Germantown
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026

Liturgical Color - Purple
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Alpha class.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude *Christ lag in Todesbanden* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

***Call to Worship** Joel 2:13

Rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

***Hymn of Praise UMH 157** *Jesus Shall Reign*

Confession and Pardon UMH 890

Response to Confession TFWS 2275 *Kyrie*

Mission Moment Day of Service - Becca Keel

Scripture Psalm 69:16-21

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

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory *My God, Accept My Heart This Day* arr. Howard Helvey

My God, accept my heart this day,
and make it always thine,
that I from thee no more may stray,
no more from thee decline.
Before the cross of him who died,
behold, I prostrate fall;
let every sin be crucified,
and Christ be all in all.
Anoint me with thy heavenly
grace, and seal me for thine
own; that I may see thy
glorious face, and worship
near thy throne.
Let every thought and work
and word to thee be ever
given: Then life shall be thy
service, Lord, and death the
gate of heaven. All glory to the
Father be, all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

***Doxology UMH 95**

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 297** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Time With the Children

***Scripture** John 19:28-29

Sermon Seven Last Words
5. Last Word of Fulfillment

***Hymn of Commitment W&S 2132** *You Who Are Thirsty*

***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 Sung by the Choir

Postlude *The Word Was God* Rosephanye Powell
(Persons are invited to be seated for the postlude.)

Leading in Worship Today

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 Readers: Call to Worship: Jack Lawhon | Scripture: Natalie Cathcart
Acolytes: Anastasia Penn, Joe Richard Penn
Friends University Singing Quakers, Dr. Rayvon T.J. Moore, Director

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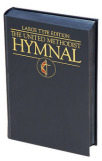
Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!

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.

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 Devices and Large Print Hymnals Available.
See an usher for assistance with either, if needed.



Announcements

Today is UMCOR Sunday, a churchwide special Sunday, to support UMCOR, the disaster and humanitarian relief agency of our church. Money given today covers UMCOR's administrative costs, allowing 100% of our giving to go directly to provide vital help during crises arising from natural disasters, conflict, or hunger. Make checks payable to GUMC or donate online via credit or debit card at donate.gcfa.org.

We are hiring an Associate Youth Director! Expect Sunday mornings and evenings, 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.

March 29, Palm Sunday at 6:30 pm., the Chancel Choir and Chamber Ensemble off The Seven Last Words of Christ by composer Michael John Trotta.

DAY OF SERVICE: Stop by our sign up table in the Narthex **TODAY**. GUMC needs all hands on deck following the Spring Consignment Sale on March 28. Two shifts available: 12:30-3:30 pm, and 3:30-6:30 pm. Scan the QR code for information. Come join us!

Spring into Auction: 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 many ministries 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. To donate, contact Jennifer Predmore, 901-230-1116, or Patty Harriman, 901-412-8557. **Tickets are $10 for ages 12 and older for admission.**

Ministry, News and Events

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 DEADINE IS THIS TUESDAY!

Pickleball this week:
Daytime: Mon. 12-3 pm, Tues. - Fri. 9 am-12 pm,
Nighttime: Nighttime pickleball will now be available from 5-7:30 pm on Wednesday nights.

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.

Spring Prayer Vigil to be held on March 26, from 8 am., until 4 pm., in the Chapel. 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.

April Brown Bag Lunch Series! Andy Pouncey, City of Germantown, TN Historian and Former Chair of the Tennessee Historical Commission, will speak about "Frances Wright and Nashoba, an Experiment to End Slavery." This presentation will be on Friday, April 10, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall. **Please note that this is a change in date.** 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 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.

XYZ's May Event! Join us for a baseball game when we see the Memphis Redbirds beat the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp at AutoZone Park on Wed., May 12, 2026. We depart at 5:30 pm from the OLEC parking lot, and the cost is $15 per person for your reserved seat and transportation. Dinner is on your own at the ballpark. Call Luci Cromer, 755-0803, Gretchen Blair, 755-0797, or Garnet Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Friday, April 10.

Adult Education

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

Join the Monthly Book Group on Monday, March 23, at 10 am, in Room 338 for a discussion of *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid,* by Bill Bryson. No need to register. Just purchase the book or check out a book from the library and join us for a lively discussion.

Believing Jesus; A Journey Through the Book of ACTS, starts Wednesday, April 8, 9:45-11:45 am, via Zoom. Join us for this 8-session women's video study as we journey through the Biblical stories of the early Christian movement. Facilitated by Chesley Porteous. Cost is $18.00.

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 Spring Break!

High School Prayer Breakfast: No Prayer Breakfast due to Spring Break!

Synergy and Synago: No Synergy/Synago due to Spring Break!

Confirmation: Confirmation retreat is happening Sat., April 18! Confirmation service is at 3 pm, on April 19, in McVay Gardens (weather permitting.) The whole congregation is invited to celebrate our new members.

High School Seniors: The Senior Sunday packet deadline is April 13! Contact Chloe for more details!

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.

Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

Spring has sprung at GUMP! This week, our classrooms focused on *All Things Spring*, and our friends planted grass seeds they'll be caring for and watching grow throughout March.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4, from 10-11 am, and 11 am-12 pm, in the McVay Gardens. Join us for the fun! Register online for a one-hour time slot. We will start each hour with the egg hunt, then the children can enjoy train rides, petting zoo, games, crafts, and photos with the Easter bunny. Visit the church website to register.

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 Women in Faith (GUWF)

Stephanie Adams, President, women@germantownumc.org

Spring/Summer GUWF Children's Consignment Sale. Spread the word! GUWF will hold its community-wide Children's Consignment Sale on March 27-28. Snag some great deals while supporting the many missions of GUWF. Consignor registration is open until midnight on Tuesday, March 24. Consignors and 4+ hour volunteers shop early at the pre-sale. Visit ConsignGermantown.com or scan QR code for details. It's a 37 year tradition of community outreach!

Blessing of the Babies. If you have a baby, grandchild, or great-grandchild born after May 2025, please send a photo, the baby's name, date of birth, and parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents' names to Yolanda Toney at yvctoney@gmail.com by **April 10**. Your baby will be blessed at the GUWF luncheon on Tuesday, May 5, receive a blessing certificate, and will be included in a video compilation. Just in time for Mother's Day!

Recurring Weekly at GUMC

Sunday, Mar. 15:
9:00 am Sunday School
10.00 am Fellowship
10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, Mar. 17:
6:30 am Men's Sonrise Bible Study

Wednesday, Mar. 18:
6:30 am Rutherford Prayer Group

Congregational Prayer List

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