

*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  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
21 May 2017**

**We Assemble to Worship**

RINGING OF THE BELLS

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

\*\* PRELUDE "O Lord Most Holy" F. Abt/B. Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\* THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Take Time to Be Holy, Speak Oft with Thy Lord" HOLINESS

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 66 (NRSV) David Nordin  
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

8 Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

9 **who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.**

10 For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.

11 **You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;**

12 you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

13 **I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,**

14 those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

15 **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

17 **I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**

18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.

19 **But truly God has listened;  
he has give heed to the words of my prayer.**

20 Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

Let us pray together: **God of power and might, you bring your people out of darkness and slavery into light and freedom through the waters of salvation. Receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and keep us always in your steadfast love; 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 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Heavenly Father, we come before Your throne of grace to confess our sin. We have been selfish instead of generous; we have been proud instead of humble; we have held grudges instead of forgiving; we have proven over and over again that we cannot be good enough on our own. We need more of You, and less of ourselves. Gracious God, we ask for Your forgiveness and receive it with joyful hearts. We look to You for our forgiveness, for we only have complete redemption through Your grace. In Jesus' 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 (from I John 1)

Leader: If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

**People: But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light,**  
Leader: we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus  
His Son cleanses us from all sin.

People: In Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

\* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

**We Proclaim the Word**

FIRST LESSON: I Peter 1:13-16 NT 232

\*\* 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: "Playing by the Rules" Rev. Chad Neal  
(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Tami Warren)

ANTHEM "When We Are Living" arr. Hal Hopson

SECOND LESSON: Judges 16:1-22 OT 234

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "What is Your Kryptonite?" Rev. Chad Neal

\* HYMN (Please see insert.)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

**We Respond to God**

OFFERTORY "God and God Alone" with "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

arr. Cindy Berry

(*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 720 "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN  
"Take Time to Be Holy, the World Rushes On" HOLINESS

\* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\* POSTLUDE "Marche" Jeremiah Clarke (1659-1707)

\* 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.

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*THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND UPON REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
DR. LEWIS M. FETTERMAN, JR.,  
GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY BY HIS FAMILY,  
JONI FAY, CHARLOTTE, MARK, TREY, AND MADELINE*

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*THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX ARE GIVEN TO  
THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF  
LEWIS MORRIS FETTERMAN, III AND  
MADELINE ELIZABETH POPE FETTERMAN*

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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

Geneva Matthis – Wilmington

**AT HOME**

Barbara Kerr

Martha Dunn

Tink Purcell

Margaret Register

Linda Williamson

Doris Hollingsworth

Mike Brown

Gene Freeman

**OTHERS:**

*Angie Prucha – (Daughter of Edwin Danford);*

*Catie Ross – (Friend of Lou Johnson)*

*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 – (Mother of Kermit Williamson, Dale Purcell & Wanda Coleman)*

**SYMPATHY TO:** *John, Robert, Peter, Jean, and families* on the passing of their mother and GMPC member, Jean Marguerite Paul Powell.

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

- 21 - ~~TTBA~~ Youth Group: Kayak/Canoe Trip: CANCELED  
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting w/ A.C. (Memorial Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 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 . . .**

A **Pizza Inn - Youth Fundraising Event** will be held on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>! 10% of all sales collected on this night will go towards the GMPC Montreat Youth Trip. Thank you for your support!

**GET INVOLVED SPOTLIGHT: Christian Food Bank of Salemburg**

GMPC has been a part of the Christian Food Bank of Salemburg since April 2014. The food Bank is a Christian, non-profit organization from our community that provides food to homeless, poor and low income citizens of Sampson County, N.C. every 3rd Saturday, monthly. Youth meet on the Wednesday prior to the third Saturday at 6:45 p.m. and Seniors meet on the Thursday prior to the third Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to help sort and pack food bags. Adult & Youth Volunteers help distribute the food bags on the third Saturdays (volunteers should arrive prior to 9 a.m.).

**Needed:** Volunteers. Dried Beans, Peanut Butter, Breakfast Items, Can Soup, Can Vegetables, Rice/Pasta, Can Fruit & Grocery Bags. *\*(In an effort to bring awareness to the many mission opportunities here at GMPC we will "spotlight" one mission every six weeks or so. We ask that you please consider giving regularly to these programs in need of your help.)*

**Everyone is invite 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.

You are cordially invited to a **SPRING VOICE RECITAL** at the Victor Small Cultural Center on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. GMPC's very own Melina Matthews, Holly Weaver, Ian Parker, Elinor Morkos, and Larisa Capparuccia along with other students of Barbara Taylor will be singing.

**GMPC Summer Concert Series:** Please plan to attend GMPC's Summer Concert Series. GMPC is presenting this series as a way to engage the Clinton community, so please invite your friends and neighbors. **June 11<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Robert Nosow, cellist, & Lara Capparuccia, pianist, present Muczynski's Cello & Piano Sonata & others. **July 16<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas in July Organ Recital w/ Ian Parker & Friends. **August 13<sup>th</sup>:** The Duplin Dulcimers, folk/mountain music. **September 10<sup>th</sup>:** The Clinton Ringers Handbell Concert. Each concert will be at 3pm on Sunday afternoons.

**Vacation Bible School will be held June 12th – 15th, 9 to Noon. MAKER FUN FACTORY – Created by GOD – Built for a Purpose...** Imagine a curious world where children become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God and built for a purpose. With this VBS, children experience God-the ultimate Maker-in new and wildly creative ways through games, crafts, Bible activities and more! \*Registrations are available in the church office. **Deadline to register is June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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

**Calling all Men!** The Graves Memorial Men's Chorus will be singing September 3rd for worship. We will have a couple of rehearsals in late August. Please consider lending your voices to the Chorus for this event. See Sean or Lara Capparuccia after worship if you are interested and would like more information.

**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.