



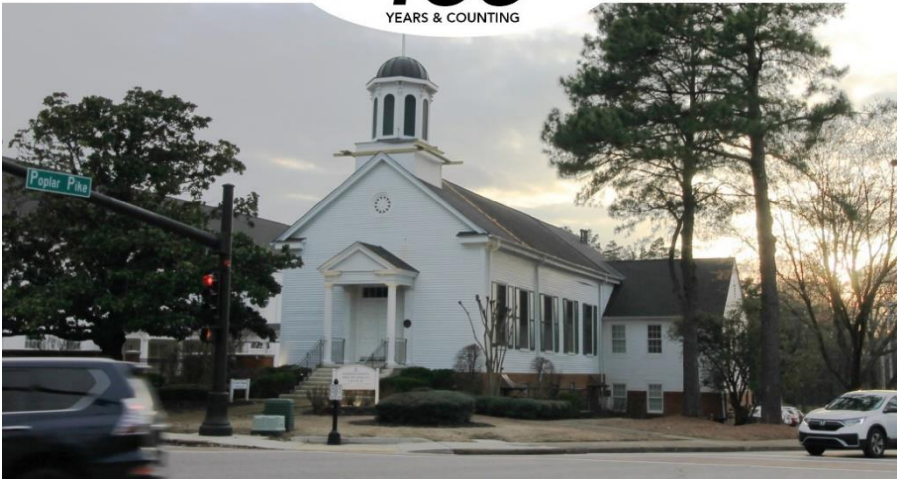
GERMANTOWN
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March 27, 1838

185
YEARS & COUNTING

March 27, 2023



March 26, 2023

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

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**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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Dr. Alex Benford, organ

Andrew Unsworth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

INTROIT

American Mass: Gloria ~ Come Thou Fount
Chancel Choir with Orchestra

Ron Kean

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)

David Paris (8:30)
Grace Jones (11:00)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God!

People: God is exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us.

*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.

***CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)**

Holy and loving God, we confess before you our sins of pride, selfishness, and conceit. We think more highly of ourselves than we should, and we think of others in diminishing ways. While we should follow in the footsteps of our teacher, Jesus, we instead disregard his words and ignore his instruction. Have mercy on us, forgive us, and restore us, we humbly pray.

(time of silent confession)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

*American Mass: Kyrie ~ Let Us Break Bread Together
 Lord, have Mercy. Christ, have mercy.*

Kean

SHARING OF GRACE

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

People: And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Dr. Teachey

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Jones

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 11:17-27 (pew Bible pg. 873-874)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Heart to Heart at the Grave

Dr. Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (11:00)

Presentation of Students

Christopher Greco

Jarrett McElroy Barker

Lily Lovelace Brasfield

Anna Christine Chandler

Catherine Carole Duke

James Gammon Grantham

Darcy Anna Lester

Jason Edward Lindow

George David Lumm

Thomas Ellis McKinnon

Addison Beth Owens

Benjamin Hayden Sims

Abigail Larson Wells

Madison Courtney Wilson

Profession of Faith

Tamah Halfacre

Do you believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?: acknowledging the Father as your creator, the Son as your savior and Lord, and the Holy Spirit as your helper and guide? **I do**

As you profess faith in the God who made you and who has always loved you, do you at the same time turn away from sin and do you repent from evil and its effects in your life? **I do**

Do you promise that you will, by God's grace, seek to live a life worthy of your calling as a disciple of Christ? **I do**

Do you promise to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ, seeking to obey his great commandments to love God and love your neighbors as yourself? **I do**

Do you commit yourself to serve the Lord through the work of the church, promising to give generously of your time, talents, and resources in service to God through Christ's church? **I do**

Question for the Congregation:

Dr. Jones

Will we, the members of the church, who witness these vows do all in our power to support these students as they continue to grow in faith in Jesus Christ, and as members of Christ's Church? **We will**

Prayer (Lord's Prayer) & Laying on of Hands

Rev. Mike Lyle

Blessing & Distribution of Bibles

Anthony Duke & Taylor Cates

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

American Mass: Sanctus ~ Swing Low

Kean

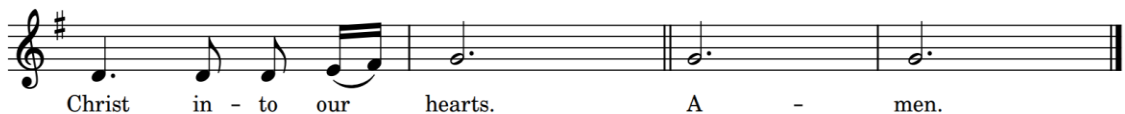
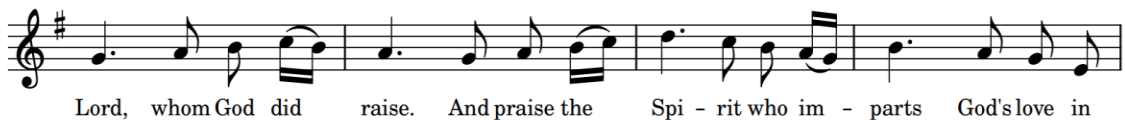
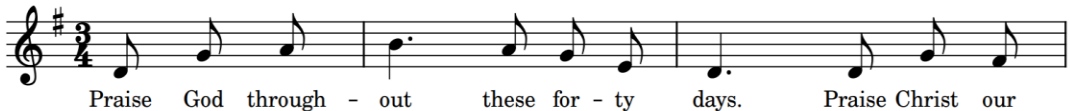
Chancel Choir with Orchestra

Althea Crouse, soloist

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

O WALY WALY



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Lyle

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

American Mass: Agnus Dei ~ Shall We Gather at the River
Chancel Choir with Orchestra

Kean

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Dr. Jones

*POSTLUDE

O Waly Waly

Unsworth

Musical Personnel

First Violins: Barrie Cooper, concertmaster; Marcin Arendt

Second violins: Timothy Shiu, Kate Ryan

Violas: Lenny Schranze, Jane Schranze

Celli: Kimberly Patterson, Adam Schranze

Flute: Delara Hashemi

Trumpet: David Spencer

Oboe: Courtenay Harter

Horn: Jeremiah Frederick

Clarinet: Rena Feller

Timpani: Stan Head

Bassoon: Susanna Whitney

Percussion: Stewart Plumlee

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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 Jay Chandler (Anna, Will), Kay & David Collins, Lori & Chris Harding (Jackson, Katherine), Jeffrey Harding, Tracey & Rush Smith (Grey & Susie)

The flowers on the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Sally McCulloch in remembrance of her husband, Bruce, whose memorial service was held in Evans Chapel yesterday.

Upcoming Week

SUN, MAR 26	MON, MAR 27	TUE, MAR 28	WED, MAR 29	THU, MAR 30	FRI, MAR 31	SAT, APR 1
8:30a Service	10:30a DAR Mtg	10a Staff Mtg	11a Friendship Circle	10:30a AMPIfy	6:30a Men's Brekfast	10a AA Mtg
9:40a Sunday Schools	12p AA Mtg	12p AA Mtg	12p AA Mtg	12p AA Mtg	12p AA Mtg	12p AA Mtg
11a Service	6:30p Cub Scouts	2-8p Pickleball	2-5p Pickleball	1p AMPIfy		
12p AA Mtg	7:00p Boy Scouts	5p Comm & Tech Mtg	5:30p COMPASS	5:30p AA Mtg		
12:15p Inquirer's Lunch			6:30p Handbell Rehearsal	6p Zumba		
3p Deacon & Elder Training			7p Choir Rehearsal			
3:30p Women's Bible Study						
4p Evening Sunday School						
5p Service						

***Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements
Week of March 26, 2023***

Germantown Career Support and Networking

Next meeting is Monday, March 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.



Germantown Education Foundation is hosting the GEF Fun Run for Education to support the Germantown Municipal Schools

Sunday, April 23, Kimbrough Rd @ Wolf River Boulevard

12:30 p.m. Festival

2:00 p.m. 5K

3:00 p.m. 1-Mile Color Run

Register at www.gefrun2023.raceroster.com by March 31 to receive the early bird discount,

Men at GPC: Men's Breakfast: Men's Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 6:30am in Warren Fellowship Hall (with occasional exceptions for holidays). Breakfast starts at 6:30am (bring \$3) and Bible study at 7:00. Different men lead each week's study using Scripture from the lectionary. Come one, come all! Men's Lunch Devotions: All men are invited to come as you can on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 12:00pm. The group is currently discussing readings from the book *Mornings with Bonhoeffer*. Currently this group is meeting in person in Warren Fellowship Hall. Keep watching the newsletter for updates. Part of GPC's Men's Ministry, the contact person for this bimonthly lunch study is Anthony Duke (Anthony.Duke@paper.com).



Interested in learning more about Germantown Presbyterian Church?

Please join us for an Inquirer's Lunch **following today's 11:00 a.m. service,** in Warren Hall.

You will hear information on our history and our various ministries & programs.

For those who decide they'd like to make GPC their church home:

We will have a joining ceremony,
Sunday, April 2,
9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.

For more information, contact:
Lea Buring

leaciabattini@gmail.com, 901-355-4940, or

Beth Willingham
bethwillingham@comcast.net, 901-494-8480.

THE DAY THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
2023 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERIES
A COMPASS MINISTRIES EVENT
WEDNESDAYS, MAR 22-APR 5
5:30 P.M., WARREN HALL



Speaker, Dr. Robert Gamble
This Child Here, Inc.

Immediacy of Hope and Stories of the Women in Ukraine

Join the SONrise MENistries for breakfast
March 31, 6:30 a.m., Warren Hall

Dr. Gamble will give updates on the effects of the war on women and families and what can be done to help.

All are welcome. Please email John Colmer at jcolmer@joepowell.com if you would like to attend.

Visit www.thischildhere.org for more information on the organization and how to support.

Presentation will be available on ZOOM at 7:00 a.m. Scan the QR Code to join in.



Sunday, March 26, 5:00 p.m.
FAITHFUL FOLLOWING, LUKE 21:25-33

Childcare provided in the Chapel Community Room

Germantown Presbyterian Church

EASTER EGG HUNT



Sunday April 2, 2023
from 2:30-4:30pm

Everyone is welcome!

Come enjoy the egg hunt, petting zoo, crafts, refreshments, and more.

Want to help or donate candy?
See how at GPCsignup.com, email
mah174@yahoo.com, or scan here.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SCAN CODE
TO SIGN UP AT GPCsignup.com**

Easter Lily Honorariums and Memorials are now being taken.

Donations will be accepted thru Monday, April 3.



If you would like to take part in this tradition, please fill out an envelope located in the pews and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Monday, April 3. Donations in any amount are welcome. Please write Easter Flowers in the check memo line. Or you can make your dedication and donation online at www.germantownpres.org/easter-lily-dedication/



HOLY WEEK LUNCHTIME PREACHING SERIES AT GERMANTOWN CHURCHES

April 4th-7th, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Ecumenical noontime preaching series followed by a light lunch in each of the churches on successive days (no lunch on Friday). The preaching services & lunch are designed to be about 1-hour.

TUE, APRIL 4
Germantown Presbyterian

THU, APRIL 6
New Bethel Missionary Baptist

WED, APRIL 5
Germantown Methodist

FRI, APRIL 7
St. George's Episcopal

“BEE” IS FOR BINGHAMPTON BOOK DRIVE!

March 9th - April 16th
FOR BCA STUDENTS (4K-8th grade)

Drop new or used books (in excellent condition)
off at Ernest Mellor Library
(located next to the GPC Welcome Center)



On Easter morning, April 9th, bring flowers of any kind to adorn our Flowering Cross.



Place your flowers on the cross in the church yard near the Arthur Road entry.

We want our flowering cross to 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.



10TH ANNUAL KINGS & QUEENS MEMPHIS JOY PROM

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



Your support is welcome.
Scan for online donations.

**MEMPHIS
JOY
PROM**
LUKE 14:12-14



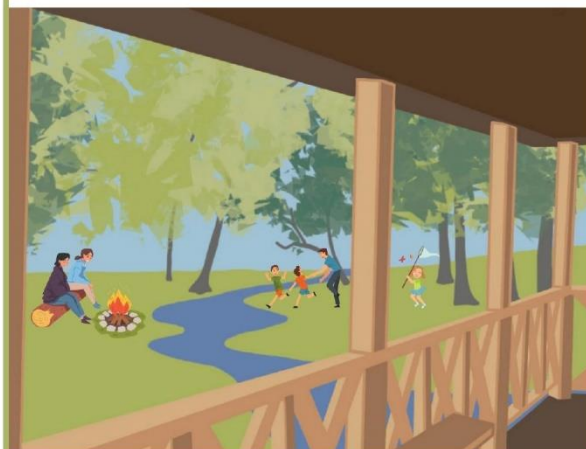
Student Ministry Campfire
Sunday, April 2, GPC Firepit

REGISTER BY MARCH 30
WWW.GPCSIGNUP.COM

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 or scan here.



MEXICO

CISTERN MISSION TRIP
June 19-24

Join us as we share God's love in
fellowship and work with Christians from
Castilla Brito, Mexico. We will build clean
water cisterns alongside our partners
from La Iglesia del Buen Pastor.

Email Will Jones at willj@gpctn.org for more information.

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.

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 GPC Kids</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>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 & 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.