

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
Fifth Sunday of Easter
14 May 2017**

Assemble In God's Name

RINGING OF THE BELLS

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "Prelude on 'DIX'" Kocher/Goss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" NYLAND

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 31 (NRSV) Anne Price

Congregation Responses in **Bold**

1 In you O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

5 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Let us pray together: **Helper of the helpless, comforter of the afflicted, may your servants who stand in the midst of evil find the strength in the knowledge of your presence, and praise you for the wonders of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen**

* HYMN 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Gracious Lord, our efforts at being faithful seem to produce mixed results. Sometimes we do what is right and the result is pain and suffering. Other times we turn our back on what is right and things seem to go just fine. Faithful living is confusing to us. Forgive us when we are faithful just to gain an advantage. Forgive us when we reject faithful living because we can't see any advantage. Have mercy on us, we pray, and help us to love You so deeply that the only desire of our heart is to honor You with our lives, no matter what the outcome. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

* Silent Confession

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

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 48)

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

People: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

Proclaim God's Word

FIRST LESSON: I Timothy 6:11-19 NT 210

** HYMN 175 "Seek Ye First" (first verse)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "The Role of a Servant" Lou Johnson

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

SECOND LESSON: John 13:1-17 NT 107

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "A Spirit of Service and Servanthood" Rev. Chad Neal

* HYMN 187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

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

Give Thanks To God

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Call" Herbert/Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

(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 738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
"O Jesus, You Have Promised" NYLAND

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "Gavotte" J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* 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.

We are delighted to welcome to our pulpit today Rev. Chad Neal. Rev. Neal and his wife, Cindy, are Presbyterian ministers working with Global Training Network to train indigenous pastors in Kenya, Africa. They have served as pastors in PCUSA congregations for over 30 years, working with churches in New Jersey, Illinois, and North Carolina. They have two children who live in the Raleigh Durham area.

*THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF
MR. AND MRS. E.K. BRISTOW, MR. AND MRS. A. E. KENNEDY, SR.,
MR. A. E. KENNEDY, JR., AARON E. KENNEDY, III
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF*

*MR. MONTE B. BRISTOW, SR. AND MRS. FLORIEDEL KENNEDY BRISTOW
BY MR. AND MRS. BOYDE BRISTOW, MRS. MARY DUDLEY,
MISS CHRISTY BRISTOW AND FAMILIES*

May ushers are: Matt Johnson, Mark Harrell, Henry Faison, John Fox, III, John Fox, IV, Jeffrey Howard, Mac Purcell, Billy Prestage

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: **REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

HOSPITAL/ASSISTED LIVING

Doc Fields – Southwood; Rm. 109
Frances Hubbard - GlenAire
Margaret Faircloth – Mary Gran; Rm. 715
Gene Freeman – Mary Gran; Rm. 101
Geneva Matthis – Wilmington

OTHERS:

*Angie Prucha – (Daughter of Edwin Danford);
Catie Ross – (Friend of Lou Johnson)
William Dodson- (Father of James Dodson)
Betty Hairr – (Mother of Vickie Pope)
Joyce Carlton – (Former GMPC member)
Joe Butler – (Brother-in-law of Penny Horne)
Juaweese Franklin – (Mother of Melissa Nimmo)
Margaret Williamson – (Aunt of Kermit Williamson, Dale Purcell & Wanda Coleman)*

AT HOME

Barbara Kerr
Martha Dunn
Tink Purcell
Margaret Register
Linda Williamson
Katie Brown
Savannah Jackson
Doris Hollingsworth
Mike Brown

Sunday, May 7, 2017 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...		
My Presence:	Sunday School Attendance 43	~ Worship Attendance 96
My Gifts:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$9,786.00	\$118,968.57
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 790.00	\$ 20,478.83
Needed for the Church Budget:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Operating Budget	\$4,504.63	\$85,587.97
Building Fund	\$1,525.38	\$28,982.22

May: (Wednesday's: Handbells (Summer Break)/Choir at 7:00 p.m.)

- 14 - ~~5:00 p.m.~~ - NO Youth Group: Happy Mother's Day
- 21 - 8:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast @ GMPC (Last)
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.) Rev. Chad Neal
- TTBA - Youth Group: Kayak/Canoe Trip: Camp Rockfish/Lake Upchurch
- 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
- 22 - 5:00 p.m. - Youth Fundraising Event at Pizza Inn of Clinton
- 23 - 9:00 a.m. - Newsletter Deadline
- 28 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.) Rev. Jerry Bron
- ~~5:00 p.m.~~ - NO Youth Group: Memorial Day Weekend
- 29 - - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

The last **Presbyterian Men's Breakfast Meeting** before summer break will be on Sunday, May 21st, at 8:15 a.m., here at GMPC. All men are invited to join us for a time of fellowship! *(Please note this is the 3rd Sunday, due to Mother's Day.)

A **Pizza Inn - Youth Fundraising Event** will be held on Monday, May 22nd from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please come and support our GMPC Youth program by eating at the Pizza Inn of Clinton with your family and friends on May 22nd! 10% of all sales collected on this night will go towards the GMPC Montreat Youth Trip. Thank you for your support!

We invite you all to attend the CENTRAL COMMUNITY GATHERING on June 3, 2017, 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. at MacPherson Presbyterian Church, 3525 Cliffdale Road, Fayetteville, N.C. We are excited to be living out Coastal Carolina's fresh vision from the Sandhills of N.C. as we gather to do things differently... Discovering more ways to do mission together, awakening spiritual imagination and congregational vitality, strengthening our relationships... You can look forward to lots of discussion time, very little business, much laughter, quality interaction, and unique worship. *Call the church office to sign-up by May 26th. Carpooling will be arranged. Cost: \$10.00 payable at the door.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 12th – 15th, 9 to Noon. MAKER FUN FACTORY – Created by GOD – Built for a Purpose... This VBS is where kids will learn they were created by God and built for a purpose! It will be an amazing adventure that will help deepen their faith by discovering our loving God made each of us. It will ground kids in the solid foundation of Jesus's love, a love that gives our lives an incredible purpose and meaning. *Registrations are available in the church office. Deadline to register is June 1st. **Interested in assisting or volunteering? ... contact Lou Johnson.

Graduation Time is approaching... Don't forget to call the church office to share the news! We love announcing all high school, college and graduate school scholars.

2017 Summer Camp Information: Please visit the following links for camp details/dates: Camp Kirkwood: <http://www.campkirkwoodnc.org/summer-camps.html> (910)251-9622, Monroe Camp & Retreat Center: <http://www.monroecamp.org/> (910)276-1654.

A "**Lost and Found**" Dishes Box is located in the Ice Room here at GMPC. Please stop by and check it regularly for any of your dishes that you may have left behind.

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

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: June 20, 2017.**

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.