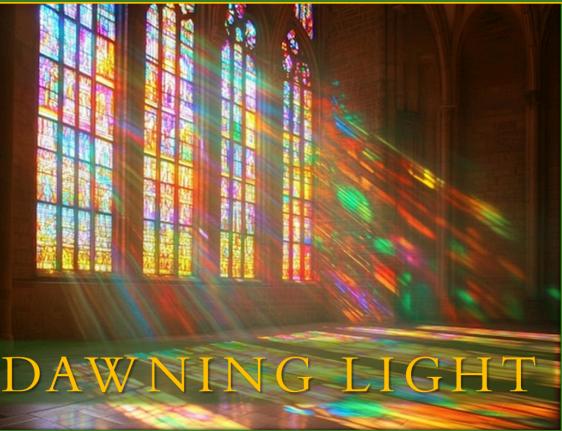


The Lord Revealed



DAWNING LIGHT

Matthew 4:12-23

German
town
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday After the Epiphany
January 25, 2026

Liturgical Color - Green
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Carol from 5 Bagatelles for Clarinet and Piano

Gerald Finzi

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit

I Will Praise Thee, O Lord

John Rutter

Call to Worship

Arise, shine: for your light has come;
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

***Hymn of Praise UMH 66**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

***Psalter 758 (st. 1-4)**

Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-6

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

Carl Daw

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

Mission Moment

Kenya Mission - Susan Hillebert

Offertory

The Lord is My Light and Salvation

John Rutter

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the
strength of my life; of whom then shall I
be afraid? Though an host of men were laid
against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid:
and though there rose up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him. One thing have
I desired of the Lord, which I will require;
even that I may dwell in the house of the
Lord all the days of my life, to behold the
fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his
temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide
me in his tabernacle: yea, in the secret place

of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon
a rock of stone. Therefore will I offer in his dwelling
an oblation with great gladness: I will sing, and speak
praises unto the Lord. Hearken unto my voice, O Lord,
when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me and hear
me. My heart hath talked of thee, seek ye my face: thy
face, Lord, will I seek. O hide not thou thy face from
me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure. Thou
hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake
me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my
mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up. Be strong,
and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust
in the Lord.

*Doxology UMH 95

***Hymn of Preparation TFWS 2101** *Two Fishermen*
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Time With the Children

*Scripture

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

“The Lord Revealed” Worship Series
2. Dawning Light

*Hymn of Commitment TFWS 2137 *Would I Have Answered When You Called?*

*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

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

arr. Anna Laura Page

(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/Time With the Children: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music

Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music

Lay Reader: Call to Worship: Margot Athow | Scripture: Doug Warner

Acolytes: Joe Richard Penn, Anastasia Penn

Soloist: Tim Wise, Testimony Youth Choir Director

Clarinet: Rena Feller

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

2nd Annual Hymnathon Fundraiser, Feb. 7: GUMC Choristers will sing from the Hymnal for 3 hours straight! The congregation is invited to come and sing or listen. 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!

Next Sunday, 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 Brenneman, 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 Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Adult Education

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

Missions

Anne Fritz, clarissafritz@att.net

Join GUMC on a life-changing mission trip to Kenya, June 18-July 1, 2026, serving alongside trusted local partners and growing in faith through hands-on service and daily spiritual reflection. Contact Susan Hillebert (Team Leader) 901-359-6954, or 1kids.doctor@gmail.com for details. Scan the QR code for more information or visit qrco.de/bgC4Rv. 

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: Element, will be tonight, from 6-8 pm, in the OLEC! Grades 6-12. Be sure to bring \$5 for dinner! Next week - No Element!

High School Prayer Breakfast: Is at 6:30 am, this Tues., 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 Planning happening in Synago - Don't miss it!

Discovery Weekend: February 20-22! Grades 6-12!

Sign ups are open for this amazing youth retreat!

Registration deadline is Feb. 17!

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

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon. 12-3 pm, 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., 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., Wed., Fri. 9:30-10:45 am

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

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

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

Children's Ministry

Becca Keel, Director: bkeel@germantownumc.org

Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: jchrist@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 for these summer events! VBS 2026 will be **JUNE 8-12**, 9 am-noon. For children ages 4 (by 8/15/26) through rising 6th grade.

Mission Camp (5th & 6th grade): July 13-17.

Music and Arts Camp, (rising 2nd-6th grade): July 27-31. Registrations are opening soon.

Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

At GUMP this week, we continued exploring the wonders of the winter season! Our discussions focused on the clothing we wear to stay warm during chilly days. The older classes took a deeper dive into nature's beauty by learning about colors in the world around us and discovering the story of how God created the very first rainbow.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men have scheduled a Valentines Day Breakfast, to honor our wives and significant others, on Sat., Feb. 14, at 9 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Price is \$10 per person. Please make reservations to attend by calling the church office no later than Wed. Feb. 11.

Recurring Weekly at GUMC

Sunday, Jan. 25:

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. 27:

6:30 am Men's Sonrise Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 28:

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



Digital Giving Options

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