

*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  
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter  
1 April 2018**

**Assemble In God's Name**

RINGING OF THE BELLS  
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

\*\* PRELUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Fillmore/Landon

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION (repeat three times)

Minister: Christ Is Risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"  
(first & second verse) EASTER HYMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\* THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" TRURO

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 118 (NRSV) Bill Scott  
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

**2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

14 The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

**15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the  
righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

**17 I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

18 The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

**19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may  
enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

20 This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

**21 I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us pray together: **Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow him and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord. Amen.**

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

\* HYMN 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (third & fourth verse)

**Proclaim God's Word**

FIRST LESSON: Mark 16:1-8 NT 54

\*\* HYMN 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "It's Easter!"

\*\* SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Vivian Fidelia Someliana-Lauer

Presentation of the Child

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

\*Affirmation of Faith "Apostles' Creed" (Hymnal) pg. 35

Baptism of the Child

Special Music "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

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

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 25:1, 6-9 OT 652

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "We Trusted in Him, and He Saved Us." Dr. Wilkins

\* HYMN "Because He Lives" Gloria & William J. Gaither; RESURRECTION

*God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because He lives.*

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

*And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.*

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

**Give Thanks To God**

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT  
PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Julian Faircloth Beaujeu-Dufour*

*Silas Graham Bradley*

*Tucker Howard Fox*

*Bailey Autumn Spell*

*Spencer Batie Westerbeek*

*(John Andrews Lear Barwick to be received at a later date.)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Alleluia! Rejoice" Gregg Sewell, GMPC Choir

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

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymnal) No. 606

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Go In God's Name**

\* HYMN 233 "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"Christ Is Alive, and Comes to Bring Good News" TRURO

\* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\* POSTLUDE "Fanfare of 'Easter Hymn'" arr. Thomas Chesterton

\* Those who are able, please stand

\*\* Seating of worshippers

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is being received this morning – special envelopes are available in the pews.

**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.**

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Cameron & Marquita Someliana-Lauer present their daughter,  
Vivian Fidelia Someliana-Lauer, born February 10, 2018,  
for the Sacrament of Baptism.

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*THE EASTER LILIES AND GREENERY  
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
BY THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SEASONAL FLOWER COMMITTEE*

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April ushers are: Richard Bryan, Robert Giehls, James Dodson,  
Will Dodson, John Surratt, Neal Matthews, Shawn Matthews

## 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:**

*Juaweese Franklin – (Mother of Melissa Nimmo);  
Kathryn Whitley-Jordan – (Former GMPC Choir Director);  
Christine Stacey – (Mother of Lara Capparuccia); Michael Tew – (Son of Ellen Tew);  
Betty Hairr – (Mother of Vickie Pope); Bobby Stanley – (Brother-in-Law of Ted Qualls);  
Joe Kozel – (Father of Kristi Williford); Hewitt Fulton – (Father of Bill Fulton);  
Vivian Fidelia Someliana-Lauer & family – (Grandaughter of Sean and Lara Capparuccia)*

### **AT HOME**

Martha Dunn  
Margaret Register  
Julie Stefanovich  
Ted Lockerman  
Beth Stewart  
Tim Shankweiler  
Lois Denny

### **SYMPATHY TO:**

*Stan Mertz and family* on the passing of his brother, Robert Mertz.

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

02 -	-	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
04 -	6:30 p.m. -	First Wednesday Fellowship & Covered Dish
08 -	8:15 a.m. -	Presbyterian Men's Breakfast @ GMPC
	11:00 a.m. -	Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.)
	2:00 p.m. -	Session Meeting
09 -	3:00 p.m. -	Circle #1 (Home of Myrtle Petty)
	7:00 p.m. -	Circle #2 (Memorial Room)
10 -	10:00 a.m. -	Circle #3 (Memorial Room)
11 -	3:00 p.m. -	PresbyCrew
15 -	11:00 a.m. -	Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.) MISSION BUDDIES; Ordination/Installation of Newly Elected Elders
	5:00 p.m. -	Youth Groups
17 -	9:00 a.m. -	Newsletter Deadline

## **OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .**

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

Our next **First Wednesday Fellowship and Covered Dish Meal** will be on April 4th, at 6:30 p.m., in the MacQueen Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dishes to share.

*April Host: Presbyterian Men & Friends in Faith Ministry*

**La Leche League of Sampson County.** Breastfeeding? Or pregnant and planning ahead? Join us the 1st Thursday of every month, in the GMPC Nursery, at 10:00 a.m. The La Leche League of Sampson County, led by Lucy Lockamy, will offer valuable breastfeeding support and information for all women within our community. **Next Date: April 5, 2018**

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

**CAKES NEEDED** for the April 12th First Baptist Soup Kitchen. We ask that all cakes be delivered to the GMPC kitchen by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 11th.

\*Please contact April coordinator: Dale Purcell to place your name on the list.

On Sunday, April 15, 2018, we will **Ordain and Install the Newly Elected Elders.** We thank the Class of 2017, for their faithful service during the last three years!

The **Church Spring Work Day** is planned for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to come out and be a part of our efforts.

**Challenging ALL Faith Groups:** Come to the church work day on the 21st and work with your GMPC friends to help make our facilities and grounds look great!! The Faith Group that has the most members helping will win a "prize" for each member that is present. Thanks! Brenda Nordin

**MISSION BUDDIES: (PreK-12th Grade, 3rd Sunday, monthly, as part of Sunday School)**

**April Mission: BIRTHDAY BOXES!** (Please submit supplies by Friday, April 13, 2018.)

A Birthday Box is a "party in a box", given to families with children who may not otherwise have a celebration on their special day. The Christian Food Bank of Salemburg will distribute the boxes providing children-in-need with Happy Birthday's! **ITEMS NEEDED:** Cake Mix, Frosting, Packs of Birthday Candles, Birthday Cards, Bags of Balloons, Party Favors (Hats, Noise Makers, Birthday Banners), Birthday Wrapping Paper, Small Toys for Boys & Girls (\*Quality Toys that are well crafted/constructed.) **\*A Mission Buddies donation bin is located in the fellowship hall.**