

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
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 January 2018**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "With Grateful Hearts" J.S. Bach/Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "In This Very Room" Ron & Carol Harris

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 139 (NRSV) Joni Fay Fetterman
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

2 **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

3 You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**

5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

6 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in
secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16 **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your
book were written all the days that were formed
for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

18 **I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

Let us pray together: **Almighty God, creator of the universe, we are awed by your wondrous works and overwhelmed by your infinite wisdom. For all your majesty we praise you; yet even more we rejoice that you do not forget us, that you want to know us, that you come to care for us, sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.**

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

* HYMN 302 "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace"

O WALY WALY

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. 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 mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

(Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Phillipians 1:3-11 NT 196

** HYMN 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (first verse)

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "Family Pictures"

(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Linda Carr)

ANTHEM "There's a Spirit of Love In This Place" Mark A. Miller

SECOND LESSON: Romans 1:7-15 NT 152

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Great Expectations" Dr. Steve Wilkins

* HYMN 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostles' Creed" (Hymnal) pg. 35

PASTORAL PRAYER

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "As We Gather" w/ "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

arr. Carl Seal

"As we gather may Your Spirit work within us, As we gather may we glorify Your name- Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship, We'll be blessed because we came." - Mike Fay & Tom Coomes

(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 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

SICILIAN MARINERS

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"God Be With You"

Rankin/Tomer

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "A Time for New Beginnings" Lani Smith

* 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.

We are extremely delighted to welcome to our pulpit today

Dr. Stephen H. Wilkins. We look forward to having him,

and his wife Carol as a part of GMPC and learning more

about their children, Stuart, Helen, and Ben.

The congregation would like to offer their sincerest thanks

to the DPNC Committee Members:

Bill Aiken, Justin Lockamy, Brenda Nordin, Lauren Perry,

Darby Scott, Amelia Surratt, and Paul Viser.

**We invite everyone to join us in the fellowship hall,
following today's service, for an informal gathering
to welcome Steve and Carol Wilkins to GMPC.**

Cookies and Cider to be served.

*THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY
OF MR. AND MRS. J. B. FAIRCLOTH, SR., MR. J. B. FAIRCLOTH, JR.,*

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HOLT FAIRCLOTH,

MR. HAYWOOD ALEXANDER FAIRCLOTH,

MS. ANNA MARGARET FAIRCLOTH

AND MRS. JULIE FAIRCLOTH BEST BY THE FAMILY

January ushers are: David Brock, 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
Frances Hubbard - GlenAire
Margaret Faircloth – Mary Gran; Rm. 701
Tink Purcell – The Cardinal at North Hills

AT HOME

Martha Dunn
Margaret Register
Betty Heaton
Ted Lockerman
Russell Byrd (Winston Salem)

OTHERS:

Betty Hairr – (Mother of Vickie Pope)
Juaweese Franklin – (Mother of Melissa Nimmo)
Joe Butler – (Brother-in-law of Penny Horne)
Christine Stacey – (Mother of Lara Capparuccia)
Joe Kozel – (Father of Kristi Williford)
David Askins – (Former GMPC member)
Kathryn Whitley-Jordan – (Former GMPC Choir Director)

**January: (Wednesdays: Handbells 6:00 p.m./Choir at 7:30 p.m.);
(Cherub Choir: PreK-1st Grade, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 4-4:30);
(Children & Youth Choir/Handbells: 2nd-8th Grade, Wednesdays, 5-5:45)**

- 14 - 12:15 p.m. - Welcome to Our New Minister: Cookies & Cider in the fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
- 15 - - Church Office Closed
- 16 - 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Quilts; Newsletter Deadline
- 17 - - NO PresbyMusic, Handbells, or Chancel Choir Practice
- 21 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. - NO Youth Group
- 22 - 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Quarterly Gathering
- 24 - 1:45 p.m. - Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. - PresbyCrew

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Copies of **These Days**, January - March, are available in the narthex & outside the office.

GMPC Prayer Quilt Ministry meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the GMPC Fellowship Hall. Do not worry if you can not sew, that is only one aspect of creating these quilts.
Next Meeting: January 16, 2018.

Central Missional Community Steering Team News: The winter gathering will be held January 27, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. **Included in the worship service are a message by Olanda Carr and honoring the Faithful Saints selected by each Session. Neal Sinclair is GMPC's honoree.** The worship service will be followed by a business meeting, lunch and then breakout sessions sharing insights and ideas on "A Response of Our Gratitude." *Anyone wishing to stay for lunch (\$10.00, due at the door) must register by calling the GMPC church office by January 19th.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: Christian Food Bank of Salemburg, every third Saturday, monthly, bags of food are given to those in need beginning at 9:00 a.m. What you can do to help: *Volunteer Your Time! Donate Food Items!* **Next Food Bank: January 20, 2018.**

A **PW Quarterly Gathering** is scheduled for Monday, January 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.

MISSION BUDDIES: (PreK—12th Grade, 3rd Sunday's monthly, as part of Sunday School)

January Mission: (Please submit supplies by Friday, January 26, 2018.)

Care Bags for Children in Homeless and/or Domestic Violence Shelters.

ITEMS NEEDED: Blankets (\$2.50 Walmart blankets are fine), Children's Books, and Monetary Donations to buy tote bags. The high school BETA Club will be providing stuffed animals.

*A Mission Buddies donation bin is located in the fellowship hall. ***Please Note Mission Buddies will be held on the 4th Sunday (January 28th) for the month of January.**

PresbyCrew meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month from 3 – 5 p.m. for Kindergarten – 5th grade. Plan to join us & bring a friend!

Sunday, December 31, 2017 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...		
My Presence:	Sunday School Attendance	41 ~ Worship Attendance 112
My Gifts:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$11,915.00	\$344,649.69
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 69,849.83
Needed for the Church Budget:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Operating Budget	\$4,504.63	\$238,745.39
Building Fund	\$1,525.38	\$ 80,845.14