



March 17, 2024
8:30A.M. & 11:00A.M.

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**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Just As I Am

Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Will Jones

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119)

Bonnie Algee (8:30)

Cooper Acuff (11:00)

Leader: With our whole heart we seek you God, do not let us stray from your commandments.

People: We treasure your word in our hearts, so that we may not sin against you.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach us your ways.

People: With our lips we declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

Leader: We delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 370

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life of all. And yet we confess that we have not given our whole heart to you. You sacrificed everything, and yet we ration our love and attention, for you and others. You gave your life to lift us out of the mess of sin, and yet we many times live as if nothing happened at all. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us. *(time of silent confession)*

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Have

mer - cy on us, Lamb of God and grant us your peace.

***SHARING OF GRACE**

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

People: And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Dr. Jones

ANTHEM (11:00)

At the Name of Jesus
Chancel Choir

Cindy Berry

Jesus, though he was God did not cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power, his mighty power and glory. Taking the form of a servant and becoming like men. He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross! At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth. That every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! At the name of Jesus!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Mike Lyle

SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:20-33 (pew Bible pg. 875)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Power of Sacrifice: Lifted to Follow

Rev. Lyle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: healing the sick 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.

In a broken and fearful world, Holy Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Jones

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

Pietà, Signore
Athena Hobbs, soprano

Alessandro Stradella

*Have mercy, Lord, on me in my suffering! Lord, have mercy, if my prayer reaches you;
may your severity not punish me, always forgiving eyes direct upon me.
Do not allow me to be condemned to the eternal fire by your severity.*

*OFFERING RESPONSE



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Wiggins

*HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Lyle

*POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Paul Manz

Worship Arts 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!

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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. Grief counseling is also available to those in need. Call the church office for more information.



Interested in learning more about GPC? Join us in the parlor on April 14 at 9:30 a.m. for Donuts & Dialog. Our next Joining Ceremony is on April 21. Contact Debbie Ragain at 847-406-8846 or ragaindeb@msn.com for more information or scan the QR code to leave us your information and we will touch base with you.

Church Family Prayer Program:

Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for: Jill Cox, Missy & Paul Gwin, Cole Gwin, Sue Kelley, Melissa & Alex Ivy, Jan Thomson, Diane & Edward Newton, Merrill & Reut Wise, Lara & George White

Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements Week of March 17, 2024

<u>Sunday</u> 3/17	<u>Monday</u> 3/18	<u>Tuesday</u> 3/19	<u>Wednesday</u> 3/20	<u>Thursday</u> 3/21	<u>Friday</u> 3/22	<u>Saturday</u> 3/23
8:30a Early Service - Sanctuary	10:30a Josephine's Circle - Session	10:00a PW Gathering - Warren Hall	11:00a Friendship Circle - Activity Center	10:00a G. A. Nominating Mtg - Session Room	6:30a Men's Breakfast - WH	10:00a AA Mtg - Comm. Room
9:40a Sunday Schools	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room	11:00a Imagine That! - W. Hall	9:00a Brunch Bunch - W. Hall	10:30a Easter Egg Hunt - House
11:00a Late Service	2:00p-5:00p Pickleball - AC	2:00p-8:00p Pickleball - AC	2:00p-8:00p Pickleball - AC	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room	9:00a G.A. Nominating Mtg	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room
12:00-5:00p Pickleball - Activity Center	6:00p Congregational Life Mtg - UL 218	5:00p Churches Together Dinner - Warren Hall	7:00p Choir Rehearsal - Music Suite	2:00p-5:00p Pickleball - Activity Center	12:00p AA Mtg - Comm. Room	1:00p-8:00p Pickleball - AC
3:30p Worship Works - LLevel 115	6:00p Music Rehearsal - Sanctuary	6:00p Congregational Care Mtg - UL218		6:00p Zumba - Activity Center	2:00p-8:00p Pickleball - AC	
4:00p Bible Study - Chapel	6:30p Cub Scouts - W. Hall	7:00p Diaconate Mtg - UL218		6:30p Session Mtg - Warren Hall		
5:00p Evening Service - Chapel	7:00p Boy Scouts - Activity Center					
6:00p Youth Fellowship						





EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SAT, MARCH 23
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
7599 Poplar Pike
(next to Germantown Presbyterian Church)



GAMES • CRAFTS • EGG HUNT
PETTING ZOO • KONA ICE & MUCH MORE!



Volunteers & candy are needed!

Scan the QR above or visit gpctn.org to find out more about helping out. Individually wrapped candy can be dropped off at the church in the baskets in the Welcome Center and the AC Lobby & office.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



For a complete list of worship times during Holy Week, visit gpctn.org or scan the QR code.

Easter Lily Honorariums & Memoriams.



You may fill out an envelope located in the pews and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Monday, March 25. Donations in any amount are welcome. Please write Easter Flowers in the check memo line. **Visit gpctn.org to make an online dedication.**



Puzzling Phenomena of our Faith

Then and Now

3-Week Compass Dinner & Devotion Series
5:30-7:00 p.m., Warren Hall
\$10 for age 12 & up, \$5 for ages 5 -11
Under 5 are free

April 3 • April 10 • April 17



Scan the QR Code to register or visit gpctn.org for more details




Help the Mission Team cheer & serve at MAM's Spring Basketball tipoff.



Saturday, March 23
MAM - Grizzlies Center
2107 Ball Rd, Memphis
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Scan the QR to volunteer.

WORSHIPWORKS

Children's Choir (age 4-5th grade)  **Creation Celebration!**
3:30 p.m., Noah's Ark Room

Sunday Practices left: Mar 17 & 24

Concert: Sun. Apr. 7, 11:00 a.m.



DRINK DONATIONS



As a sponsor of MJP, we have been asked to deliver 4 cases (24-packs) of each: bottled water, Coca Cola, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, and Sprite. Scan the QR for info about donations.

EVENT VOLUNTEERS



We will also need about eight volunteers to help serve beverages during the event. Commitment will be from 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. on April 19th.



FAST FORWARD

4th-6th graders

Friday, April 5, 6:00 p.m.

Theme: Fave TV Character



MEXICO

CISTERN MISSION TRIP

Mon-Sat, June 10-15, 2024

Email Will Jones at willj@gpctn.org if you are interested in joining the team, a deposit of \$250 is due by Fri, Apr 10.

BINGHAMPTON BOOK DRIVE!

Now thru April 15, 2024

For BCA Students (4K-8th grade)

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





April 26-28

Registration is now open until April 3.

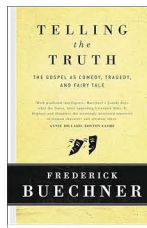




We're excited to announce that Christian songwriter, Sandra McCracken will be performing at the retreat on Saturday Night!

Find out more about Sandra at sandramccracken.com

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY



Sunday, March 17
4:00-4:45 p.m.

Evans Chapel classroom
2nd floor



Germantown Police will present a **SAFETY & SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SEMINAR**

APRIL 8, 6:30 P.M., SANCTUARY

Giving

We transferred our stockbroker from Edward Jones to Morgan Stanley. For stock gifts, please contact Amber Miller at 901-754-5195 or amberm@gpctn.org for account information.

MAIL CHECKS TO WEB SITE

2363 S Germantown Rd, Germantown, TN 38138
www.gpctn.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>
Tara Mear	<i>Financial Secretary</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>
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. www.gpctn.org

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