



Philippians 4:4-9 | John 6:25-35

A Thankful Peace

GermanTown
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reign of Christ, November 23, 2025

Liturgical Color - White

Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The sanctuary flowers are placed by David J. Akle
in loving memory of his parents,
Richard Akle, Jr. & Evelyn F. Akle, and his brother,
Richard J. Akle, III.

*Our Narthex Cornucopia honors the memory of
Barbara & Dr. Ralph Hamilton, faithful servants of the Lord,
that blessed GUMC with their love & dedication.
Glory be to God!*

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Fantasy of Southern Folk Hymns

arr. Margaret Tucker

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting Our Neighbor

Introit

Sing To The Lord of Harvest

arr. Eleanor Daley

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Proclamation Hymn UMH 694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 881

Apostles' Creed

*Gloria Patri UMH 70

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9

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

My Hope is Built

arr. Tom Trenney

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;

all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness comes to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;

in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,

O may I then in him be found:

dressed in his righteousness alone,

faultless to stand before the throne.

***Doxology UMH 95**

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 131** *We Gather Together*
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Time With the Children

***Scripture**

John 6:25-35

Sermon

A Thankful Peace

***Hymn of Commitment UMH 102** *Now Thank We All Our God*
(Congregation invited to bring Estimate of Giving Cards.)

Celebration of Generosity

***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

Postlude on Linstead (Homage to Piazzolla)
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

David Schelat

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
Time With the Children/Music Director: Rev. Dr. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music
Lay Reader: Call to Worship, Maggie King | Scripture, Lauren Boswell
Chancel Choir
Matins Handbells

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 offices will be closed all day Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, in observance of Thanksgiving Day holiday.

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*

**OLEC will be closed Thurs., Nov. 27, and Fri. Nov. 28,
but will be open on Sat. Nov. 29, from 8-12pm.**

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon. 12 pm-3 pm, Tues., Wed. 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. 3:30-4:30 pm, No Wed. class.

Vinyasa Yoga: No Wed. Class.

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

Senior Fitness Chair Class: Closed

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

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

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. Only 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*

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!

Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, November 24, at 10 am, in Room 338, for a discussion of *Beasts of a Little Land* by Juhea Kim. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out a book from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

The First Advent in Palestine, starts Tuesday, Nov. 25, 6-7 pm. Join Rev. Linda and Rev. Brad Gabriel for a 4-session study as we read the Advent narratives of Luke and Matthew anew, in their original context, to see the story of resistance, abusive rulers and systems of oppression, and God coming to earth. No cost, but please register.

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;
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 our Friendsgiving dinner! Bring a side or dessert to share, homemade or store bought, both are appreciated! No Element next week!

High School Prayer Breakfast: We will NOT have Prayer Breakfast due to Thanksgiving Break.

Synergy and Synago: There will be NO Synergy/Synago this week due to Thanksgiving Break.

Chillax: Registration is now open for our Middle School Lock-In! Drop off is 7 pm, Dec. 19, and pick up is 7am, 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.

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 Alternative Christmas: Sat., Dec. 13, (9-11:30 am), and Sun., Dec. 14, (8:45-11 am), In the Huddle. Children may shop at 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.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Thank you! Thanks to the generosity of GUMC and GUWF members, we collected over \$3,500 in Kroger and Walmart gift cards for United Methodist Neighborhood Centers!

Christmas Brunch: Tues., Dec. 2, 10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall, a catered brunch, festive fellowship, and sounds of the season! **All women are invited!**

Register with payment of \$12 by **NOON**, Nov. 26, online with credit card, germantownumc.org, Sign Up & Events, or scan QR code. Cash, Checks payable to GUWF, memo "Christmas Brunch" deposited in GUWF lockbox, located in Information Center.

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

This week, we have been learning about the importance of being thankful and giving to others. Some of our classrooms brought these lessons to life by hosting their own Thanksgiving feasts! These joyful celebrations gave our students a chance to share food, laughter, and appreciation with their classmates.

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.**

Our Handy Helpers are waiting for your call: Handy Helpers can do light carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, routine outdoor maintenance, and computer troubleshooting for GUMC members age 60+ who need help with home repairs or maintenance. Services are provided without labor charges, but the cost of the materials used is to be paid by the homeowner. To put in a job request, contact the Handy Helpers Coordinators, Ron or Nina Gaddy, 754-1238.

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.

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

Sunday, November 23:

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Testimony Choir
5:00 pm Children's Choirs
6:15 pm Matins Handbells

Tuesday, November 25:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

Wednesday, November 26:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
5:30 pm Wesley Chimes
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 27:

Church Offices Closed All Day

Friday, November 28:

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Congregational Prayer List



Digital Giving Options

Online

Venmo

