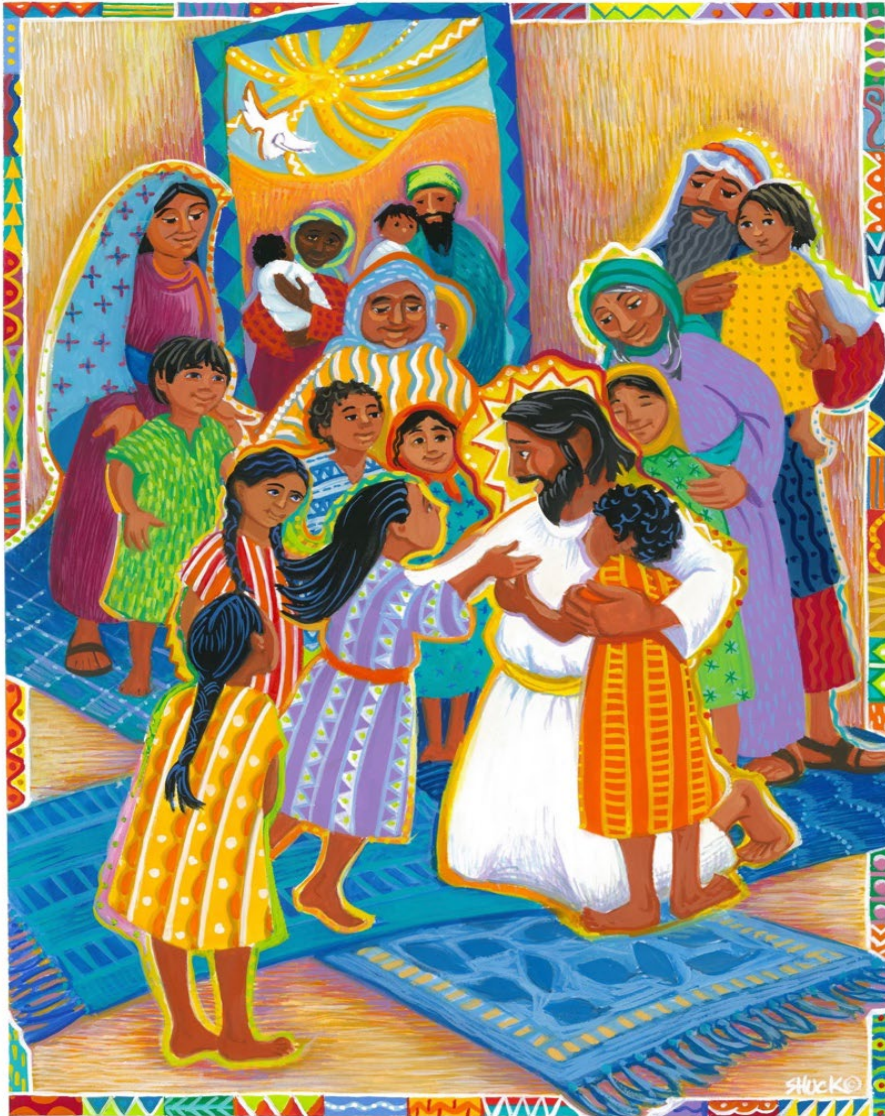




GERMANTOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN  
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*February 26, 2023*

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

*\*Please stand.*

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## **GATHERING**

*Today is Kids Sunday at GPC! We celebrate the voices, talents, & gifts of kids  
as several young disciples lead us in worship.*

PRELUDE (11:00)

*Go Tell Aunt Rhody  
Jesus Loves Me  
Andantino  
Lord of the Dance  
Chorus, Judas Maccabaens*

Isabel Jackson, violin  
Susie Smith, piano  
Olivia Jackson, violin  
Jean Paris, piano  
Isaiah Jackson, violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mike Lyle

CHIME INTROIT (8:30)

INTROIT (11:00)

*Winchester Chimes*

WorshipWorks Ringers

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**People: Let my soul sing praises to the Lord!**

Leader: The Lord is good! Our God is merciful and just.

**People: My heart sings the goodness of God. My soul leaps for joy before the Lord**

Leader: Let us worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength!

**People: May we offer our whole lives in worship and work for the Lord, our God.**

\*HYMN 464

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Rev. Wiggins

**O God, you have created us in your image, and we are your people. You have made us to live in your love. You created us to serve you and one another in harmony. In our sin, we defy your good purposes for us. At times, we are selfish and shameful. We hurt others, and we disobey you. In your mercy, please forgive us. Help us to live like Jesus, and show us how to be like him each day....**

*(Silence for personal prayer)*

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen.**

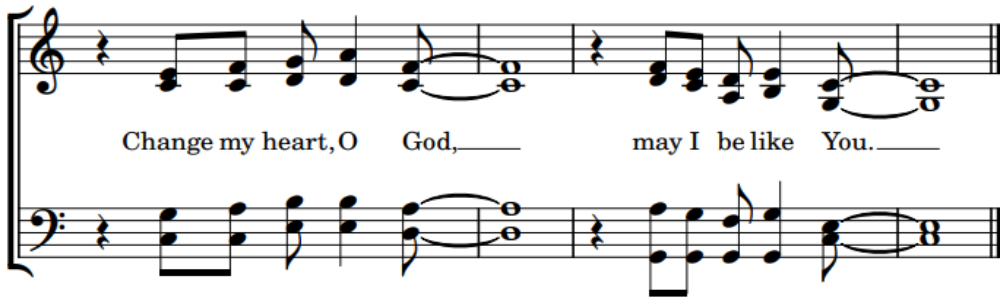
\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

CHANGE MY HEART



Change my heart, O God, \_\_\_\_\_ make it ev-er true; \_\_\_\_\_



Change my heart, O God, \_\_\_\_\_ may I be like You. \_\_\_\_\_

\*SHARING OF GRACE

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

**People: And also with you.**

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES (8:30)

Rev. Lyle

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00)

*Jesus Loves Me*

William Bradbury

WorshipWorks Children's Choir, with Chancel Choir

*Love the Lord, Your God*

Milton and Joanne LeDoux

WorshipWorks Children's Choir

***THE WORD***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lyle

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 10:13-16 (Pew Bible pg. 822)

Charlotte Hill (11:00)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Receiving The Kingdom

Rev. Lyle

\*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.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Rising Together Foundation

Judd Peters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Wiggins

**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 (8:30)

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Clara Norell, soprano

arr. Richard Walters

(11:00)

*I Need Thee Every Hour*  
Adult Handbell Choir

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

O WALY WALY

Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise Christ our  
Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spi - rit who im - parts God's love in  
Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Lyle

*SENDING*

\*HYMN 354

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Lyle

\*POSTLUDE

*Oh, Freedom!*

Adolphus Hailstork

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*Worship Arts Notes*

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**WORSHIP TODAY**

**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!

*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 Vicki & Drew Arthur, John Goodyear, Teresa, Nathan & Nick Boswell, Alice & Jimmy Kiser, Dot Ledlow, Evelyn & Phil Mosley, April, Patrick, Cat & John Rice, Amy, Trey, Robby & Lincoln (Linc) Thomas

***The flowers*** on the chancel today are given to the glory of God in honor of Martha Stanley on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday from her children Faye, David (Becky), Michael, and Jan.

## ***Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements*** ***Week of February 26, 2023***

**Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 5, after the 11:00 worship service to consider the purchase of nearby property. We will hold two informational sessions to discuss the details of this proposal. These sessions will occur on: today, February 26 after the 11:00 worship service in the sanctuary and on Thursday March 2 in Warren all at 5:30 p.m.

### **Interested in learning more about Germantown Presbyterian Church?**

Please join us for an **Inquirer's Lunch** after the 11:00 service on **March 26**. You will hear information on our history and our various ministries and programs. For those who decide they'd like to make GPC their church home, there will be a joining ceremony on the following **Sunday, April 2**. To find out more, please contact Lea Buring [leaciabattini@gmail.com](mailto:leaciabattini@gmail.com) , 901-355-4940, or Beth Willingham [bethwillingham@comcast.net](mailto:bethwillingham@comcast.net) , 901-494-8480.

### **ZUMBA® CLASS**

ZUMBA (*Zoom-bah*) is held on Thursdays in our AC at 6pm. No dance experience needed! Bring your workout shoes and prepare to have fun dancing to Latin rhythms. Our instructor, Rachael Hetherington is coming back as well from being ill. The class will be 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.

### **Friends in Christ Ministry is relaunching!**

*Friends in Christ*, a vibrant home visitation ministry of the Congregational Care Committee, went dormant during the 2020-2022 Covid-19 global pandemic. Now, however, we are bringing it back to life! The purpose of *Friends in Christ* is for relationships among parishioners to be born, and then

nourished through monthly visits, along with notecards and phone calls. We can either assign you a *Friend in Christ* or you may become a *Friend in Christ*. Simply contact Pastor Susie at [care@gpctn.org](mailto:care@gpctn.org) or 901-754-5195 x122 and let her know of your preference.

Let's continue to create and nurture Christian friendships through *Friends in Christ!*

**We have two upcoming *Friends in Christ* training sessions in Warren Hall:**

**Wednesday, March 8, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 12, 2:15 p.m.**

### **Germantown Career Support and Networking**

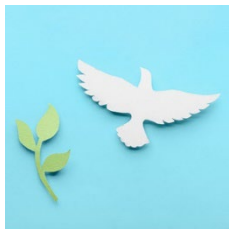
**Next meeting is Monday, February 27, 6:30- 8:00 p.m.**

**Community Room (in basement of the Chapel Building)**

We regularly meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday each month 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.*

For more information email Carlin Stuart at [CarlinStuart@gmail.com](mailto:CarlinStuart@gmail.com).



### **Grief Support Group**

**Thursday, March 9, 6:00 p.m.**

Regular monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Although this ministry is not professional counseling or therapy, it is an opportunity for those who are going through the grief and bereavement journey, to gain comfort, encouragement, and support. Grieving is the normal expression of sorrow associated with the loss of a loved one, and

no one has to walk through this journey alone.

Contact Stephanie Wall at 901-494-7786 or [stephaniewall@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniewall@hotmail.com) for more information.



**EVENING  
WORSHIP**  
GPC-EVANS CHAPEL

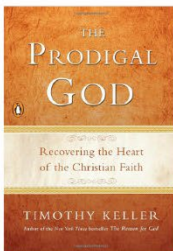
**Feb 26, 5:00 p.m.**

*Faithful Following*

Luke 20:1-8

Childcare provided

**SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**



**7-WEEK SERIES**  
Begins today, 4:00 p.m.  
2nd floor Chapel classroom

Pastor Mike Lyle will lead the series that will explore Tim Keller's recasting of the familiar parable that Jesus told.



**A new Women's Bible Study Group is gathering on Sunday afternoons!**

**3:30 p.m., NEW LOCATION  
Session Room (2nd floor)**

Join us as we grow together through studying and sharing of the Word.





IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR

# NaCoMe

May 5-7, 2023

Every year the GPC church family heads to the peaceful stillness of the Western Highland Rim of Tennessee to spend a weekend together.



For more information, please email Mary Ann Harris (mah174@yahoo.com) or visit [GPCsignup.com](http://GPCsignup.com) or scan here.

Register by March 30, 2023



# Youth Auction

TICKETS



Sunday, March 5, 6:00 p.m.

Adults	\$20
6th-12th Grade	\$10
1st-5th Grade	\$5
Age 3-Kindergarten	\$5
Under 3 years old	FREE
Maximum per family	\$50



Offering Collectors are needed for Sunday mornings!



If interested, please sign up at [GPCsignup.com](http://GPCsignup.com) or scan here.



GPC is host night  
Thursday, March 9

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Sign up today!



[signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49acad2cabf85-room1#](http://signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49acad2cabf85-room1#)

Reach out to [SallyFienup@gmail.com](mailto:SallyFienup@gmail.com) with any questions.

# MEMPHIS JOY PROM

LUKE 14:12-14



## 10th annual Joy Prom & Volunteering Opportunities

Christ Church, 4488 Poplar Ave, Seabrook Hall

### Community-Wide Dressfest

March 25, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Participants & Volunteers are able to choose from hundreds of dresses, free of charge. Volunteer opportunities include setting up, floating/restocking, photographing, and more!

### 10th Annual Memphis Joy Prom

#### KINGS & QUEENS

April 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Join in the celebration! Volunteer opportunities range from Paparazzi, Host/Hostess, Server, Limo Greeter & more. This a fun event with many ways to interact while you are helping out.

Visit [linktr.ee/JoyLife901](http://linktr.ee/JoyLife901) for links to volunteer registration and donations.



**FRIENDSHIP  
CIRCLE**

Bible Lesson & Craft



Wed, Mar. 1 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. • AC

PEACE Offering:  
Welcome God, because He wants our love.

**The PEACE Program**

# AMPLify

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Activity Center

Come share in the joy!

## *Giving*

Even if you're not here physically, you can give to support the ministries of GPC.

Questions? Contact Amber Miller in the church office, **901-754-5195** or **amberm@gpctn.org**.

### **MAIL CHECKS TO**

2363 S Germantown Rd, Germantown, TN 38138

### **GIVE PLUS CHURCH APP**

Use the app to set up recurring or one-time donations.

### **WEB SITE**

Manage your giving at [www.germantownpres.org/giving](http://www.germantownpres.org/giving).

## *Church Staff*

Alex Benford	<i>Organist &amp; 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 GPC Kids</i>
John Johnson	<i>Worship Leader, Musician</i>
Will Jones	<i>Pastor</i>
Mike Lyle	<i>Associate Pastor for Evangelism &amp; Discipleship</i>
Amber Miller	<i>Business &amp; Facilities Administrator</i>
Craig Patterson	<i>Communications Director</i>
Angie Richardson	<i>Associate GPC Kids Director</i>
Tom Sauer	<i>Lay-Pastor to Senior Adults</i>
Randy Smith	<i>Maintenance Technician</i>
Jerold Teachey	<i>Director of Music Ministry</i>
Moira Tescher	<i>Financial Secretary</i>
Stephanie Wall	<i>Bereavement Specialist</i>
Susan Carter Wiggins	<i>Associate Pastor for Care &amp; 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.

# Lent

