

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
28 May 2017**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE Variants on "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Lois Hill
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"We Cannot Measure How You Heal" John Bell

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 68 (NRSV) Logan Dodson
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 1 Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked
perish before God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—
his name is the LORD—be exultant before him.**
- 5 Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
- 6 **God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**
- 7 O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
- 10 **your flock found a swelling in it; in your goodness,
O God, you provided for the needy.**
- 32 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,
- 33 **O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.
- 35 **Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

Let us pray together: **Lord Jesus, you came to us in our bondage,
and led us to freedom by the cross and resurrection. May our
lives praise you, and our lips proclaim your mighty power to all
people that they may find their hope in you, and live to your
honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

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

* HYMN 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with
our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have
been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to
the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

* Silent Confession

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

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only
Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns
in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has
begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.**

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 51 (Message Version of the Bible)

** 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: "Let's Go Swimming"
(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Tami Warren)

ANTHEM "Sometimes a Light Surprises" William Cowper, 1779
(see hymn 800 for the text)

SECOND LESSON: John 5:1-18 (Message Version of the Bible)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Urgent Care Jesus' Style" Rev. Jerry Bron

* HYMN 286 "Breath on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "How Beautiful Are The Feet of Them" Handel

(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 703 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" ST. CATHERINE

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN "Amen" Marty Haugen

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE Prelude from "Te Deum" Marc-Antonie Charpentier

* 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 IN MEMORY
OF MR. AND MRS. FRANK WARREN AND MR. AND MRS. J. B. BAUGHN
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN ROBERT ROSARIO
BY MR. AND MRS. JEFF WARREN AND FAMILY*

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
Don Wilson - SRMC

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)
Billy Green- (Step-father of Lou Johnson)
Margaret Williamson – (Mother of Kermit Williamson, Dale Purcell & Wanda Coleman)*

AT HOME

Barbara Kerr
Martha Dunn
Tink Purcell
Margaret Register
Linda Williamson
Doris Hollingsworth
Mike Brown
Gene Freeman

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

- 29 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 31 - 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 04 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.) Rev. Blankenship
- 2:00 p.m. - Balcony Team Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Thank you to everyone that supported our GMPC Youth program by eating at the Pizza Inn of Clinton on May 22nd or by making a monetary donation. Together we raised \$300.00, to go towards the GMPC Montreat Youth Trip. THANK YOU for your support!

GMPC SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: (Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m., June, July & August)
Adults: *The Reformation for Armchair Theologians by Glenn S. Sunshine.* Since 2017 marks the 500th year of the Protestant Reformation, we thought summer Sunday School would be a wonderful opportunity for GMPC membership to find out what in the world the Protestant Reformation was and what it means to us as Presbyterians today. We definitely stand on the shoulders of the past, but who were these men and women and what were these events that changed the world? We encourage all (regular Sunday School attendees, sometime attendees, anyone interested in the topic, college students, and those who never attend) to meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday this summer beginning June 4th as we explore the Reformation and our faith together.

Youth: Rotating Variety (Lion, Witch and Wardrobe, Questions of Faith, Faith Stories)

K-2nd & 3rd-5th: *Journey Through the Lord's Prayer*

Our **2017 High School Graduates will be honored** during worship on Sunday, June 4, 2017. Each high school senior will be presented a Bible and a book as a gift from the congregation. (Please stop by the Memorial Room to sign their book, to offer congratulations and best wishes to each of them, if you have yet to do so.)

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.

Summer Concert Series: Please make plans to attend GMPC's Summer Concert Series. Each concert will be at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. GMPC is presenting this series as a way to engage the Clinton community, so please invite your friends and neighbors. **June 11th:** Dr. Robert Nosow, cellist, & Lara Capparuccia, pianist, present Muczynski's Cello & Piano Sonata & others. **July 16th:** Christmas in July Organ Recital w/ Ian Parker & Friends. **August 13th:** The Duplin Dulcimers, folk/mountain music. **September 10th:** The Clinton Ringers Handbell Concert.

GMPC has a new Memorial Plaque in the choir room! Please stop by and see this lovely gift given to remember outstanding memorials and honorariums given to GMPC's music ministry.

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.)*

Vacation Bible School will be held June 12th – 15th, 9 to Noon daily. MAKER FUN FACTORY – Created by GOD – Built for a Purpose... (Registration Deadline is June 1st.)

This year's VBS will end with a program, on June 15th at 11:45 a.m., as our children showcase what they have learned. **A Sandwich Luncheon will follow at Noon.** *Please bring a sandwich to eat (Chips, drinks, and desserts will be provided).

Princeville, N.C. Mission Trip: St. Paul's Episcopal Church has invited GMPC to partner with them on their summer mission trip, led by Rev. Daniel Cenci, to Princeville, N.C. The trip will be multi-generational (ages 14 and up) and will be from July 30th - August 5th. All of the cost is covered except for meals. A \$50-\$100 donation from all participants is requested to help cover food cost. You may volunteer for the whole week or for just a few days (days must be specified in advance). The goal is to have at least 10 volunteers each day of the week. **If you are interested in serving on the "rebuilding team" for Princeville, to help those devastated by flooding, contact Anne Price: cell #252-209-4619.**