

*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  
17 January 2016**

**We Assemble to Worship**

RINGING OF THE BELLS  
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

\*\* PRELUDE Melissa Fulton, Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP  
" Arise, Your Light Is Come" FESTAL SONG

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 36 (NRSV) Mike Brown  
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
6 **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep,  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**  
7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may  
take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
8 **They feast on the abundance of your house, and you  
give them drink from the river of your delights.**  
9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.  
10 **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

Let us pray together: **Eternal God, you satisfy our hunger by feeding us with the bread of life, and you quench our thirst for righteousness by your mighty acts. Nourish us always by your Spirit, that we may grow into the stature of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

\* HYMN 375 "Shall We Gather at the River" HANSON PLACE

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **O Great Lord of this world, forgive us our sins. When we desire more than we need to live a good life, forgive our greed. When we judge someone by their skin color, forgive our prejudice. When we don't accept responsibility for those who are hungry, forgive our lack of compassion. When we come to you without humility, forgive our pride. When we are not thankful for your love for us and for our whole world, forgive our lack of gratitude. Have mercy on us, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son. 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.

**People: May the God of Mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.**

\* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

**We Proclaim the Word**

FIRST LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 NT 174

\*\* HYMN 188 "Jesus Loves Me!" (first verse)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Ms. Lou Johnson  
*(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Hollis White)*

ANTHEM "How Can I Keep From Singing?" Lowry/Shaw

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5 OT 692

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "The Journey Home" Dr. Moran

\* HYMN 517 "Here, O Our Lord, We See You" MORECAMBE

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

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 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"With Blessing is the Nation Crowned" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Presentation of the 2016 Budget

Review the Terms of the Pastor's Call

\* 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.**

*GMPC Spiritual Journey Reflection. . . from your Balcony Team*

Joshua 24:24 the people said to Joshua,

"The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey."

The word "obey" (hupakouo) in both Hebrew and Greek can be translated as "listen." How can each of us listen to God as he leads us to serve both our community and our congregation?

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: 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

**OTHERS:**

*Angie Prucha – (Daughter of Edwin Danford)*

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

*Roland Heath – (Father of Jeff Heath)*

**AT HOME**

Barbara Kerr

Martha Dunn

Ted Lockerman

Jean Parker

Don Hollingsworth

Kathy Wall

Frances Hubbard

**SYMPATHY TO:** *Deborah Hall and family* on the passing of her father, Fletcher "Minson" Sessoms.

## January

- 17 -                 - 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
- 20 - 10:30 a.m. - Bible Study #14  
      7:00 p.m.- Bible Study #14
- 24 - 9:45 a.m. - Confirmation Class #1 (Banner Room)  
      11:00 a.m.- Worship (\*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.)  
                  Commisioning Service for Louise B. Johnson  
      5:00 p.m. - Youth Groups
- 25 - 7:30 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Quarterly Meeting
- 27 - 10:30 a.m. - Bible Study #15  
      3:00 p.m. - PresbyCrew  
      7:00 p.m.- Bible Study #15 / Handbells (resume)

### OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

**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:** weekly on Wednesdays, as the schedule allows, 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 make plans to join us.

The **GMPC Prayer Quilt Ministry** meets monthly, on the third Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Do not worry if you can not sew, that is only one aspect of creating these amazing quilts. **Next opportunity: January 19, 2015.**

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.

**Requested Address:** Andy & Ellen Collins, 1000 Alexander Stewart Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278; e-mail address: andycollins@gmail.com.

**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.

**MISSIONS: 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!* \*Food drop off container located in the Fellowship Hallway.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at First Baptist Soup Kitchen (408 College Street) on Thursdays, Weekly from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. \*11:00 – 3:00: Cooking, 3:00 – 5:00: Deliveries, 5:00 – 7:00: Serving. (Volunteer for the whole day or as your schedule allows.)

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*The congregation is cordially invited to the  
Commissioning Service of Louise B. Johnson  
Sunday, the twenty-fourth of January  
at eleven o'clock worship.*

*A Covered Dish meal will follow in the MacQueen Fellowship Hall.*  
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