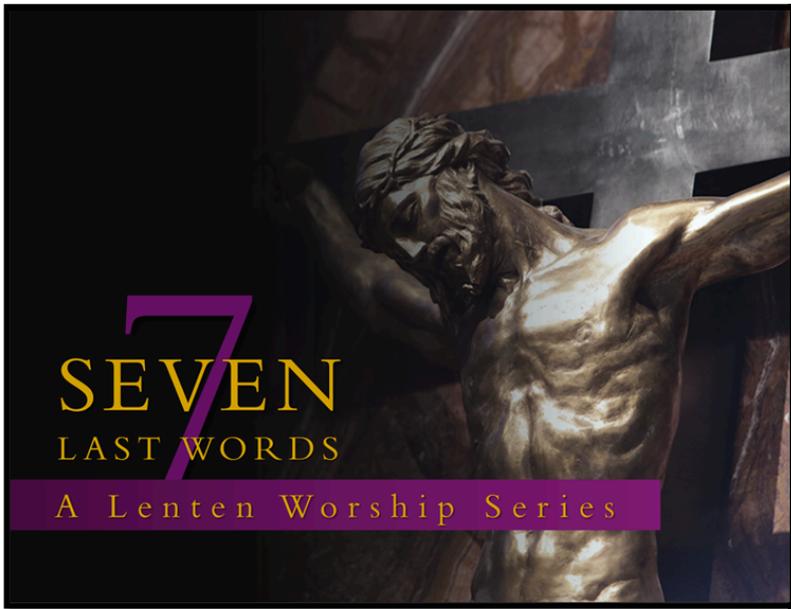


Palm Sunday  
March 29, 2026

Liturgical Color - Purple  
Traditional Service - 10:30 am

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are placed by David J. Akle in loving memory of his parents, Richard Akle, Jr. & Evelyn F. Akle, and his brother, Richard J. Akle, III.

*The arrangement is comprised of palm branches and bare tree branches. The palms are ancient symbols of praise and thanksgiving and serve as reminders of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The tree branches are symbols of the cross and of Jesus himself, the branch grown out of the roots of Jesse. (Isaiah 11:1)*



**7**  
**SEVEN**  
LAST WORDS

A Lenten Worship Series

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

*Ellacombe*

arr. Robert J. Powell

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Greeting Our Neighbor**

**Introit**

*Celebrate the King*

Cindy Berry

**\*Call to Worship**

Luke 19:35-38

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and sat Jesus on it.  
**As he rode along, people spread their cloaks on the road.**  
The multitude began to praise God joyfully  
for the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,  
**"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"**

**\*Hymn of Praise UMH 278**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
(Children will process with palms.)

**Confession and Pardon UMH 890**

**Response to Confession TFWS 2275**

*Kyrie*

**Scripture**

Psalm 31:1-5

**Call to Prayer TFWS 2108**

*O How He Loves You and Me*

Carl Daw

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Special Announcement**

Jennifer Predmore

**Offertory**

*Into Your Hands*

Michael John Trotta

Into your hands, I surrender my whole soul.  
Not mine, but your will be done.

**\*Doxology UMH 95**

**\*Hymn of Preparation UMH 292** *What Wondrous Love Is This*  
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

**Time With the Children**

**\*Scripture**

Luke 23:44-49

**Sermon**

Seven Last Words  
7. Last Word of Surrender

**\*Hymn of Commitment UMH 354** *I Surrender All*

**\*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**

Rodeo Voluntary on St. Theodulph

Simon Peberdy

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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: Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor  
Music Director/Liturgist: Rev. Todd Wilson, Minister of Music  
Organist/Pianist: Dr. André Duvall, Associate Director of Music  
Lay Readers: Call to Worship: Kallen Perkins | Scripture: Jake Hardin  
Time With the Children: Hayley Heard  
Acolytes: Adele Dempsey, Anastasia Penn  
Chancel Choir  
Hosanna & Alleluia Children's Choirs, Peggy Warner & Libby Schielke, Directors  
Melissa Hayes & Kim Marsh, Assistants

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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 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

**Tonight, 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.

**Church Board Meeting, Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6:30 pm, in the Chapel.**

**Easter Sunday Worship Times;** 6:30 am Sunrise Service, 8:30 am Traditional Service, 10:30 am Traditional Service, 10:30 am Prism.

**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!

**Let's Mahjong! 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, beginning April 9, 6 pm**, in the Huddle. New to Mahjong? We will have someone there to teach and help you get started! Everyone is welcome! No registration required. Feel free to bring your own Mahjong set. Questions? Contact Chesley Porteous, 901-268-4884, chesleyporteous@gmail.com.

**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](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*  
**Thank you for your support!** GUWF thanks everyone who supported the Children's Consignment Sale. It was a tremendous success, we couldn't have done it without our wonderful volunteers, consignors, shoppers, and GUMC staff support. All proceeds from this event will benefit the many missions of GUWF. We'll see you for our next sale, Aug. 21-22, 2026.

**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](mailto: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!

**May Speaker Luncheon, Tues. May 5, 11:30 am**, in the Fellowship hall for a catered lunch and inspirational message from Rev. Dr. Birgitte Thaarup French, Senior Pastor, Colonial Park UMC. **All women are invited!** Register with your payment of \$15 by **NOON, April 30**, online with credit card, [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org), Sign Up & Events, or use QR code, Checks, memo-“May lunch” or Cash deposited in GUWF box located in the Information Center.



### **Germantown United Methodist Pre-School (GUMP)**

*Sarah Sutton, Director, ssutton@germantownumc.org*  
Classrooms have been filled with hands-on lessons about plants, insects, caterpillars, butterflies, birds, and all the amazing changes that come with the new season.

### **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:** No Prayer Breakfast this week or next week due to Easter!

**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!

**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*

**Healthcare Law & Advance Planning Seminar, Monday, April 13, 11 am, Room 339;** Attorney Matthew Rhoads will be our speaker. There is no fee, but please register online.

**Steady Ground** is the place for you if you have suffered any type of loss: death, divorce, career, any life-changing event. Come to a supportive atmosphere. April 19, 11:30 am, **Room 339** (or immediately after Traditional Worship.) Please register online. You are welcome to bring a lunch.

## 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*.

**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 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 Brenneman, 754-3711, to make reservations and pay before Friday, April 10.

## 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)

### Pickleball this week:

Daytime: Mon. 12-3 pm, Tues., No pickleball, Wed.-Thurs., Fri. 9-12 pm.

Nighttime: Wed. night: 5-7:30 pm.

**Walking Track will be closed** on Tues. morning, Mar. 31, 2026, but will be available from 1:30-8 pm.

### 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.

## Children's Ministry

Becca Keel, Director: [bkeel@germantownumc.org](mailto:bkeel@germantownumc.org)

Janelle Crist, Assoc. Dir. Nursery: [jcrist@germantownumc.org](mailto:jcrist@germantownumc.org)

Hayley Heard, Assoc. Dir. Elem.: [hheard@germantownumc.org](mailto: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).

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

**Music 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.

## Adult Education

Mary Groh, Director of Adult Education,

[mgroh@germantownumc.org](mailto:mgroh@germantownumc.org)

### 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.

**Igniting the Spark II** - leadership development for anyone current, curious, and called to facilitate and lead throughout our thriving Adult Christian Education Ministry – is **Wednesday, April 8, 6:30-8 pm**. Open to all experienced Sunday school teachers and to those who would like to begin teaching adult classes. Register at [germantownumc.org](http://germantownumc.org).

## Recurring Weekly at GUMC

### Sunday, Mar. 29:

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship  
5:00 pm Children's Choirs  
5:00 pm Testimony Choir

### Monday, Mar. 30

6:30 pm Church Board Meeting

### Tuesday, Mar. 31:

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

### Wednesday, Apr. 1:

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



A background image of several white lilies with yellow centers, set against a light, textured background. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others partially open. The overall tone is bright and clean.

**JOIN US AS WE WORSHIP  
THE RISEN SAVIOR!  
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026**

**6:30 am - Sunrise Service in McVay Gardens**

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**8:30 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary**

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**10:30 am - Prism Worship at Owings Life Enrichment Center**

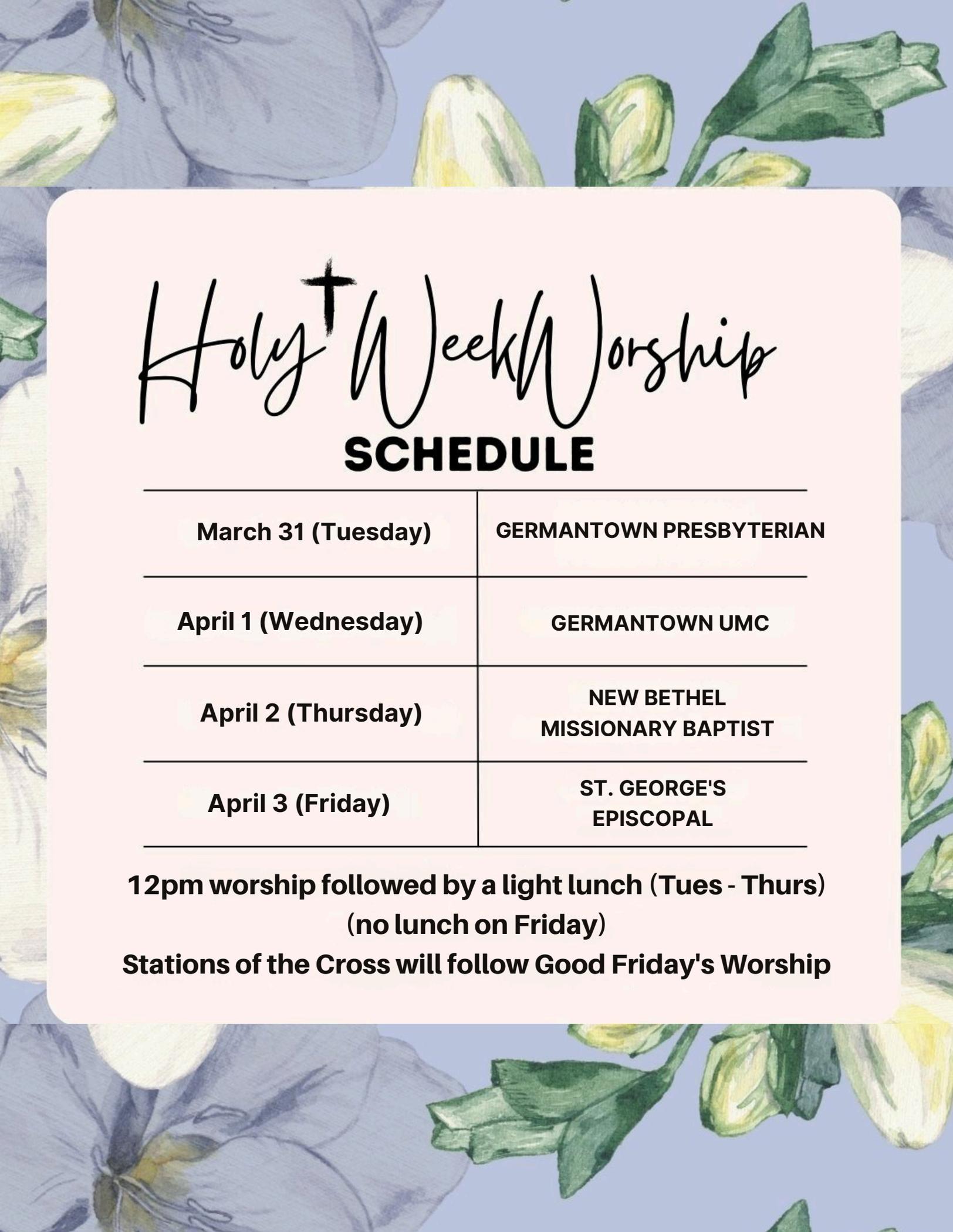
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**10:30 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary**

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# Holy<sup>+</sup> Week Worship

## SCHEDULE

<b>March 31 (Tuesday)</b>	<b>GERMANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN</b>
<b>April 1 (Wednesday)</b>	<b>GERMANTOWN UMC</b>
<b>April 2 (Thursday)</b>	<b>NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST</b>
<b>April 3 (Friday)</b>	<b>ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL</b>

**12pm worship followed by a light lunch (Tues - Thurs)  
(no lunch on Friday)**

**Stations of the Cross will follow Good Friday's Worship**