



19th Sunday After Pentecost, October 19, 2025

Liturgical Color - Green
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The sanctuary flowers this morning are placed by David McGee, Dana McGee Moore, and Austin Moore in loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Rebecca P. McGee, for what would have been her 84th birthday.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Praise!

Dennis Eliot

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me

Alice Jordan

Call to Worship

The Book of Worship 1965, ALT.

Praise be to God!

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 96**

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 880**

Nicene Creed

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism UMH 39

Robert Harrison Brock
Parents: Martin & Mary Brock

Congregational Call to Prayer UMH 473 *Lead Me, Lord*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;

make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Come, thou Fount of eve'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise. Teach
me some melodious sonnet, sung by
flaming tongues above; praise the mount,
I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help
I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Come Thou Fount

Jesus sought me when a
stranger, wand'ring from the fold
of God; He, to rescue me from
danger, interposed his precious
blood. O to grace how great a
debtor daily I'm constrained to
be! Let that grace now, like a

arr. Eric Nelson

fetter, bind my wandr-ring
heart by thee. Prone to
wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I
love; here's my heart, O
take and seal it, seal it
from thy courts above.

***Doxology UMH 95**

Hymn Sing (Children are invited to come forward during the last hymn.)

Time With the Children

Scripture Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

Sermon A Walk Among the Psalms: Autumn Series
3. A Psalm of Knowing

***Hymn of Commitment UMH 126** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

***Mission Statement**

**"We are a welcoming community of faith, committed to loving God and loving others,
serving Christ and sharing Him, transforming lives and making disciples."**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response UMH 557** *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds (st. 1, 4)*

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

Postlude *Allegro in F major* by John Bennett (1735-1784)
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

L e a d i n g i n W o r s h i p T o d a y

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister
Music Director/Liturgist: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music
Time With The Children: Becca Keel
Acolyte: Kennedy Keel
Lay Reader: Call to Worship, Kennedy Keel
Chancel Choir

Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!

If you are visiting us today, we hope you find a meaningful time of worship and a welcoming community of faith. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about membership, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, contact Mary Groh at 754-7216 or mgroh@germantownumc.org.

**Please fill out the registration of attendance found in the pew and
leave it attached to the pad or scan the QR code below.**



A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Church Board Meeting has been rescheduled for Mon. Oct. 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Germantown UMC's Fall Giving Event on Thurs. Oct. 23, 6 pm, at Ridgeway Country Club. Enjoy dinner, fellowship, and inspiring music by Dr. André Duvall as we celebrate our ministries, launch the Fall Campaign, and respond to special requests for financial gifts to support the future of GUMC's mission. As Scripture reminds us, "God love a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). To register, please contact Brenda West at 901-758-6519. Come ready to celebrate, to give, and to make a difference!



Fall Fest: Save the date for our annual Fall Fest on Oct. 26, immediately following the worship services until 1:30 pm. This FREE event in the McVay Gardens includes games, inflatables, pumpkin painting, and more! Lunch (hamburgers/hot dogs) is available for purchase if you register before Oct. 24 at noon! Don't forget to wear your non-scary costumes to Sunday school and Church that day!

Coffee with the Pastors is Sunday, Nov. 2, 9-10 am. Join us during the Sunday school hour to meet our pastors, learn about the history, beliefs, and missions of Germantown UMC and how to get connected to our congregation – a perfect opportunity for visitors or those who are considering church membership! Please contact Mary Groh at mgroh@germantownumc.org if you are interested in attending.

M i n i s t r y , N e w s a n d E v e n t s

For more information about events listed below, visit our website: germantownumc.org

Interested in an event that requires registration? Click "Sign Up & Events" at the top of the page.

Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC), 901-753-3100

Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation,
gkelly@germantownumc.org

Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation,
kmarsh@germantownumc.org

Last chance to sign up for Youth Basketball! Registration closes **TOMORROW**, Oct. 20th. It is open to all Kindergarten - 6th grade boys and girls. Cost is \$130, includes Memphis Grizzlies uniform, ball and two game tickets. Go to Signup and Events on the church website to register.

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon. 12 pm-3 pm, Tues.- Fri., 9 am-12 pm.

Nighttime: Mon. and Wed. 5:30-7:30 pm.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Gentle Yoga: Mon., Wed. 3:30-4:30 pm.

Vinyasa Yoga: Wed. 2-3 pm.

Senior Fitness Walk Fit: Tues. 10-11 am.

Senior Fitness Chair Class: Thurs. 10-11 am.

Fit 4 Mom Stroller Strides: Mon. 9:30-10:45 am.

Stroller Barre: Wed. and Fri. 9:30-10:45 am.

Body Boost: Mon. night, 6:15-7:15 pm.

Body Ignite: Wed. night, 6:15-7:15 pm.

Hatha Yoga: Mon. 6:30 -7:30 pm.

Martial Arts: Tues. and Thurs. Beginner class, 5:45-6:45 pm, Advanced class, 6:45-7:45 pm.

Open Gym times: Please call the OLEC office to check for available times. *Open Gym times are for church members only.* Guests must purchase a \$10.00 pass.

Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,
mgroh@germantownumc.org

Join the Monthly Book Group on Mon., Oct. 27, at 10 am, in room 338 for a discussion of *The Price of a Future* by Jackie Flaum. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out a book from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

Fourteen Adult Sunday School Classes meet from 9-10 on Sun. mornings. Please check out the list of classes, locations, teachers, and topics at the Welcome Center or online and join us. Visitors are always welcome!

Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Middle School Ministries & Confirmation; cgranberry@germantownumc.org

Sunday Morning Trek: Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us in the Oasis at the OLEC at 9 am for snacks, games, and discussion!

Element: Join us from 6-8 TONIGHT in the OLEC for food, fellowship, games, worship, and small groups. Please bring \$5 for dinner. Open to 6-12th graders!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Will take place this Tuesday. We'll be meeting in the Pavilion behind Houston High School at 6:30 am. Chloe will bring Chick-Fil-A!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy and Synago will meet this Wednesday! Synergy, our middle school group, will meet from 6-7:15 pm, and Synago, our high school group, will meet from 7-15-8:30 pm. Both will meet in the Oasis!

Turkey Bowl: Join us for our yearly dodgeball tournament **next week** on Oct. 26, from 6-8 pm, in the OLEC! Now is the time to start building your teams! Registration is \$10 per person! This year it's Halloween themed, so be sure to dress up!

Crave: Registration for Crave is open on our webpage! Come join us at our crave retreat at Victory Ranch, Nov. 7-9. Bus space is limited, so register soon!

Stay Informed: Check us out on Instagram (@gumcyouthmin) or like us on Facebook (GUMC Youth Ministry) to keep up with our activities and announcements. Please visit our GUMC webpage and sign up for youth emails for more details.

Care Ministries

Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries,
ytoney@germantownumc.org

Healthcare Law & Advance Care Planning Seminar facilitated by Matthew Rhoads, Monday, Nov. 3, 10:30 am, in room 339. There is no cost; however, registration is required. Register at germantownumc.org; registration and events. Questions? Contact Yolanda Toney at 901-801-6368.

Children's Ministry

Becca Keel, Director: bkeel@germantownumc.org

Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: jcrist@germantownumc.org

Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: hheard@germantownumc.org

Preschool Stepping Stones (Newborn-Prekindergarten):

The Hamilton Nursery is open from 8:45-11:30 am on Sundays. Preschool Sunday school meets from 9-10 am.

Elementary Sunday School (Kindergarten-5th grade): We meet from 9-10 am, each week. Child drop off is in individual classrooms, in the children's education wing. Please pick up your child at 10 am, in the Huddle (room 240).

WOW (Worship on Wednesday): (Kindergarten-5th grade). Remember, we will start up WOW again for the spring semester on Jan. 14, 2026. See you then!

Sunday, Oct. 26, kids are invited to wear non-scary costumes to Sunday school. The kids will be led by their Sunday school leaders, on a "trick or treat" walk to the adult Sunday school classrooms. Be sure to join us after worship for our annual fall fest in the McVay Gardens. Details in the general announcements.

Family Advent Workshop: Join us Nov. 19, from 6:30-7:45 pm, (following the church wide Thanksgiving dinner) in the fellowship hall for this family event. Create an Advent wreath and do some holiday crafts. No registration required.

Acolytes Needed: Scan QR code to sign up to acolyte! Must be in the second grade or older. There is no age limit! If your child is interested in acolyting and has not been trained, contact Becca Keel to schedule a training session.



Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director: ssutton@germantownumc.org

This week at GUMP was our fall break to enjoy the fall weather and time together with friends and family!

Music Ministry

Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music,

twilson@germantownumc.org

All Music Ensembles are underway and are accepting new participants. Youth and Children's Choir meets at 5 pm, Sun. evenings. Chancel Choir meets Wed. at 6:30 pm. All choirs are beginning preparation for Christmas music. If you'd like to sing with us at Christmas, please reach out to Todd Wilson at twilson@germantownumc.org.

Older Adult Ministry

Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803, luci2@comcast.net.

Our activities are open to all adults age 55 and older. Full event descriptions may be found in *The Tidings*.

XYZ's November Event! Come with us for opening night when we see *A Tuna Christmas* at Circuit Playhouse on Fri., Nov. 21, 2025. We depart at 6:45 pm from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$15 for your reserved seat and the opening night reception. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brennehan, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Tues., Oct. 21.

November Brown Bag Lunch Series! Jamie Boelter, Memphis Historian and Researcher, will speak about "Bits, Bridles, & Big Barn Doors." This presentation will be on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 am, with lunch at Noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply beverages. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, for more information. No reservations are needed.

There will be a crossing guard on West Street to help with overflow parking.

XYZ's December Event! Celebrate Christmas with us at the Peabody Hotel and Capriccio Grill on Thurs., Dec. 11, 2025. We depart at 9:30 am, from the OLEC parking lot, and the \$35 cost includes lunch. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brennehan, 754-3711 to make reservations and pay before Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Germantown United Methodist Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Cinnamon Rolls Pre-order TODAY! Stop by the Welcome Center or OLEC today to reserve your cinnamon rolls! This fundraiser supports GUWF missions, and you can help by pre-ordering today! The cost is \$12 per dozen. Cash, check, or credit card accepted. Baking and pickup days are Oct. 28, 29, or 30 at OLEC. For questions, contact Stephanie Adams at 901-488-4748 or monocodog@aol.com.

Volunteers Needed! Volunteers are needed for our Annual Cinnamon Roll Bake Sale! Anyone can join us in the OLEC on Oct. 28-30. Please contact Stephanie Adams at 901-488-4748 or monocodog@aol.com.



November Speaker Luncheon. Tues., Nov. 11, 11:30 am, a catered lunch and inspirational message from Leigh Ann Pray LMTF, Executive Director of Clinical Services at the Omni Family of Services, in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited! Register with payment of \$12 by NOON, Nov. 6, online with credit card, germantownumc.org, Sign Up & Events, scan QR code, Cash, Checks, payable to GUWF, memo "Nov. lunch," deposited in GUWF box located at the Information Center.



R e c u r r i n g W e e k l y a t G U M C

Sunday, October 19:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Testimony Choir
5:00 pm Children's Choirs
6:00 pm Element

Monday, October 20:

6:30 pm Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 21:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study
6:30 am High School Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, October 22:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
6:00 pm Synergy
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
7:15 pm Synago

Congregational Prayer
List



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