staff

Alex Benford	<i>Organist & Music Associate</i>	Craig Patterson	<i>Communications Director</i>
Karen Schowalter Cooper	<i>Coordinator of Children's Choirs</i>	Angie Richardson	<i>Curriculum Coordinator to Children's Ministry</i>
Ann DeVere	<i>Church Secretary/Receptionist</i>	Tom Sauer	<i>Lay-Pastor to Senior Adults</i>
Jennifer Gentry	<i>Director of Weekday Preschool</i>	Randy Smith	<i>Maintenance Technician</i>
Christopher Greco	<i>Director of Youth Ministry</i>	Jerold Teachey	<i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
Blair Hayes	<i>Director of Children's Ministry</i>	Moirá Tescher	<i>Financial Secretary</i>
John Johnson	<i>Worship Leader, Musician</i>	Stephanie Wall	<i>Bereavement Specialist</i>
Will Jones	<i>Pastor</i>	Susan Carter Wiggins	<i>Associate Pastor for Care & Nurture</i>
Mike Lyle	<i>Associate Pastor for Evangelism & Discipleship</i>	Jackie Williams	<i>Director of Special Needs Ministry</i>
Amber Miller	<i>Business & Facilities Administrator</i>	Carl Woods	<i>Maintenance Assistant</i>

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

