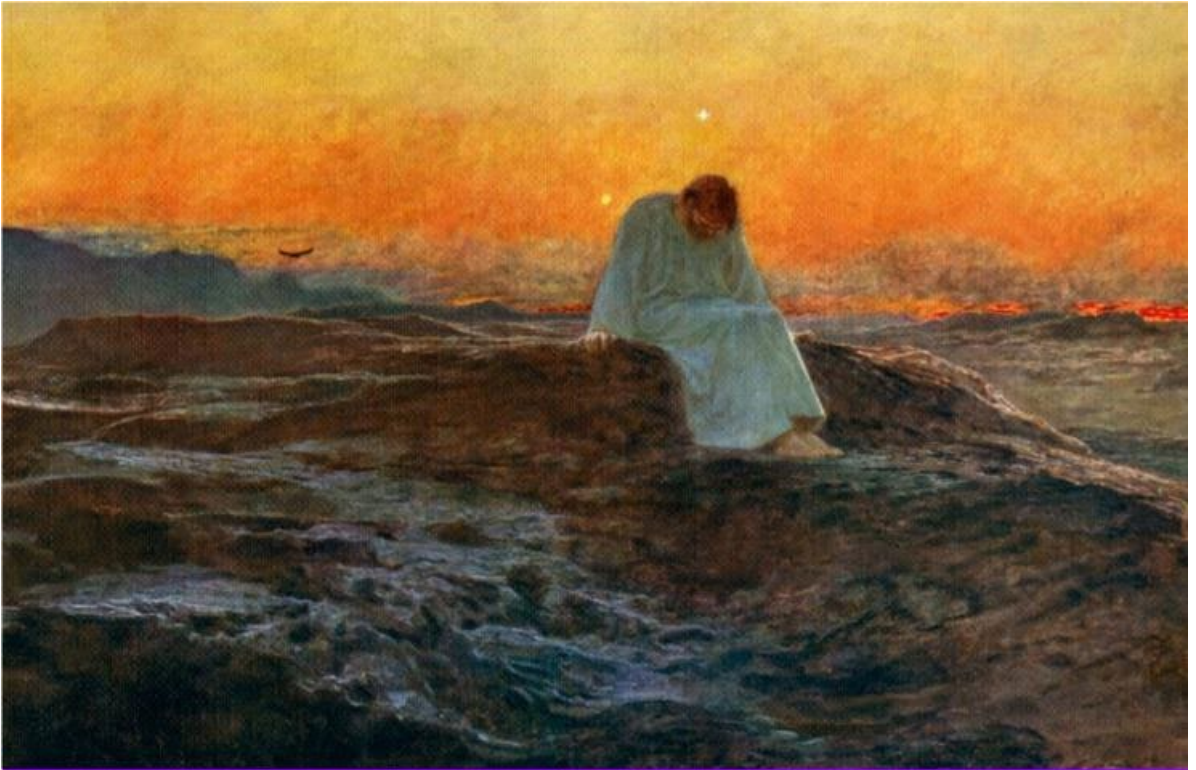




GERMANTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
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First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

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

**Please stand.*

Please silence electronic devices.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "O Waly Waly"

Andrew Unsworth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mike Lyle

CHIME INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 32)

Barbara Young (8:30)

Tricia Frese (11:00)

Leader: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose Spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

People: You are a hiding place for us; you preserve us from trouble; you surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*HYMN 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

On the pilgrim trail of Lent where we walk through a wilderness of the soul, Jesus we confess that we become easily distracted by our impulses and reactions. There is so much that demands our time and energy, and we fall into the trap of leaving so little for the important things of life. We listen to so many voices and opinions, and yet we find ourselves neglecting yours. Please have mercy on us, and let us find our rest in you. *(Time of silent, personal confession)*

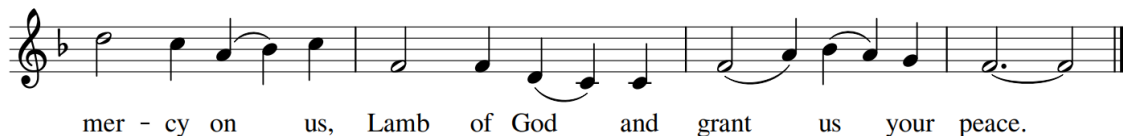
Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

LAND OF REST



*SHARING OF GRACE

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

People: And also with you.

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Mattie Hoff
GPC Kids Ministry Director

ANTHEM (11:00)

Into the Woods My Master Went
Chancel Choir

Richard Shepherd
Sidney Lanier, text

*Into the woods my Master went, Clean forspent, forspent,
Into the woods my Master came, Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to Him. The little grey leaves were kind to Him,
The thorn tree had a mind to Him, When into the woods He came.
Out of the woods my Master came and he was well content;
Out of the woods my Master came, Content with death and shame.
When death and shame would woo Him last, From under the trees they drew Him last,
'Twas on a tree they slew Him—last When out of the woods He came.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lyle

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:1-11 (pew Bible pg. 785)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Soul Prep: Taken & Tested

Rev. Lyle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed

Mr. Jonny Sundermeier

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Susan Carter 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 and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

On Eagle's Wings
Nicole Huff, soprano

Michael Joncas
arr. Mark Hayes

*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

Mr. Sundermeier

*HYMN 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Lyle

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00)

For Thine is the Kingdom
Chancel Choir

Malotte/Benford

please remain in place as worship concludes at the end of the choral benediction

*POSTLUDE

Allemande in A minor

Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre

Worship Art 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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Germantown Presbyterian Church Announcements *Week of February 22, 2026*

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 joining GPC? For more information, contact September Eason at 901-652-1022 or email her at septemberweason@icloud.com. You can also scan the QR code to leave us your information and we will contact you. We will have a Meet-n-Greet (*Donuts & Dialog*) for visitors on April 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor and a New Member Joining Ceremony on April 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.

Church Family Prayer Program: Members of the congregation are randomly selected each week to be lifted up. This week please pray for Lisa & Rob Clapper (Lily, James), Billie & Dan Work, Sherry & Bud Hurley (Julianne, Lauren), Susan & Will Jones (Grace), Betsy & Noell Moseley, Shelby Montague & Jeff Winer (Adelyn & Johnathan Winer)

For the month of February, our Senior Pastor, Dr. Will Jones will be away on a working sabbatical. He will return to the office on Tuesday, March 3.



SUNDAY • MARCH 1
6-8 PM • AC

All proceeds will subsidize
trips, retreats, and special
experiences for our
growing Youth Ministry



Scan the QR or visit gpc.org for tickets, tables, & donations.

ADULTS: \$30

TABLES: \$375

KIDS: \$5

Sun 2/22	Mon 2/23	Tues 2/24	Wed 2/25	Thurs 2/26	Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28
8:30a Worship Service	10a AA Book Study – Chapel Classroom	10a Staff Meeting - 218	11a Friendship Circle – Warren Hall	10a Bible Study - 216	6:30a Men’s Breakfast – Warren Hall	10a AA Mtg – Community Room
9:40a Sunday School Hour	10:30a Josephine’s Circle – Session Room	12p AA Mtg – Community Room	12p AA Mtg – Community Room	12p AA Mtg – Community Room	12p AA Mtg – Community Room	10a AA Book Study – Chapel
10a Choir Rehearsal – Music Room	12p AA Mtg – Chapel Community Room	1p AMPLify – Activity Center	6p Middle School Youth - AC	2p-5:00p Pickleball – Activity Center	9a-24 Hours YOUTH AUCTION SET UP - AC	12p AA Mtg – Comm. Room
11a Worship Service	2-5p Pickleball - AC	2:30p-8p Pickleball – AC	7p Girls Wkly Devotion – SLC	5p Room in the Inn – Comm. Rm		
12p AA Mtg – Comm. Room	6:30p Women’s Small Group - SLC	7p Guys Wkly Devotion - SLC	7p AA Mtg – Comm. Room	5:30p Basketball Practice - AC		
12-5p Pickleball – Activity Ctr	6:30p Career Networking Group – Comm. Room		7p Choir Rehearsal – Music Room	7p Basketball Practice – Activity Center		
4p Small Group – Chapel Classroom	6:30p Scouts Mtgs – AC & WH		8p Basketball Practice – Activity Center			
5p Evening Service – Evans Chapel						
6p HS Youth Group - 210						



Spring 2026 Compass Dinner & Devotion Series
March 4 & 11, 5:30 pm



Let us know you will be joining us by scanning the QR or visiting gpctn.org.

“Reflections of God in Nature”
- a Devotional Journey

Presented by photographer Tom Fox

Wed, March 4: “A River Runs Through Us”
 Incredible images of the Wolf River

Wed, March 11: “Come Home to TN”
 Images from the stunning Smokies

Tom is a retired Pathologist/Radiologist who chose to leave medicine to pursue photography full time. As a professional photographer, he strives to exemplify the unparalleled beauty of our natural world - often backpacking for weeks at a time in the wilderness searching for the best light and composition. For Tom, nature photography is an outward expression of his deep inward devotion and a visual reference for spiritual reflection.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

Mon, Feb 23, 6:00 pm, SLC

Email Katie Eleazer at
katiwiener@icloud.com
for more information.

GERMANTOWN CAREER SUPPORT & NETWORKING

Mon, Feb 23, 6:30-8:00 pm
Warren Hall

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thu, Feb 26
10-11 am, Room 216

2026 BINGHAMPTON BOOK DRIVE

The library is now accepting book
donations through April for the

4th annual BCA Book Drive
Please drop your donations in the 'B is for
BOOKS' box in the library.

SUNDAY EVENING SMALL GROUP

Sundays, 4:00 pm
Chapel 2nd Floor Classroom

For more info, email Rev. Mike
Lyle at mikel@gpctn.org



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**OVERNIGHT STAY AT GPC
THURSDAY, FEB 26**



PW CIRCLES BIBLE STUDY

Tue, March 3, 10:15 am
Circle #1 - UL215 Circle #2 - UL216
Circle #3 - UL217

Wed, March 4, 10:15 am
Circle #4 - Parlor

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Contact Liz Callicott with any questions
at lizc@gpctn.org

Core Faith

(Young Professionals & Parents of Young Children)
9:40-10:40 am, Room 217

Coffee & Conversations

(Young Adults)
9:40-10:40 am, SLC

EGGSTRAVAGANZA
GAMES • CRAFTS • EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
10:30 a.m. - Noon

GERMANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
7599 POPLAR PIKE ROAD

The poster features a light blue background with a green grassy border at the bottom. In the center, there are several colorful Easter eggs (brown, pink, orange, blue, red) and green leaves. The text is in various colors and fonts, with 'EGGSTRAVAGANZA' in large, stylized letters at the top.

Giving

For stock gifts, please contact Russell Turner at 901-754-5195 or russellt@gpctn.org for Morgan Stanley account information.



MAIL CHECKS TO: 2363 S Germantown Rd, Germantown, TN 38138

ONLINE GIVING WEB SITE: www.gpctn.org/giving (or scan the QR)

Church Staff

Alex Benford	<i>Music Director & Organist</i>
Liz Callicott	<i>Director of Young Adult Ministries</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>
Mattie Hoff	<i>Director of Kid's Ministries</i>
John Johnson	<i>Evening Worship Leader, Musician</i>
Will Jones	<i>Pastor</i>
Mike Lyle	<i>Pastor for Faith Formation & Acting Youth Ministry Director</i>
Craig Patterson	<i>Communications Director</i>
Kim Perkins	<i>Financial Secretary</i>
Angie Richardson	<i>Associate GPC Kids Ministry Director</i>
Tom Sauer	<i>Lay-Pastor to Senior Adults</i>
Cindy Schwartz	<i>Pastor for Spiritual Direction</i>
Bill Skoog	<i>Choir Director</i>
Randy Smith	<i>Maintenance Technician</i>
Jonny Sundermeier	<i>Pastoral Ministry Fellow</i>
Jerold Teachey	<i>Music Director Emeritus</i>
Russell Turner	<i>Business Administrator</i>
Stephanie Wall	<i>Bereavement Specialist</i>
Susan Carter Wiggins	<i>Pastor for Caring Ministries and Congregational Life</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.

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