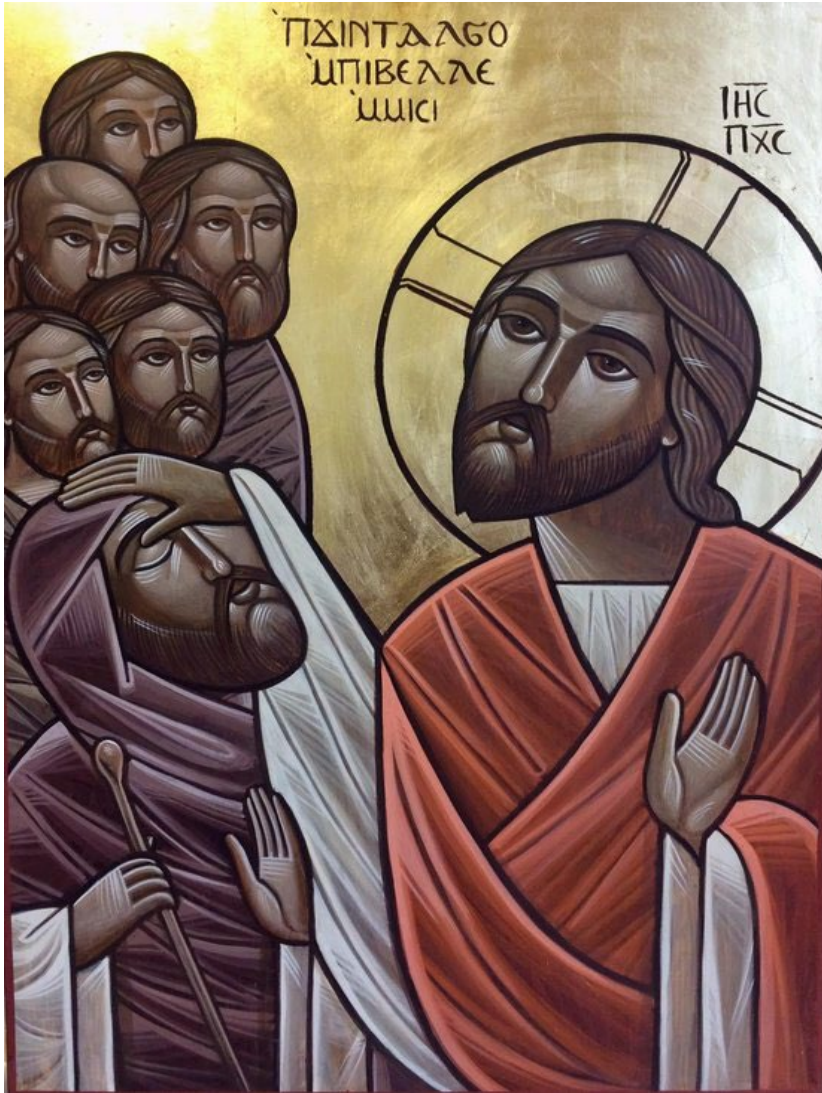




GERMANTOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN  
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*March 19, 2023*  
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

*\*Please stand.*

*Please silence electronic devices.*

## ***GATHERING***

PRELUDE

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

arr. Marianne Kim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

Dr. Will Jones

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (John 9)

Elaine Cates (8:30)  
Gracie Ray (11:00)

Leader: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance;  
God looks into our hearts.

**People: Jesus, Light of the world, open the eyes of our hearts, that we may see as you see!**

Leader: Once we were blind, but now, through faith in Jesus, we are called children of Light.

**People: Jesus, Light of the world, we come to worship you!**

\*HYMN 339

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

**Gracious God, we are people who see what we want to see instead of God's Holy Light. We see ourselves as blameless, while judging our neighbors. We do not stand firm with the vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves instead.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves as you see us.**

**Bring us into your light that we may know your love.**

**Bring us into your light that we may live as you call us to live.**

**Keep raising us from the deadness of sin, and shine the light of your grace upon even us.**

*(Time of silent personal confession)*

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

**People: Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

CHANGE MY HEART

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

This image shows the second system of the musical score. It follows the same format as the first system, with a treble and bass clef staff and lyrics written below the treble staff.

\*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)

*I Need Thee Every Hour*  
Chancel Choir

Mark Shepperd

***THE WORD***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Wiggins

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41 (pew Bible pg. 871)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Open the Eyes of Our Hearts*

Rev. Wiggins

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Brief Statement of Faith)

Dr. Jones

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. 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

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

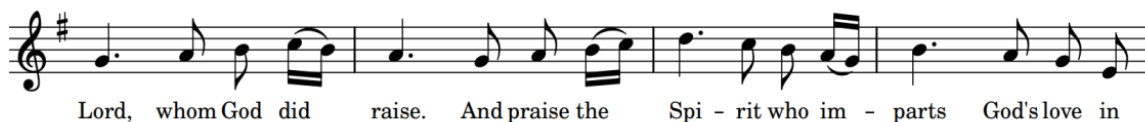
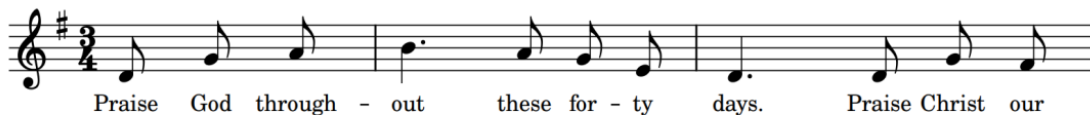
arr. Mark Hayes

Paulina Villarreal, mezzo soprano

trad. Spiritual

\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

O WALY WALY



*SENDING*

\*HYMN

*O God of Life, Your Healing Touch*

ST. COLUMBA



1. O God of life, your heal - ing touch brings heal - ing  
 2. Through Je - sus Christ you blessed the poor, un - leashed your  
 3. Lord, by your Spir - it may we hear the truth of  
 4. And when their ways are not our own, Lord, give us  
 5. Now op - en wide our hearts a - new and show us,



and sal - va - tion. In you, this world you love so  
 gifts of heal - ing. You gave new sight, new strength, new  
 oth - ers' sto - ries. May we re - spect their doubts and  
 un - der - stand - ing: Our faith can - not be ful - ly  
 as we're giv - ing, Your life - long call to serv - ing



much be - comes a new cre - a - tion.  
 life: to all, your love re - veal - ing.  
 fears, their hopes and dreams, their wor - ries.  
 grown when we are too un - bend - ing.  
 you in dai - ly, gen - erous liv - ing.

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Wiggins

\*POSTLUDE

*Joy, Love, and Peace*

Marianne Kim

*Worship Arts Notes*

Throughout the month of March, GPC is celebrating Women's History Month in music!

*Image credit: Stéphane René. Healing of the blind man. Coptic icon.*

## *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 Carol & George Barnes, Michelle & Reed Brasfield (Lily), Polly & Rob Cotton (Bo, McKenzie), Dianne & Thomas King, Cheryl & Gary Riedel, Mary Lee Toler, Elizabeth & Jerry Wilson (Madison), Scott & Ruth Newberry

***The rose*** on the baptismal font today is given to the glory of God to celebrate the birth of Henry Alex Souvigney on March 8, 2023 to, Allison Drexler Souvigney and Alex Ross Souvigney the daughter and son-in-law of Grandmommie Martha Drexler.

### *Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of March 19, 2023*



# 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](mailto:mah174@yahoo.com)) or visit [GPCsignup.com](http://GPCsignup.com) or scan here.

**Register by March 30, 2023**



## *GPC Lost and Found*

We have a collection of items in our lost & found box. If you think you might have left something here make sure to stop by the church during office hours (Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) and take a look. Current items include clothing, keys, travel mugs, etc.

### The week ahead:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8am Service	10:30am Josephine's Circle Nonprofit Scholarship Meeting	10am Staff Mtg	11am Friendship Circle	10am Thursday A.M. Bible Study	6:30am Men's Breakfast	10am AA Mtg
9:40am Sunday Schools	12pm AA Mtg	10am PW Gathering	12pm AA Mtg	10:30am AMPLify	12pm AA Mtg	11am Bruce McCullough Memorial Service
11am Service	2-5pm Pickleball	12pm AA Mtg	2-5pm Pickleball	12pm AA Mtg		12pm AA Mtg
12pm AA Mtg	6:30p Cub Scouts	2-8pm Pickleball	5:30pm COMPASS	1pm AMPLify		
12:15pm Confirmand & Session Luncheon	7:00p Boy Scouts	6pm Buildings & Grounds Mtg	6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	5:30pm AA Mtg		
3:30pm Women's Bible Study		6pm Stewardship Mtg	7pm Choir Rehearsal	6pm Zumba		
4pm Evening Sunday School		7pm Diaconate Mtg		6:30pm Session Mtg		
5pm Service						
6pm Youth Fellowship						





## Interested in learning more about Germantown Presbyterian Church?

Please join us for an Inquirer's Lunch following the 11:00 a.m. service, March 26, in Warren Hall.

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, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.

To find out more, contact Lea Buring at leaciabattini@gmail.com, 901-355-4940, or Beth Willingham at bethwillingham@comcast.net, 901-494-8480.

# Easter Egg Hunt

April 2, 2:30-4:30 p.m. South Lawn  
(meet in the Activity Center)

We have two decorated bins for candy (no chocolate) and Easter Eggs for donations in the AC lobby and outside of Warren Hall.

Plastic eggs and candy will be received thru March 26th.



## Sunday, March 19, 5:00 p.m. FAITHFUL FOLLOWING, LUKE 21:5-19

Childcare provided in the Chapel Community Room

## 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/](http://www.germantownpres.org/easter-lily-dedication/)



### AMERICAN MASS

MARCH 26, 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP  
CHANCEL CHOIR & CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

C O N F I R M A T I O N   S U N D A Y  
MARCH 26, 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

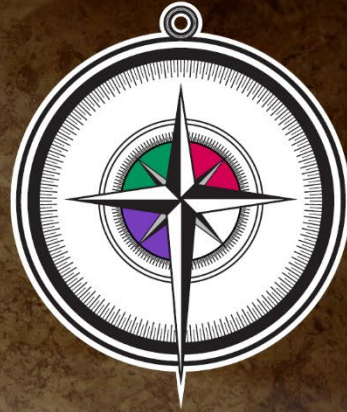


## GRANOLA BAR SUNDAY MARCH 26

The Confirmation Class has been collecting granola bars to deliver to Binghampton Christian Academy to provide healthy snacks for the students. Please contribute.

Granola bar dropoffs (look for the white buckets):  
Narthex • Welcome Center • A/C Lobby • Youth Room





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

To make your reservations, scan the QR code  
or email Mike Lyle at [MikeL@gpctn.org](mailto:MikeL@gpctn.org)



**MARCH 22**  
"EARLY DAWN"

**MARCH 29**  
"THE GARDENER"

**APRIL 5**  
"FISHY SURPRISE"

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



## Community-Wide Dressfest

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

10TH ANNUAL

## Memphis Joy Prom KINGS & QUEENS

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



Register to  
Volunteer Today!



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](mailto:jcolmer@joepowell.com) if you would like to attend.

Visit [www.thischildhere.org](http://www.thischildhere.org) for more information  
on the organization and how to support.

**BEST BUDDIES**



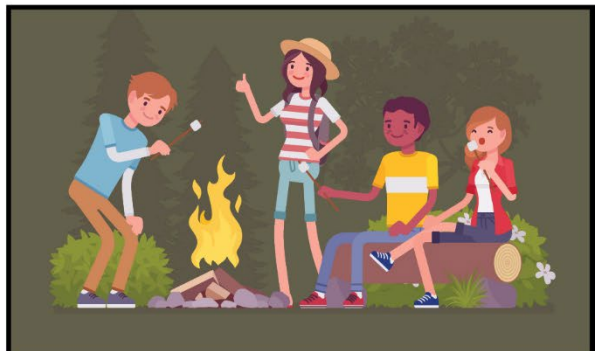
## Friendship Ball

Saturday, March 25, 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
ECS, 4600 Macon Rd, Cordova

Would you like to volunteer?

If so, please email Morgan Tansey at  
[MorganTansey@bestbuddies.org](mailto:MorganTansey@bestbuddies.org).

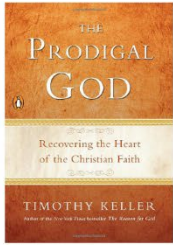
Visit [bestbuddies.org](http://bestbuddies.org) for more information.



**Student Ministry Campfire**  
Sunday, April 2, GPC Firepit



## SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY



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

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



**A new Women's Bible Study Group is meeting**  
**Sundays, 3:30 p.m, Session Room**



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



**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**



Bible Lesson & Craft

Wed, Mar. 22 • 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. • AC

**PEACE Offering:**  
Choosing to be honest  
is very important.



**AMPLify**

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

**Activity Center**

**Come share in the joy!**



## 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

**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.

## *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**.

<b>MAIL CHECKS TO</b>	2363 S Germantown Rd, Germantown, TN 38138
<b>GIVE PLUS CHURCH APP</b>	Use the app to set up recurring or one-time donations.
<b>WEB SITE</b>	Manage your giving at <a href="http://www.germantownpres.org/giving">www.germantownpres.org/giving</a> .

## *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.