

Our sole purpose is to glorify God, proclaiming through word and deed the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. We trust God's Spirit to lead and nurture us in all our community and congregational endeavors. We desire that all who come through our doors find deeper faith, larger hope, and more complete love.

**Service For The Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord
10 January 2016**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE Jean Hatch, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** THE CONGREGATION GATHERS
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
"Rejoice, Rejoice" REJOICE

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 29 (NRSV) Joan Carr
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory
thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sir'ion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Ka' desh.**
- 9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the
forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
- 10 **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

[UNISON]

- 11 **May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Let us pray together: **God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the fire of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Now let us join together in the prayer that our Lord taught us,
Our Father Who Art in Heaven

* HYMN 152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in the wondrous grace of our Lord Jesus. Amen.**

* Silent Confession

* KYRIE ELEISON *Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Apostle Paul writes, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

People: "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." Romans 6:4-5

All: In Jesus Christ, we are freed from sin.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NT 60

** HYMN 188 "Jesus Loves Me!" (first verse)
CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "Christmas Past?"
(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Hollis White)

ANTHEM "Who Would Think That What Was Needed"
WHITE ROSETTES
(The text for this lovely new hymn/anthem can be found on page 138 in the hymnal.)

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7 OT 672

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Am I Able?" Dr. Moran

* HYMN 144 "In The Bleak Midwinter" CRANHAM

* APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) (Hymnal) Page 35

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE CLASS OF 2018
Constitutional Questions to the Officers
Constitutional Questions to the Congregation
Prayer of Ordination / Installation

PASTORAL PRAYER

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY

(*Visitors, please fill out cards in pew rack and place in offering plate.*)
* DOXOLOGY (Hymnal) No. 606

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Forth to Serve

* HYMN 156 "Sing of God Made Manifest" SALZBURG

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
"Love has Come" BRING A TORCH

* THE TAKING OF THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE

* Those who are able, please stand

** Seating of worshippers

We welcome our visitors today. If you wish more information about this congregation or the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), please speak with the minister. New members are received by 1) Re-Affirmation of Faith; 2) Transfer of Membership; and 3) by Profession of Faith and Baptism.

The following Elders and Deacons are being ordained and installed to the Class of 2018:

Elders	Deacons
Falvy Carl Barr, Jr.	Bradley Owen Spell
	Hollis Alecia White

The following Elders and Deacons have previously been ordained and are being installed to the Class of 2018 & 2016:

Elders	Deacons
Michael Timothy Brown	Lewis Morris Fetterman, III
George Allison Martin	Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell
John Thomas Newton	Lisa Gail Spell
Myrtle Whitesides Petty	Elizabeth Anne Stewart
William Kenner Scott	
James Anthony Sessoms (2016)	

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF MRS. RESSIE ROSE AND MR. BYRON ROSE, AND IN HONOR OF MRS. ALICE ROSE BY GEORGE, BILLY AND JOEL ROSE

January ushers are: Richard Bryan, John Fox, III, Ron Nimmo,
Jack Perry, Warren Sinclair, Glenn Spell, Don Wilson

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

HOSPITAL/ASSISTED LIVING

Doc Fields – Southwood; Rm. 109

Fay Gaddy – Rolling Ridge, Newton Grove

AT HOME

Barbara Kerr

Martha Dunn

Ted Lockerman

Jean Parker

Don Hollingsworth

Kathy Wall

Frances Hubbard

OTHERS:

Angie Prucha – (Daughter of Edwin Danford)

Billy Kerr – (Brother-in-law of Dorothy Sue Faison)

Minson Sessoms – DUKE (Father of Deborah Hall)

Roland Heath – (Father of Jeff Heath)

January

10 - 5:00 p.m. - Youth Groups

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

13 - 10:30 a.m. - Bible Study #13 (Resumes)

3:00 p.m. - PresbyCrew

7:00 p.m.- Bible Study #13 (Resumes)

16 - 9:00 a.m. - Christian Food Bank of Salemburg

17 - 11:00 a.m.- Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.)

Congregational Meeting

- No Youth Groups

7:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

18 - NOON -MLK, Jr. Reception at Clinton Agri-Expo Center

19 - 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Quilt Ministry

10:00 a.m. -Newsletter / Staff Meeting

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held following worship on January 17, 2016 for the purpose of 1) the Presentation of the 2016 Annual Budget and 2) to Review the Terms of the Pastor's Call.

DVD copies of this year's Christmas Joy Program, "The king meets The King" will be made available soon. A Sign-up sheet can be found outside the church office. Cost: \$10.00 per DVD.

BIBLE STUDY: will resume on Wednesday, January 13th with Dr. Moran. The 10:30 a.m. study will continue to focus on the lectionary. The 7:00 p.m. study will be on "The Gospel of Luke: Good News for All," a kerygma study. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

CAKES NEEDED for the January 14th First Baptist Soup Kitchen. We ask that all cakes be delivered to the GMPC kitchen by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 13th. *Please contact Annette Newton to sign up/place your name on the January list.

A **Columbarium Development Committee** is being formed to explore the development of a columbarium here at GMPC. The term columbarium comes from the Latin word *Columba* (dove) and is defined as a place or niche for cremated remains. If you would like to serve as a member of this committee please contact Dr. Moran or the church office.

Mission Opportunity: Diaper Bank of Sampson County. Donations of diapers (all brands and sizes, to include adult diapers), diaper wipes and diaper rash cream are collected. A collection bin is located in the GMPC fellowship hallway for your convenience.

2015 Diaper Distribution Totals: Since supplying the Sampson County Health Dept. with diapers, 8,630 diapers & 194 packs of diaper wipes have been distributed to 354 families in need. This was all done in three months! The Diaper Bank of Sampson County appreciates your generous support. Working together we are making a positive impact on our community. *For more info. contact Chris Driver: cdriver82@gmail.com, cell #990-7436.

Backpack Buddies Program: Volunteers meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Sunset Avenue School to pack food bags for over 250 "food insecure" Clinton City School children, ages Pre K - 8th grade. What you can do to help: *Volunteer Your Time! Donate Food Items! (canned soups, juice boxes, raisins, fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars, pop tarts, trail mix & individual cereal boxes)* *Food drop off container located in the Fellowship Hallway.