

# The Lord Revealed



Matthew 5:13-20

GermanTown  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5th Sunday After the Epiphany  
February 8, 2026

Liturgical Color - Green  
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary  
are placed in celebration of Gerre Craig's  
February 9 birthday.  
Given by Fred Turvey.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude** *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Niels Gade (1817-1890)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbor**

**Introit** *I Will Praise Thee, O Lord* Hal Hopson

**\*Call to Worship** 2 Corinthians 4:6  
For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"  
who has shone in our hearts,  
**to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God**  
**in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 66** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**\*Psalter 833**

**Recognition of Scouting Ministries**

**Scripture** Isaiah 58:1-12

**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** *Teach Me, O Lord* Thomas Attwood  
Teach me, O Lord,  
the way of Thy statutes,  
and I will keep them unto the end.

**\*Doxology UMH 95**

**\*Hymn of Preparation UMH 585**     *This Little Light of Mine*  
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

**Time With the Children**

**\*Scripture**

Matthew 5:13-20

**Sermon**

“The Lord Revealed” Worship Series  
4. City on a Hill

**\*Hymn of Commitment TFWS 2175**     *Together We Serve*

**\*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**

*Gavotte in G minor*     Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)  
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

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## L e a d i n g   i n   W o r s h i p   T o d a y

Preaching/Music Director: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Liturgist/Time With the Children: Rev. Dr. Scott Alford, Executive Minister  
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music  
Lay Reader: Call to Worship: Anne Tipton Rogers | Scripture: Doug Warner  
Acolytes: Joe Richard Penn & Anastasia Penn  
Chancel Choir

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## **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](mailto: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

**Coffee with the Pastors is Sunday, Feb. 22, 9-10 am.** Join us during the Sunday school hour to meet our pastors, learn about the history, beliefs, and missions of Germantown UMC and how to get connected to our congregation - a perfect opportunity for visitors or those who are considering church membership! Please contact Mary Groh at [mgroh@germantownumc.org](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org) if you are interest in attending.

## 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](http://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](mailto:women@germantownumc.org)*

**February Speaker Luncheon:** Friendly reminder for all women who registered to attend the GUWF Luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. **Registration is now closed.**

**Lent by Candlelight: Feb. 17, 6:30 pm-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](http://germantownumc.org), Sign up & Events or scan the QR code. **Limit 100 women.** There is no charge to attend, and free childcare is available.



### **Owings Life Enrichment Center (OLEC), 901-753-3100**

*Gordon Kelly, Director of Health & Recreation, [gkelly@germantownumc.org](mailto:gkelly@germantownumc.org)*

*Kim Marsh, Assistant Director of Health & Recreation, [kmarsh@germantownumc.org](mailto:kmarsh@germantownumc.org)*

**Calling all 4, 5, & 6 year old!** 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.

### **Older Adult Ministry**

*Luci Cromer, 901-755-0803, [luci2@comcast.net](mailto: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.**

**AARP Smart Driver™ Course!** GUMC and AARP will present the "AARP Smart Driver™ Course" on March 16 & 17, 2026 from 9 am-1 pm. The class will meet in Room 339 in the Ministry Center, and the cost is \$20 for AARP members (\$25 for non-members) payable to AARP. Successful completion entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Call Ray Smith at 901-410-0184 to register. This class will be closed at 24 participants, so sign up soon.

**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 Breneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Wednesday, Feb. 25.

### **Care Ministries**

*Yolanda Toney, Director of Care Ministries, [ytoney@germantownumc.org](mailto: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.

## 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 the Super Bowl! No Element next week due to President's Day!

**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.

## Adult Education

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

**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

**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!

## 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.

## 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

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

## 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.



## Recurring Weekly at GUMC

### Sunday, Feb. 8:

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Testimony Choir & Drama Group  
4:00 pm Children's Choirs

### Tuesday, Feb. 10:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study

### Wednesday, Feb. 11:

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

#### Online



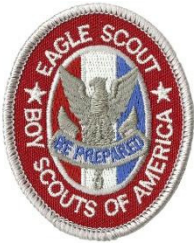
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# Scout Sunday

Ranks earned since last Scout Sunday February 2025

## Troop 64 Boy Scouts who earned the Rank of Eagle Scout



Luke Meng

## Pack 64 Cub Scouts who earned Cub Scouting's Arrow of Light Award

Ben Owens  
Kriyansh Patel



## Pack 64 CubScout Leaders

Nick Bongiolatti (Cubmaster)  
Jimmy Kennedy (Committee Chair)  
Amanda Kennedy  
Tom Owen  
Marcus Jones  
Mike Morrison  
Wesley Penn  
Chris Alejo  
James Bensom

## Troop 64 BoyScout Leaders

Brian Stembridge (Scoutmaster)  
Josh Bell (Committee Chair)  
Brian Blackwell  
Parker Blackwell  
Nick Bongiolatti  
Ricky Clarke  
Jeff Coons  
Julie Furr  
Mark Furr  
Bill Johnsen  
Owen Johnsen  
Steve Keck

Craig Martin  
Morris Moore  
Brad Patterson  
David Piper  
Joe Plunk  
Skyler Plunk  
Al Rampone  
John Richgels  
Tom Richgels  
Will Richgels  
Manish Talwar



## **GUMC Kenya Mission Trip 2026**

**June 18 - July 1, 2026**

Join Germantown United Methodist Church on a life-changing mission trip to Kenya, serving alongside trusted local partners we have worked with for many years.

### **Mission Focus:**

Projects may include home and school construction, medical outreach, child wellness programs, teaching and mentoring youth, agricultural training, and supporting orphanages and community centers—guided by on-site Kenyan leaders.

### **Spiritual Formation:**

Daily devotion, prayer, and reflection connect our work with God's movement in the communities we serve and within ourselves.

### **Experience Kenya:**

Serve alongside Kenyan partners, share in worship and community life, enjoy the beauty of the land and wildlife, and spend time in Nairobi.

**Estimated Cost:** ~\$4,000 (travel, lodging, transportation, insurance).

Team members cover personal expenses and participate in fundraising for mission projects.

### **Learn More:**

Susan Hillebert (Team Leader) - 901-359-6954 | [1kids.doctor@gmail.com](mailto:1kids.doctor@gmail.com)

Ed Clark - 901-826-3514 | [gec24753@aol.com](mailto:gec24753@aol.com)

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