

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
Transfiguration of the Lord
11 February 2018**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

** PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scouting at GMPC

Scout Leaders

** THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Baptized in One Confession" (See Hymn #361 for the text.) AURELIA

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 50 (NRSV)

Mac Spell

Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 1 The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**
- 3 Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a
devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
- 4 **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that he may judge his people:**
- 5 "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- 6 **The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.**

Let us pray together: **Almighty God, because Jesus your servant became obedient to death, his sacrifice was greater than all the sacrifices of old. Accept our offering of praise, and help us to do your will, until our whole life becomes worship in spirit and truth; 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 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Our hearts are not always in our worship, and we often neglect the fellowship into which you call us. Our witness to Christ is hesitating and halting, and we evade our responsibilities for your service. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Renew in our hearts and in our lives the desire to love you with all our being, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, that we may glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose 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: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

(Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON:

Ephesians 4:1-16

NT 193

** HYMN 188 "Jesus Loves Me!" (second verse)

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee,

saying, "Let them come to me." Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "We Are One"

(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Tami Warren)

ANTHEM

"Put Forth, O God, Thy Spirit's Might"

H.C. Robbins

SECOND LESSON:

John 17:20-24

NT 111

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"My Kind of Church: United in Christ"

Dr. Wilkins

* HYMN 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostles' Creed"

(Hymnal) pg. 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 719 "Come, Labor On"

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN "This is My Prayer" FINLANDIA

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* RETRIEVAL OF THE COLORS

* 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.

Today is **Scout Recognition Sunday**. We welcome the many scouting groups who are worshipping with us this morning.

A special thank you to our dedicated scout leaders and volunteers.

Boy Scout Troop 27 and Cub Scout Pack 27 invite you to join them in celebrating Scouting at GMPC. Following today's service the scouts will be serving a BBQ lunch with all the fixings in the GMPC Fellowship Hall in appreciation of your continuous support.

*THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
BY THE SEASONAL FLOWER COMMITTEE*

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

Betty Heaton – Mary Gran; Rm. 204

OTHERS:

Betty Hairr – (Mother of Vickie Pope)

Juawees 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)

Tim Shankweiler – (Former GMPC member)

Billy Qualls & Bobby Stanley – (Brother & Brother-in-Law of Ted Qualls)

AT HOME

Martha Dunn

Margaret Register

Julie Stefanovich

Trish Sessoms

Brooks Barwick

February ushers are: Whit Tart, Ed Carr, Chuck Spell, Jody White,
Henry Faison, Mac Purcell, Tommy Newton

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| Sunday, February 4, 2018 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ... | | |
| My Presence: | Sunday School Attendance 55 ~ | Worship Attendance 109 |
| My Gifts: | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
| Tithes and Offerings | \$5,010.00 | \$23,557.00 |
| Building Fund Offerings | \$1,005.00 | \$ 7,165.00 |
| Needed for the Church Budget: | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
| Operating Budget | \$5,942.00 | \$29,710.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 660.00 | \$ 3,300.00 |

February: (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)
(PresbyCrew: K-5th Grade, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3 – 5:00)

- 11 - 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group: What is your purpose?
- 13 - 6:00 p.m. - Session & Diaconate Working Meeting
- 14 - 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Luncheons at FUMC
- 1:45 p.m. - Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. - PresbyCrew
- 7:00 p.m. - GMPC Ash Wednesday Service
- 18 - 9:45 a.m. - Confirmation Class #4; Mission Buddies
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.)
- 12:00 p.m. - Congregational Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group: What is our purpose?
- 20 - 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Quilts; Newsletter Deadline

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

The Session has called two congregational meetings regarding the transition to the unicameral structure of government. The first meeting will take place immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, February 18**; the purpose of the first meeting will be to share the proposed process which the Session recommends, and will be for information only — no vote will be taken on February 18. The second meeting will take place immediately following the 11:00 worship service on **Sunday, February 25**, for the purpose of voting on the Session's recommended process. There is an information sheet located in the narthex of the sanctuary, and in the office.

Requested Address: Steve & Julie Stefanovich; 1315 Live Oak Parkway; Wilmington, NC 28403.

Copies of the 2018 Lenten devotional, *Jesus and the Prophets*, are now available outside the church office and in the narthex. Pick your copy up today!

Wednesday Lenten Luncheons at First United Methodist Church will begin on February 14th at Noon (each week through Wed., March 28th). The cost of lunch will be \$5.00 per plate. GMPC will host lunch on the 21st of March. We are grateful to FUMC for hosting these meditations and luncheons for the community during the Lenten season. Everyone is welcome.

Please join us on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. for **GMPC's Ash Wednesday Service**, as we begin our journey through the season of Lent.

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: February 17, 2018.**

MISSION BUDDIES: (PreK-12th Grade, 3rd Sunday, monthly, as part of Sunday School)
Next Opportunity: February 18, 2018.

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting and Pig Picking** will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the MacQueen Fellowship Hall. The orders of business include: 1) Review of the 2017 Year End Financial and Statistical Report and 2) Election of the 2018 Nominating Committee. This is also the time we look forward to recognizing and introducing all new members received and all babies and children baptized during the past year. *(This Year's Church Spring Work Day will be held on Saturday, March 24th.)

Presbyterian Penny Pincher Project: A coin collection challenge to the GMPC congregation, for our annual March fundraiser, will begin March 1st. The special penny pincher "collection cup" will be made available soon.

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.

GMPC's **Prayer Request Cards** are located in the pews for your convenience. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the prayer request card and place it in the offering plate.

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>.