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 Day of Pentecost 24 May 2015

### **We Assemble to Worship**

RINGING OF THE BELLS BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

\*\* PRELUDE "Spirit of the Living God"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

\*\* THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "God, Be the Love" GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me, God be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me; O Christ, surround me...

Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold;

Prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround me...

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 104 (NRSV) Hollis White Congregation Responses in **Bold** 

- O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.
- 26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
- 27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
- when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- 29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.
- 31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

# may the LORD rejoice in his works—

- who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.
- I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
  I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Let us pray together: God of majesty, we are constantly surrounded by your gifts and touched by your grace; our words of praise do not approach the wonders of your love. Send forth your Spirit, that our lives may be refreshed and the whole world may be renewed, in 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 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**HYFRYDOL** 

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: Holy One, we confess to You that often we make excuses for not following the way You have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with You to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for You in the face of others, nor allow others to see You in our own actions. Too often have we doubted Your presence and failed to worship You with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of 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: Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect,

People: So that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God,

Leader: To make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

People: Because he himself was tested by what he suffered,
he is able to help those who are being tested.

(Hebrews 2:17-18)

All: Through Jesus, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

#### We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 NT 110

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

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

ANTHEM "A Mighty Wind Blows Over the Land" Carter/Beall David Rives, Tenor Solo

A mighty wind blows over the land... Hush! Can you hear it? What can the mighty wind be?

A tongue of flame leaps into the sky... Look! Can you see it? What can this mighty flame be?... It is the Spirit, the spirit of God. It is the breath, the heat of His word. The Spirit of God!

SECOND LESSON: Rom. 8:22-27 NT 158

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "These Dry Bones Will Live" Dr. Moran

\* HYMN 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

## We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (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 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" EBENEZER

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"O Christ, Surround Me" GREEN TYLER

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears who hear my voice. Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me.

- \* THE TAKING OF THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD
- \* POSTLUDE "Toccata in E Minor"

\* 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.

#### 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, TREY, CHARLOTTE AND MARK

#### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: REMEMBER IN PRAYER... HOSPITAL/ASSISTED LIVING AT HOME

Jimmy Naylor Barbara Kerr Martha Dunn Pam Langston Janie Faircloth

#### **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

May ushers are: Matt Johnson, Henry Faison, John Fox III, John Fox IV, Jeffrey Howard, Mac Purcell, Alex Purcell, Jimmy Sinclair

### May/June:

24 -- **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 31<sup>st.</sup>

**NEPAL Disaster Assistance Needed:** The scale of the disaster facing Nepal after the April 25<sup>th</sup> 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: <a href="https://www.shantinepal.org.np">www.shantinepal.org.np</a>. Donations made to GMPC, for Nepal, will be received thru May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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 Fellowship hall 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.

It's Graduation Time ... Don't forget to call the church office to share the news!

Please keep GMPC's Youth in your prayers as they plan and prepare for their upcoming mission trip: June 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. GMPC's youth will join forces with Raleigh Youth Mission where they will serve in a variety of mission settings in the Raleigh area. RYM's hope is that when youth experience a variety of work in different kinds of environments, they will also find their own God-given gifts and how they can use them. When youth discover God in unexpected places, (like on the margins of society) RYM hopes that they go home deciding to use their gifts in ways that help neighbors in their own communities.

A church wide **H20 Mission Fundraiser**, lead by the GMPC Youth, began May 10th. Bottles of water were handed out. They ask that you drink the water, fill the empty bottle with dimes, and return your filled bottle to the church by June 21<sup>st</sup>. Their goal is to raise \$1,250.00, to send to the PCUSA/Presbyterian gifts, to purchase a well that provides clean water for drinking, bathing, washing, and irrigation to an entire community. **\*H20 bottles still available.** 

**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  $22^{nd} - 25^{th}$ ,... contact VBS Director Lisa Green or the Church Office today! \*Registrations to be mailed June  $1^{st}$ .