

The Lord Revealed



John 1:29-42

GermanTown
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd Sunday After the Epiphany
January 18, 2026

Liturgical Color - Green
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers in the Narthex
are placed in memory of Joan McKay,
given by her family.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

We Shall Overcome

arr. Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit

We've Come This Far By Faith

Albert Goodson

Call to Worship

Psalm 40:1-4

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit,

out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our GOD.

Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,

who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 519**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

***Psalter 774 (st. 1-3, 9-11)**

Scripture

Isaiah 53:1-7

Congregational Call to Prayer W&S 3131 *Hear My Prayer, O God*

Hear my prayer, O God, and listen to my plea.

Faithful righteous One, give ear and answer me.

Judge me not, I pray; no merit dare I claim;

knowing my own faults, I trust in your just Name.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

There's A Bright Side Somewhere

arr. Joseph Joubert

There's a bright side somewhere. Don't you rest until you find it. There's a bright side somewhere.

When your way seems dark and dreer, don't have to worry cause God is near. If in your heart there is no song, just keep the faith and keep holding on. Turn your plate down, fast and pray. Jesus will always make a way. There's a bright side somewhere.

***Doxology UMH 95**

***Hymn of Preparation TFWS 2089** *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Time With the Children

***Scripture**

John 1:29-42

Sermon

"The Lord Revealed" Worship Series
1. Lamb of God

***Hymn of Commitment TFWS 2113** *Lamb of God*

***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 206 Refrain** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
**In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Postlude

Rock of Ages arr. Emma Louise Ashford (1850-1930)
(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/Time With the Children: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister
Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music
Lay Reader: Call to Worship: Oscar Lubozynski | Scripture: Terry Aust
Acolyte: Eric Wilds
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.



Scan the QR code to record your attendance or fill out the registration of attendance found in the pew and leave it attached to the pad.



Assisted Listening System Available, see ushers for assistance, if needed.

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

Church offices will be closed all day on Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

2nd Annual Hymnathon Fundraiser, Feb. 7: GUMC Choristers will sing from the Hymnal for 3 hours straight! You may support a singer by pledging an amount per the number of hymns sung. You may also support singers with a fixed pledge amount. An information table will be in narthex starting Jan. 18. Support GUMC musicians to attend Music and Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska!

On Feb. 1, the Church & Society Committee will sponsor a panel discussion with Bill Gibbons and Beverly Robertson on **Voices for Safer Tennessee**, a non-partisan coalition formed in 2023 and dedicated to reducing preventable firearm tragedies - especially for the children in Tennessee. Please plan to attend this special event in the **Fellowship Hall, from 9-10 am**, to learn more about this multifaceted issue.

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.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Christmas Items Needed: Methodist Healthcare Auxiliary is in need of gently used Christmas items to be sold at MHA's annual sale next November. These items may be Christmas linens, figurines, serving pieces, ornaments, gift bags, tins, and craft items. Collection bins will be set up in the hallway, behind the Fellowship Hall, in front of the kitchen, through **January 31**. Contact Elaine Fetzer at elaine.fetzer@gmail.com with questions.

February Speaker Luncheon: Tues., Feb. 10, 11:30 am, a catered lunch and inspirational message from Rev. Linda Gabriel, Elder Care Minister, in the Fellowship Hall. **All women are invited!** Register with payment of \$15 by **NOON, Feb. 5**, online with credit card, germantownumc.org, Signup & Events, Cash, Checks, memo: "Feb. lunch" deposited in GUWF lockbox located in the Information Center, or scan the QR code.

Lent by Candlelight: Feb. 17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, all women are invited to join us and enjoy warm fellowship over desserts and coffee in the Fellowship Hall, followed by worship in the Chapel to prepare our hearts and minds for Lent. Please register at germantownumc.org, Sign up & Events. Limit 100 women. There is no charge to attend, and free childcare is available.



Care Ministries

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

Join us for Steady Ground, A Safe Place for those Navigating Loss and Change, Mar. 22, immediately following worship, in the Fellowship Hall. You will need to register. When you register, you may elect to order a boxed lunch or bring your own lunch. See the February Tidings for more details. Registration opens on Feb. 1. **Register for the Spring Prayer Vigil** to be held on Mar. 26, from 8 am. until 4 pm., in the Chapel. You will be able to register in one-hour intervals. You are committing to pray for this church, its ministries, and our community. The Chapel will be open, or you may pray wherever you are. Registration opens Feb. 1.

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.

February Brown Bag Lunch Series! Johnny Pardue, Retired Air Traffic Controller will tell us about "My Life as an Air Traffic Controller." This presentation will be on Friday, Feb. 6, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 11 am, with lunch at Noon. Bring your own sack lunch; the church will supply the 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 February Event! Join us for a unique experience when we take a class at the Memphis Zoo and eat lunch at Bosco's Squared on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026. We depart at 9 am from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$10 per person plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brennenman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Monday, Jan. 26.

XYZ's March Event! As part of our observance of Lent, we are going downtown to listen to Barbara Brown Taylor at the Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Episcopal Church, eat lunch at the Calvary Waffle Shop, and have a private tour of the 30+ stained glass windows at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, March 25. We depart at 10 am, from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$5 plus lunch on your own. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brennenman, 754-3711 to make reservations and pay before Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Adult Education

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

The Heart of the Psalms - Understanding God's Word to the World starts Tues. Jan. 20, 9:30-11 am.

We will focus on six Psalms and examine why these Psalms connect so deeply with us, the church, and beyond. This study will help us understand how and why these Psalms matter and how they can be transformative for us today. Facilitator: Mary Groh. Cost \$19.

Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, Jan. 26, at 10 am, in Room 338, for a discussion of *Persuasion* by Jane Austin. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

Fourteen Adult Sunday School Classes meet from 9-10 on Sunday 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 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: NO Element tonight due to MLK weekend!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Prayer breakfast will start back on Tues. Jan. 27! It's at 6:30 am, at the Starbucks on Houston Levee! Contact Chloe if you need a ride to school!

Synergy and Synago: Synergy/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!

Discovery Weekend: February 20-22! Grades 6-12! Sign ups are open for this amazing youth retreat! Sign up in the month of Jan. and get \$25 off!

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.

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

The OLEC will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday.

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon. Closed, Tues.-Fri. 9 am-12 pm,
Nighttime: No nighttime pickleball until mid-Feb., due to basketball practices.

Try one of our group exercise classes:

Gentle Yoga: Mon. Closed, 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

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

Strides 360/Body Ignite: Wed. 6:15-7:15 pm

Body Boost: Mon. Closed

Hatha Yoga: Mon. Closed

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.

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). Join us on Wed., from 6-7:30 pm. Dinner is served at 6 pm, in the Fellowship hall, then kids will enjoy engaging activities and mission opportunities. Pick up for elementary children in the education wing at 7:30 pm. Preschoolers meet in the nursery for dinner, Bible stories, crafts, and fun. Nursery available for children under 2. Register online by each Tuesday at noon. (\$5/child).

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.



SAVE THE DATE! VBS 2026 will be **JUNE 8-12**, 9 am-noon. For children ages 4 (by 8/15/26) through rising 6th grade.

Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

Our January theme is "Changes Everywhere." This week, we explored how the weather changes and discovered the fascinating transformations of water into ice and snow. The children enjoyed hands-on learning and expressed their creativity by making beautiful snow-themed art projects.

Recurring Weekly at GUMC

Sunday, Jan. 18:

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

Tuesday, Jan. 20:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 21:

6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group
5:30 pm Wesley Chimes
6:00 pm WOW
6:00 pm Synergy
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
7:15 pm Synago

Congregational Prayer List



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