



First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026

Liturgical Color - Purple
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers this morning
are given to the glory of God by the Worship Committee,
as we honor the memory of our friend Ralph Hamilton,
truly a gentleman with a servant's heart.
For over twenty years, Ralph managed the 11 am Ushers,
and, most recently, the 10:30 am weekly worship hour,
along with our many extra events.
We miss him already.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude *St. Flavian (Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days)* Alan Gray

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Introit *Seeds* Mark Burrows

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 1:18, ALT.
Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 269** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Confession and Pardon UMH 890

Response to Confession TFWS 2275 *Kyrie*

Scripture Isaiah 55:6-9; Isaiah 65:24

Call to Prayer TFWS 2108 *O How He Loves You and Me* Carl Daw

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet* W.H. Doane

Though your sins be as scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though your sins be as scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, They shall be as wool; Though
your sins be as scarlet, Though your sins be as scarlet, They shall be as white as snow. They
shall be as white as snow. Hear the voice that entreats you, O return ye unto God! Hear the
voice that entreats you, O return ye unto God! He is of great compassion, And of wondrous love;
Hear the voice that entreats you, Hear the voice that entreats you, O return ye unto God!
O return ye unto God! He'll forgive your transgressions, And remember them no more; He'll
forgive your transgressions, And remember them no more; "Look unto Me, ye people," Saith the
Lord your God; He'll forgive your transgressions, He'll forgive your transgressions, And
remember them no more, And remember them no more.

***Doxology UMH 95**

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 390** *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Time With the Children

***Scripture**

Luke 23:39-43

Sermon

Seven Last Words
2. Last Words of Promise

***Hymn of Commitment UMH 357** *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

***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**

Postlude

Voluntary in A minor
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

John James

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 Readers: Call to Worship: Dibbie Lubozynski | Scripture: Conrad Schanson
Acolytes: Kallen Perkins & Eric Wilds
Chancel Choir
Combined Children's Choirs, Libby Schielke & Peggy Warner, Directors
Accompanist Kim Marsh & Melissa Hayes

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 Board will meet on Monday, February 23 at 6:30 pm, in the Chapel. A brief called **Charge Conference** will be held immediately after.

We are hiring! The Hamilton Nursery is looking for a part-time nursery worker. Must be at least 16 years old to apply. Shifts are on Sunday mornings and some weekday evenings and special events. Workers will provide childcare in a loving, positive environment, assist in Bible lessons, help decorate for events, and more. Interested applicants should contact Janelle Crist at jcrist@germantownumc.org. **We are also hiring an Associate Youth Director.** Expect Sunday mornings and evenings; also Wednesday evenings and some administrative hours throughout the week. About 15-20 hours per week; a few more, on occasion, during summer months. Compensation commensurate with experience. Send resume, short introduction, and favorite youth group game to salford@germantownumc.org.

Save the date! April 24, 6-8:30 pm in the OLEC. The Finance Committee is sponsoring an evening filled with music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and great fellowship with friends. A silent auction benefitting GUMC's mission and ministry will be the highlight of the evening. We're inviting members of our community to donate things that make an auction exciting – gift cards, unique experiences, vacation homes, artwork, services, and other special items on which people love to bid. Stay tuned for more information.

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

Calling all 4, 5, & 6-year-olds! T-Ball registration is OPEN! Games begin in April and the season lasts for 6 weeks. Cost includes uniform, league fee, and medal trophy. Sign up under Events on the church website. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS March 17!

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon. 12-3 pm, Tues. - Fri. 9 am-12 pm,
Nighttime: No nighttime pickleball until early March,
due to basketball makeup practices and games.

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. 9:30-10:45 am.

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.

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 is open NOW!

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 is open NOW!

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*.

March Brown Bag Lunch Series! Rebecca Dinstuhl, President, Dinstuhl's Fine Candy Company, will tell us about the "Taste of Tradition: Dinstuhl's Fine Candy Company." This presentation will be on Friday, March 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 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.

XYZ's April Event! Come with us to spend a leisurely day, along the river, at the Mississippi River Museum at the Tunica River Park and eat lunch at the Blue & White Restaurant in the heart of Tunica on Thurs. April 23, 2026. We depart at 8:30 am from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is \$9 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, March 23.

Germantown United Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Spring/Summer GUWF Children's Consignment Sale.

It's that time of year! Clean out the closet clutter, rummage through the attic, and sort through the garage for clothing, toys, baby equipment, and more. GUWF Children's Consignment Sale registration is now open! Can't consign? We also accept in-kind donations for the sale! Visit ConsignGermantown.com or scan QR code for details. Sale dates are March 27-28. Thank you for supporting the many missions of GUWF!



Adult Education

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

Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, Feb. 23, at 10 am, in Room 338, for a discussion of *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. No need to register, just purchase the book or check out the book from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

The Call - The Life and Message of The Apostle Paul will start Tuesday, Feb 24, 6:30-7:30 pm. In this 7-session study, by Rev. Adam Hamilton, we will follow the journey of Paul, as he spreads the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Facilitator: Terry Aust. Cost: \$15

The Promise and Power of Easter starts Wednesday, March 4, 9:45-11:45 am, via Zoom. In this 4-week Bible study, we will remember together what led up to the cross and celebrate the restoration we received when Jesus rose again. Facilitator: Chesley Porteous. Cost: \$19.

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 due to Discovery weekend! Element will be back next week!

High School Prayer Breakfast: No Prayer Breakfast this week! We will start back next week!

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!

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.

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.



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.



Summer Registrations are open!

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

Mission Camp will be **July 13-17**, 9 am-3 pm, for rising 5th and 6th graders.

Music and Arts Camp will be **July 27-31**, 9 am-3 pm, for rising 2nd-6th graders.

Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

GUMP was closed on Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of President's Day. Throughout the week, our classes have been exploring "Matters of the Heart." Students have been discovering what our hearts do and learning simple, age-appropriate ways to keep them healthy, from moving our bodies with fun exercises, choosing healthy foods, and practicing kindness.

Music Ministry

Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music,

twilson@germantownumc.org

GUMC Matins Handbell Choir will participate in the 11th annual River City Ring Handbell Festival on Sat. March 7, in OLEC. The 2:30 pm closing concert is FREE and features several Mid-South area bell choirs ringing hundreds of bells. You are invited to come and enjoy this magnificent event!

Recurring Weekly at GUMC

Sunday, Feb. 22:

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, Feb. 24:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

Wednesday, Feb. 25:

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

Congregational Prayer List



Digital Giving Options

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