

*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
Seventh Sunday of Easter
17 May 2015**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE Variations on "Shall We Gather At The River"
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" MONDLAND
*Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 1 (NRSV) Mac Spell
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 **but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield
their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
- 4 **The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Let us pray together: **Eternal God, in your loving wisdom you set us beside the fountain of life, like a tree planted by running streams. Fill us with a love of your wisdom, that we may bear fruit in the beauty of holiness; through Christ, the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.**

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

* HYMN 612 "We Praise You, O God"

KREMSER

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **God of lasting forgiveness, You are not surprised to find us standing before Your throne once again, asking for Your forgiveness. It's true, Father: we have sinned again. In our thinking, in our doing, in our negligence, and in our self-righteousness, we ask once more for Your persevering forgiveness. God, we harbor an unfounded fear that, one day, Your grace will run out, that Your forgiveness will be exhausted. But each time we come before You, You once more welcome us with open arms. We do not understand why You love us so, but, as a people in desperate need of salvation, we graciously accept what You offer. Thank You for a forgiveness that has not failed and will never fail. In the Name of Jesus Christ—who has forgiven all—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: The prophet Isaiah foretells of the coming of our savior.

People: But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

Leader: The prophet tells us of our forgiveness.

People: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI

(Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Luke 6:43-49 NT 65

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "Jesus Says"

(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Linda Carr)

ANTHEM "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" arr. K. Lee Scott

SECOND LESSON: Galatians 1:11-24 NT 187

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Be Different" Rev. Chad Neal

* HYMN 457 "How Happy Are the Saints of God" WAREHAM

* APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) (Hymnal) Page 35

PASTORAL PRAYER

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "I Danced In The Morning" Douglas E Wagner

(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 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy" AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" RANDOLPH

* THE TAKING OF THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" Arcangelo Corelli

* 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 The Rev. Chad Neal as he leads us in worship. Rev. Neal and his wife Cindy are on staff with Global Training Network (GTN), a mission agency which focuses on training indigenous pastors and church leaders in Africa,

Asia, South America and the Middle East. Chad and Cindy are currently working with pastors in Kisii County, Kenya and will begin working with Christian leaders in Tete Province in Mozambique this summer. Before joining GTN Chad served churches as pastor or copastor for over 30 years. The Neals have two adult children who live in the Raleigh/Durham area.

*A rose is placed on the communion table in celebration
of the birth of Abigail Violet Lee Howard,
Daughter of Andrew and Kendall Lane Howard, born May 12, 2015.
Grandparents are Tim and Lee Howard.*

**THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF
MR. AND MRS. FRANK WARREN AND**

MR. AND MRS. J. B. BAUGHN

BY MR. AND MRS. JEFF WARREN AND FAMILY

The GMPC Handbell Ensemble are guest musicians today at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Barbara Werner, a member of St. Paul's church, has been ringing with our handbell choir for more than twenty years. We appreciate her faithful service to our music program.

May ushers are: Matt Johnson, Henry Faison, John Fox III,
John Fox IV, Jeffrey Howard, Mac Purcell, Alex Purcell, Jimmy Sinclair
CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: **REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

HOSPITAL/ASSISTED LIVING

OTHERS:

James Faircloth - (Father of Nancy Johnston)

Angie Prucha - (Daughter of Edwin Danford)

Shirley Poston - (Mother of Pam Langston)

Margaret Williamson - (Mother of Wanda Coleman, Dale Purcell & Kermit Williamson)

Patricia Sammons - SRMC ICU

AT HOME

Jimmy Naylor

Barbara Kerr

Martha Dunn

Pam Langston

Janie Faircloth

SYMPATHY TO:

*Courtney Shaffer and family on the passing of her mother, and GMPC member,
Katherine Starling Stewart.*

May/June:

- 17 - 1:30 p.m. - Youth: Hiking at Raven Rock
- 7:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
- 24 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.)
 - **NO** Sr. & Jr. High Youth
- 25 - - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 31 - 5:30 p.m. - Youth & Youth Parent Meeting: Illuminate Interest
- 06 - 7:00 a.m.- GMPC Yard Sale
- 07 - 9:00 a.m.- Graduate Breakfast: GMPC Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m.- Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.)
- 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

GMPC Congregational Questionnaire: The columbarium exploration committee is seeking input from our congregation as a columbarium is considered for GMPC. Pictures and examples of the various types of columbaria and memorial gardens are on display in the Banner Room. Questionnaires & Response Boxes are located in the Banner Room & outside the Church Office. We are requesting your responses on or before May 31st.

NEPAL Disaster Assistance Needed: The scale of the disaster facing Nepal after the April 25th earthquake is becoming clearer. The quake and its aftershocks have left thousands of people dead and thousands more injured. GMPC ask that you please consider making a monetary donation to help with the relief efforts. All donations will be wired directly to Shanti Nepal, a Nepali Christian organization, organized by former GMPC member and missionary Dr. Dick Harding. To learn more about Shanti Nepal please visit: www.shantinepal.org.np. Donations made to GMPC, for Nepal, will be received thru May 31st.

Clear your clutter and help support GMPC's Building Fund! GMPC will hold a public "**Yard Sale**" in our fellowship Hall, **Saturday, June 6th, 2015**. 7:00 AM-NOON again this year. All proceeds will benefit our Building Fund. So ... clean your attic, garage, closets, etc. & bring any items you would like to donate to the Fellowship Hall beginning the week of Mon., June 1st. *Items accepted: gently used children's clothes (NO shoes or adult clothing), Books (No magazines), household items, furniture, dishes, pictures, decorative items, etc.* We are in need of lots of volunteers in organizing this event as we get closer: sorting, pricing, arranging items, advertising, attendants, clean-up. Please contact Brenda Nordin 990-1668 to assist in this project or if you need assistance in getting your items to the church the week of the 1st.

Our **graduates will be honored during worship on Sunday, June 7th, 2015** and prior to worship the Graduate Breakfast for the seniors, their families, and all of the middle and high school youth will be held in the GMPC Fellowshiphall with breakfast provided by the Presbyterian Women. If you are interested in helping to plan or prepare/serve breakfast, contact: Bonnie Barr or the Church Office.

GMPC Vacation Bible School 2015: Clean Water for All God's Children, where we will learn what scripture teaches us about water, and our responsibility for the goodness of creation, and for the care of the physical health of others, as we build relationships with one another. *Adults/Youth: Interested in assisting our volunteering, June 22nd – 25th,... contact VBS Director Lisa Green or the Church Office today! *Registrations to be mailed June 1st.