



GERMANTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
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October 23, 2022

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

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**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 65)

David Paris (8:30)
Bethany Grenfell (11:00)

Leader: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

People: You, O God, answer prayer, and to you all people will come.

Leader: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

People: Blessed are those you choose and who you bring near to live in your courts!

Leader: We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

People: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior.

*HYMN 288

I Sing the Might Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Lord God, hear us confess our sins, especially when it comes to envy. We are jealous of others around us, and we envy those whom we see in society's limelight. We covet what others have: their possessions, relationships, and talents. Instead of counting our blessings, we count our deficiencies. Please forgive our jealous hearts and grant us peace and contentment in you.

(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. Mike Lyle

ANTHEM (11:00)

With All Your Heart
Chancel Choir

Michael Austin Miller

Trust the Lord with all your heart; lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways turn to him and he will make your pathway straight. You can trust the Lord, your God; he is always by your side.

Trust the Lord with all your heart and he will keep your pathway straight.

When you pass through the waters, God will be with you. And when you walk through the fire you will not be burned.

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. You will be God's witness; he is restoring you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bethany Grenfell

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 51:1-2; 10-17 (pew Bible pg. 452-3)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 18:9-14 (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 of Comparison

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles Creed)

Rev. Lyle

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.

On the cover: Dürer, Albrecht, 1471-1528. *Praying Hands*, or Study of the Hands of an Apostle, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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.

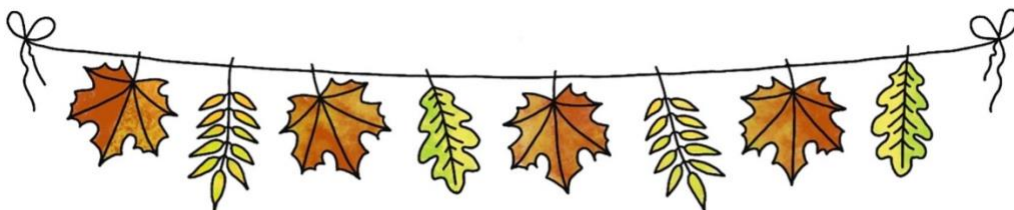
GPC's pastors can always be reached in an emergency or crisis. Please call the church, 901-754-5195, and then press 1 to reach the on-call pastor.

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Allegra Brown, Martha Day, Susan Hanlon, Lorri, Robbie & Allie Hughes, Kathy McCoy, Marjorie, Chancellor, Kate, & Rees Reynolds, Christy & Walter Smalley, Emmett, Tracy, Archie, & Emmett Whitaker

***Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements
Week of October 23, 2022***



**GPC Children's Music and Arts Program for kids K-5th
Practice, October 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Concert, October 30, 11:00 a.m. Service**



Germantown Presbyterian Church

FALL FEST

SATURDAY, OCT 29, 3-5 PM

2363 South Germantown Rd

Please join us for an outdoor fall festival
featuring fun for ALL AGES.

Wear your costume!

- Bouncy House
- Dunking Booth
- Trunk or Treat
- Costume Parade
- Photo Booth
- Cake Walk
- Games
- Music
- Snacks
- Prizes and more...



Want to help with activities or donate candy/cakes?
Scan this code or go to www.GPCsignup.com.

For more info, call the church office 901-754-5194.





Sunday, Oct. 23
5:00-7:30 p.m.
Shady Grove Presbyterian Church

Special 60th birthday edition!

Tickets available at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)
or by calling 901-878-1247 (Pinecrest Office)

The GPC Men's Group will be preparing sliders for the event. Don't miss out!



Interested in knowing more about one of GPC's ministry partners?

We will tour MAM on Wednesday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. to learn more about this great organization that tutors and mentors children everyday.

Please come to GPC by 3:30 and we will carpool to MAM. For more info, contact Will Jones at willj@gpctn.org.



Make a Joyful Noise!

Become a member of the Chancel Choir and join a great group of folks that are singing praises weekly. All are welcome.

Email Jerold at jeroldt@gpctn.org or simply come to rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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



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



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.



Getting Ready to Get Set!

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

Come share in the joy
of our weekly meetings

 **FRIENDSHIP**
CIRCLE

Wednesdays
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

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 MON or THU 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.*

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 stephaniwall@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
MAIL CHECKS TO
GIVE PLUS CHURCH APP

Text the amount you want to give and set up a one-time or recurring payment
2363 S Germantown Rd, Germantown, TN 38138
Download the app to set up recurring or one-time donations. You can manage
and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone.
Germantownpres.org/giving or scan the QR code to
set up and manage your recurring or one-time gifts



WEB SITE:

Church Staff

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

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

