

1st Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

Liturgical Color - Blue
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary today
are given to the Glory of God
from The Eldercare Ministry.



**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Larry Schakley

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:3

The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David,
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety.
And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

***Opening Hymn UMH 196**

Come, Thou Long - Expected Jesus

***Affirmation of Faith UMH 881**

Apostles' Creed

***Gloria in Excelsis Deo UMH 238 (refrain)**

Hanging of the Greens

Narrator

Greenery and Poinsettias

Advent Wreath

Lord, as we light this candle of hope, remind us that your promises never fail.

In our waiting, strengthen us. In our darkness, shine Your light.

Teach us to live as people of hope.

and trust you with our future. Amen.

The Creche

The Lights

Tree and Chrismons

Call to Prayer

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Daniel Gawthrop

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

Mission Moment

HopeWorks - Ron Wade

Offertory

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

arr. Mark Schweizer

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, the Word of God, in Flesh arrayed,
and manifest thy virgin-birth: the Saviour, now to us displayed.
let every age adoring fall; Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
such birth befits the God of all, and darkness glow with new-born
Begotten of no human will, light, no more shall night extinguish day,
but of the Spirit, thou art still

where love's bright
beams their power display.
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee;
whose Advent sets thy people free,
With whom the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Doxology

See Insert, tune of O Come Emmanuel

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 184** *Of the Father's Love Begotten (st. 1,3)*
(Children are invited to come forward during final stanza.)

Time With The Children

*Scripture

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

Guess Who's Coming?
1. "An Unexpected Guest"

***Hymn of Dedication UMH 202** *People, Look East*

*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 671** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy
love possessing triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling
through this wilderness.**

Postlude

Fugue in G minor

Johann Pachelbel

(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. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister
Music Director: Rev. Dr. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music
Lay Reader: Call to Worship, Kallen Perkins | Scripture Emily Moore
Time With the Children: Becca Keel
Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Anastasia Penn & Joe Richard Penn
Hanging of the Greens
Narrator: Mack Browder
Greenery and Poinsettias: Stephanie & John Adams
Advent Wreath - Julia & Ben Underwood
Creche: Kennedy & Emerson Keel
Lights: Courtney & Matt Lubozynski
Tree and Chrismons: Dana Alford & Dawn Carpenter

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.**



Ministry, News and Events

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,
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Pickleball this week:

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

Nighttime: No nighttime pickleball until after the first of the year due to basketball practices.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

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

Vinaya 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. 9:30-10:45 am., 6:15-7:15 pm.

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. & 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.

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafriz@att.net

HopeWorks Opportunities for Support and

Participation: HopeWorks, a GUMC-supported mission that provides ministries of adult education, English classes, workforce reentry, and employer connections for the underserved and needing. Opportunities to support HopeWorks include volunteering, donations, and hiring trained HopeWorks graduates. See the link <https://www.whyyhopeowrks.org> to explore and see upcoming events. Questions contact Mike Herringshaw at mjherringshaw@att.net.

Merry Mission Market, Sun., Dec. 7, from 9:30am - 12 pm, in the Fellowship Hall and from 10 am-12 pm, at the back of the PRISM service in the

OLEC. Over 17 organizations serving the homeless, the hungry, the sick, the lonely, the poor, and the hurting, both locally and around the world, will join us to share their ministries and show how we can help. All groups will be in the Fellowship hall, with a few also available in the OLEC Prism area. Each organization will offer a menu of ways your gifts of time or money can make a real difference. Some will also have items for sale, with proceeds supporting their work. Come learn. Come give donations or pledge your time. Come honor the people on your Christmas list with gifts that truly matter.

Music Ministry

Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music,
twilson@germantownumc.org

Memphis Symphony Orchestra Messiah, Dec. 2, 7:30 pm, use promo code GUMC when purchasing tickets at www.memphissymphony.org.

Children's Choirs Christmas Concert and Plum Pudding, Dec. 7, 5 pm.

Community Carol Festival, Dec. 14, 5 pm.

Youth

Chloe Granberry, Director of Youth 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: There will be No Element tonight due to Thanksgiving Break!

High School Prayer Breakfast: We will meet at Starbucks at Houston Levee at 6:15. Come to prayer breakfast and Chloe will buy you a Starbucks drink!

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

Chillax: Registration is now open for our Middle School Lock-In! Drop off is 7 pm, Dec. 19, and pick up is 7 am, Dec. 20. 6th-8th grade! Spots fill up quickly!

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

You Are Not Alone. The Care Ministries Team is here to support you. We offer prayer and practical assistance to help navigate life's challenges. Our quarterly seminars focus on a variety of life's challenges. Watch for them. Our Care Ministries Director, CLM Yolanda Toney, is Grief Care certified and is available for confidential meetings. To schedule, email ytoney@germantownumc.org or call 901-801-6368.

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*.

December Brown Bag Lunch Series! Timothy Taylor, host of Swing Shift Shuffle on WEVL FM 89.9, will reminisce with us about "Spirits of Christmas Past: A Multimedia Trip Back to Yuletide in the 1940s." This presentation will be on Friday, Dec. 5, 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.**

Adult Education

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

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!

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Christmas Brunch: Friendly reminder for all women who registered to attend the GUWF Brunch on Tues., Dec. 2, 10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. **Registration is now closed.**

Christmas Cookie Shoppe: Sat., Dec. 13, 9 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall. Thousands of cookies await you at the **12th Annual Christmas Cookie Shoppe!** Come buy boxes of custom cookies and candies for yourself or gifts. Cost is only \$10 per pound. Don't miss this opportunity to bring home Christmas treats and support the many missions of GUWF.

Bakers Needed! We need lots of cookie bakers! Help us fill the Fellowship Hall with Christmas cookies, candies, and treats for this wonderful holiday tradition. Your 12 dozen cookies or candies of the same type are due Dec. 12. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up to volunteer or contact Jan Corkern, 494-7035, jancorkern@yahoo.com or Barbara Schanson, 270-9331, barcons@comcast.net.



Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

GUMP was closed this week in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, giving our families and staff time to celebrate and enjoy being with friends and family. All of us at GUMP want to express how truly thankful we are for the wonderful children and families we serve each and every day. Your support, trust, and partnership means the world to us.

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).

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.



Christmas PJ Movie Night: Dec. 3, 6-7:30 pm, join us for pizza, hot cocoa, and a Christmas movie! K-5th graders will meet in the Huddle, and prekindergarten children will meet in the nursery. Register online by Thursday, Dec. 2, at noon.

Angel Tree: Visit our Angel Tree (supporting the children with Foster Village of Memphis), located in the narthex! Return the **labeled & unwrapped gift** to the Huddle (room 240) by Sun., Dec. 7.

Journey to Bethlehem: Dec. 13, 9:30-11 am, in the Hamilton Nursery. Experience the story of Jesus' birth, with crafts, refreshments, and a visit with Santa! FREE family event.

Registration is required and available online!

Children's Christmas Market: Sat. Dec. 13, (9-11:30 am) and Sun., Dec. 14, (8:45-11 am), in the Huddle. A gift market filled with free-trade items available for purchase. Each gift is \$5. Children will be escorted through the market by "Santa's elves," who will help them select gifts for their family and friends. Cash, check, or Venmo are accepted forms of payment. No reservation required.



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

Sunday, November 30:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
3:00 pm Testimony Choir
4:00 pm Children's Choirs
6:15 pm Matins Handbells

Tuesday, December 2:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

Wednesday, December 3:

6:15 am High School Prayer Breakfast
6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
5:30 pm Wesley Chimes
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Congregational Prayer List



Digital Giving Options

Online

Venmo



Doxology

For Advent

Em G C D⁷ G D G C G

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm⁷ Em Am Em B⁷ Em A⁷ D Em

here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D⁷ G D Em Bm G

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D⁷ Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: 15th Century French

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LM with Refrain

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