

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
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 January 2018**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" with
"O Worship the King" arr. Tom Fettke
"Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart..."
-Brian Doerksen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Honor the Lord" G. Davis/ G. Fisher

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 62 (NRSV) Allison Martin
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 5 For God alone my soul waits in silence;
for my hope is from him.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**
- 7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
- 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart
before him; God is a refuge for us.**
- 9 Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are
a delusion; in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
- 10 Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes
on robbery; if riches increase,
do not set your heart on them.**
- 11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power
belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you,
O Lord.
- 12 For you repay to all according to their work.**

Let us pray together: **Lord God, in a threatening world we look to you as our rock of hope. Hear us as we pour out our hearts to you, and give us your grace and protection; 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 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" HERE I AM

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Almighty and everlasting God, infinite in compassion and mercy, you call us from the chaos of our lives, and we come as we are. Embrace each of us now as we confess our sins. Forgive us for the opportunities we miss, for squandering our gifts, for squandering our time, for simply being too busy to do things that really matter. Remind us again of your love and our tender mercy. Where we have fallen short of doing your will, forgive us. Where we have neglected others, forgive us. For the messes we make of our own lives and those of others, forgive us. Guide us and protect us with your loving kindness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Silent Confession

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

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 28:18-20 NT 34

** 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: "God's GPS for Us"
(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Linda Carr)

ANTHEM "Go Now to Love and Serve the Lord" Dolores Hruby

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 119:9-16 OT 566

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "My Kind of Church: Disciples in the World" Dr. Wilkins

* HYMN 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "Make Me a Servant" K. Willard/ C. Seal

(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 298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ABBOT'S LEIGH
(first, second, & fifth verse)

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"Go With Us, Lord" TALLIS' CANON

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "On this Glad Day" D. Scarlatti/ L. 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.**

A special thank you to flautist Doug Shaw
for sharing his talents with us during worship today.

*THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF MRS. DORIS BUTLER STEWART
AND MR. HENRY LAFAYETTE STEWART, JR.
BY MS. BETH STEWART AND FAMILY*

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

OTHERS:

Betty Hair – (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)

AT HOME

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

Sunday, January 14, 2018 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...

My Presence: Sunday School Attendance 54 ~ Worship Attendance 162

My Gifts:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$5,923.00	\$12,059.00
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 910.00	\$ 2,560.00
Needed for the Church Budget:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Operating Budget	\$5,942.00	\$11,884.00
Building Fund	\$ 660.00	\$ 1,320.00

**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)**

21 - - NO Youth Group
~~22 - 7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women Quarterly Gathering: CANCELED~~
24 - 1:45 p.m. - Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. - PresbyCrew
27 - 9:00 a.m. - Central Missional Community Winter Gathering
28 - 9:45 a.m. - Confirmation Class #1; Mission Buddies
11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.)
3:00 p.m. - Session Meeting
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group: Celebration Dinner @ Small House

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Coffee Hour at GMPC is held each Sunday, between Sunday School and worship, in the fellowship hall. We hope everyone will come for a time to visit before worship.

A PODCAST (audio file, mp3 format) of Sunday Sermons Is Available on the GMPC Website. To listen to posted sermons visit: <http://gravesmemorial.org/sermons.shtml>.

Rev. Daniel Cenci invites everyone to St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. for a 2018 Mission Trip Planning Meeting in the Parrish Library. The meeting is for anyone interested in planning and/or participating. Thank you!

MISSION BUDDIES: (PreK—12th Grade, 3rd Sunday, 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.**

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. Congratulations to Neal Sinclair, 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."

Youth 411: GMPC Youth Group will meet on Sunday, January 28, 2018, 5:00 p.m., for a Celebration Dinner at the Victor R. Small House. Hosted by GMPC's Friends in Faith Ministry. Dress in your Sunday best and invite a friend. RSVP to the church office by January 24th.

GET INVOLVED SPOTLIGHT: Infant Cradle Ministry **(In an effort to bring awareness to the many mission opportunities here at GMPC we will "spotlight" one mission every month. We ask that you please give regularly to these programs in need of your help.)* Under the guidance of Clayton Dunn, GMPC launched the Infant Cradle Ministry in April 2015. The Infant Cradle Ministry benefits families leaving the hospital with stillborn children. In many cases, families face financial hardship during this time. In an effort to help these families during their time of need, wooden cradles, which effectively serve as caskets for infants who are stillborn, are built and outfitted with satin linings, pillows and blankets, and offered free of charge to Sampson Regional Medical Center and local funeral homes. It is our hope that these cradles will express the love of Jesus to some unknown family in a time of distress, sorrow and need. What you can do to help: *Contact Clayton Dunn: cwdunn72@yahoo.com, to volunteer your services in helping to gather materials, build, paint, or sew and/or install the interior of the infant cradles.*

*The congregation is cordially invited to the
Installation Commission Service of Dr. Stephen H. Wilkins
Sunday, the fourth of February at four o'clock in the afternoon.
A Reception will follow in the MacQueen Fellowship Hall.*

Our next **First Wednesday Fellowship and Covered Dish Meal** will be on February 7th, at 6:30 p.m., in the MacQueen Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dishes to share.

February Host: Memorial Room Sunday School Class

Boy Scout Troop 27 and Cub Scout Pack 27 invite you to join them in celebrating Scouting at GMPC. On Scout Sunday, February 11th, the Scouts will be participating in the 11:00 a.m. service, and serving a BBQ lunch with all the fixings following worship in the GMPC Fellowship Hall. Lunch is free, but donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated. You can help by notifying any former troop members you know. We would like to have as many Scouts and leaders here as possible. Thanks for all your support.

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!