

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026

Liturgical Color - Purple
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
by the Asbury Sunday school class.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prelude *Sarabande from French Suite in B minor* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Greeting Our Neighbor**

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-15

Since, then, we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,

Jesus, the Son of God,

Let us hold fast to confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to
sympathize with our weaknesses,

**but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are,
yet without sin.**

***Hymn of Praise UMH 170** *O How I Love Jesus*

Confession and Pardon UMH 890

Response to Confession TFWS 2275 *Kyrie*

Scripture Psalm 22:28-31

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

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offertory *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his
feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled
down! Did e'er such love and sorrow
meet, Or thorns compose so rich a
crown? Were the whole realm of
nature mine, That were a present far
too small; Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

***Doxology UMH 95**

***Hymn of Preparation UMH 295** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

Time With the Children

***Scripture**

John 19:29-30

Sermon

Seven Last Words
6. Last Word of Purpose

***Hymn of Commitment UMH 282** *'Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies*

***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

Prooemium in D minor

Johannes Kotter (1480-1541)

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: Zoey Adams | Scripture: Nick Stonebrook
Acolytes: Eric Wilds, Anne Tipton Rogers
Chancel Choir

Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!

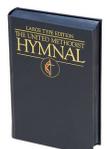
If you are visiting us today, we hope you find a meaningful time of worship and a welcoming community of faith. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about membership, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, contact Mary Groh at 754-7216 or mgroh@germantownumc.org.



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



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

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!



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

Easter Lily order forms will be available soon. Help beautify the sanctuary by honoring or remembering a loved one by ordering a Easter lily.

Easter Morning Fellowship! Come join members of the Wesley 2.0 Sunday school class with their families for coffee, pictures and fellowship on Easter Sunday, April 5, 9:30 am at McVay Gardens, (weather permitting). All are welcome!

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.**



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

Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon. 12-3 pm, Tues., 9 am-11 am, only. Due to Consignment Sale, there will not be pickleball on Wed., Thurs., or Fri.

Nighttime: No Wed. night pickleball this week.

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.

Adult Education

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

Join the Monthly Book Group, Tomorrow, 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: Element will be tonight from 6-8 pm in the OLEC! Grades 6-12. Be sure to bring \$5 for dinner!

High School Prayer Breakfast: High School Prayer Breakfast has changed locations! We'll be at the Pavilion behind Houston High at 6:30 am, this Tuesday! Chloe will bring Chick--fil-a!

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!

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!

Summer: Our summer calendar is on our website now, and sign ups for 901 mission camp opens this week!

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.

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, TODAY, 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*.

Our Handy Helpers are waiting for your call... Spring is in the air, and the Handy Helpers ministry team is waiting to hear from you. If you are a GUMC member over 60 years of age, have a hard time physically keeping up with minor home repairs or maintenance because you are ill or incapacitated, and have homeowner's liability insurance, there is a group of volunteers ready to assist you. Services are provided without labor charges, but the cost of the materials used is to be paid by the person receiving the service. Handy Helpers can do light carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, routine outdoor maintenance, and computer troubleshooting. To put in a request, please contact the Handy Helpers Coordinators, Ron or Nina Gaddy, 754-1238.

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 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 Brennehan, 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 Tues., 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 Brennehan, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Friday, April 10.

Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)

Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org

GUMP hopes that all teachers, staff, and families enjoyed a fun, safe, and restful Spring break!

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).

Acolyte 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.

Get ready to shop, save, and support local missions! The GUWF Children's Consignment Sale begins this Friday, March 27, 8 am - 3 pm, at the OLEC.

Many items will be marked half-price that same evening, 5 pm. - 8 pm. Half-price sale continues Sat., March 28, 8 am - 12 pm. Visit ConsignGermantown.com or scan QR code for details!



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. 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, Mar. 24:

6:30 am Men's Sunrise Bible Study
6:30 am High School Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, Mar. 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 Online Venmo

