

Service For The Lord's Day
Third Sunday in Lent
4 March 2018

Assemble In God's Name

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "The Heavens Are Telling" Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "How Lovely, Lord" MERLE'S TUNE

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 19 (NRSV) Lauren Perry

Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 **Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- 4 **yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.**
- 5 In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out
like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- 6 **Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of
the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
- 8 **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**
- 9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of
the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine
gold; sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden
faults.**
- 13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be
blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable to you, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer.**

Let us pray together: **Faithful God, you sent us your Word as the sun of truth and justice to shine upon all the world. Open our eyes to see your glory in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 61 "Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Lord, hear our confession today as we prepare to come to your table. In your mercy forgive our sins and wash us in your Word of truth. We confess that often we see only what we want to see. Refocus our vision, so we can see what really is and understand what ought to be. Heal us from the open wounds that separate us from you and from one another. Remind us yet again that in Christ we are free to live fully in the present as well as trust in the future you have prepared for us. By your Spirit help us to experience your presence. Receive our confession, and turn our hearts back to you. In the name of Jesus 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: Hear the good news! The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

Proclaim God's Word

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17 OT 66

** HYMN 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (first verse)
Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "Cleaning House"

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

SECOND LESSON: John 2:13-22 NT 93

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Righteous Zeal" Dr. Stephen Wilkins

* HYMN 394 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

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

Give Thanks To God

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. John Helgen

(Visitors please fill out cards in pew rack and place in offering plate)

* DOXOLOGY (Hymnal) No. 606

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Hymnal) pg. 35

BREAKING THE BREAD AND OFFERING THE CUP

PRAYER

Go In God's Name

* HYMN 157 "I Danced in the Morning"

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"From the Rising of the Sun" RISING SUN

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "Sunset to Sunrise Changes Now" arr. Gilbert Martin
"Sunset to sunrise changes now, for God doth make his world anew; on the redeemer's throne - crowned brows the wonders of that dawn we view."
-Clement of Alexandria

* Those who are able, please stand

** Seating of worshippers

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.

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.

March ushers are: Brad Seppl, Bill Fulton, Fred Beaujeu-Dufour,
Lawton Eure, Michael Bradley, Eli Bradley, Plato Faison

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

Tim Shankweiler - REX

OTHERS:

Betty Hairr - (Mother of Vickie Pope)

Juaweese Franklin - (Mother of Melissa Nimmo)

Christine Stacey - (Mother of Lara Capparuccia)

Joe Kozel - (Father of Kristi Williford)

David Askins - (Former GMPC member)

Kathryn Whitley-Jordan - (Former GMPC Choir Director)

Hewitt Fulton - (Father of Bill Fulton)

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

Vivian Fidelia Someliana-Lauer & family - (Grandaughter of Sean and Lara Capparuccia)

AT HOME

Martha Dunn

Margaret Register

Julie Stefanovich

Ardella Boyette

Beth Stewart

Sunday, February 25, 2018 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...		
My Presence:	Sunday School Attendance 64	~ Worship Attendance 132
My Gifts:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$6,900.00	\$40,243.00
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 240.00	\$ 8,330.00
Needed for the Church Budget:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Operating Budget	\$5,942.00	\$47,536.00
Building Fund	\$ 660.00	\$ 5,280.00

March: (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)

- 04 - 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group: Red Rover to FUMC
- 05 - 3:00 p.m. - Circle #1 (Home of Joni Fay Fetterman)
- 7:00 p.m. - Circle #2 (Memorial Room)
- 06 - 10:00 a.m. - Circle #3 (Fellowship Hall)
- 07 - 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Luncheons at FUMC
- 11 - 8:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast @ 1st FUMC
- 9:45 a.m. - Confirmation Class #7
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.) Birthday Offering
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
- 12 - 5:00 p.m. - Columbarium Committee Meeting w/ Robert Hayter
- 7:00 p.m. - P.W. Quarterly Gathering & Birthday Observance

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

The Church Office will be staffed by volunteers the week of March 5th.

Office Hours: Monday, March 5th, Wednesday, March 7th, & Friday, March 9th, from 9 to Noon.

Presbyterian Penny Pincher Project: A coin collection challenge to the GMPC congregation, for our annual March Building Fundraiser, has been issued. Get your special "collection cup" from the narthex or Church office, put it in a prominent place at home and empty your pockets, purses and piggybanks every day for a month! Bring your cup of coins each week and dump it in the container located in the narthex, to be counted. This special project will end on March 31st. So start collecting loose change from the sofa, the car, the laundry room and become a *'penny-pincher'* every day! Everyone can participate – every little bit helps... pennies, dimes and quarters -lots of them, we hope! (Of course, bills and checks will also be accepted!)

CAKES NEEDED for the March 8th First Baptist Soup Kitchen. We ask that all cakes be delivered to the GMPC kitchen by NOON, Wednesday, March 7th. (*Note Change in time.)

*Please contact March coordinator: Anne Price to place your name on the list.

The **Presbyterian Men's Breakfast Meeting** for March will be on the 11th, beginning 8:15 a.m., at First United Methodist Church. We hope all men will join us for breakfast and fellowship! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The **Presbyterian Women Quarterly Gathering / Birthday Observance** will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Program Coordinator: Diane Barwick.

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

March Mission: SUNSHINE BOXES! (Please submit supplies by Friday, March 16, 2018.)

The idea behind a sunshine box is to fill a package with things that are yellow to give the recipient a small present that will bring a little sunshine to their day. The real gift is that the recipient knows you've been thinking of them enough to put the gift together and surprise them with it. *A Mission Buddies donation bin is in the fellowship hall. **ITEMS NEEDED:** ANYTHING YELLOW! Juicy Fruit Gum, Mr. Goodbars, Butterfingers, Golden Oreo Cups, Small Bags of Lay's Chips, Peanut M&M's, YooHoo's, Artificial Flowers, Ribbon, Soap, Lotion, Chap stick, etc...

Wednesday Lenten Luncheons at First United Methodist Church began on February 14th at Noon and will be held 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.

The **Church Spring Work Day** is planned for Saturday, March 24th beginning at 8:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to come out and be a part of our efforts. There should be something for everyone to jump in and help with. Please get together with your Sunday School Class or other groups within the church and work together to cover the room or area that you utilize. If that area is already covered please consider a common area that needs some work. We should be working all morning, so please come for whatever time you can.

PresbyCrew Easter Egg Hunt: will be held on March 28th. Once again we are asking for donations of plastic eggs filled with 1 piece of candy, gum, Bible verse, sticker, etc. (*More than one item per egg is okay but not necessary!) Bags for collecting the eggs will be provided.

*Please bring your donations (at least one dozen per child) to the office by March 28th.