

*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  
4 June 2017**

**Assemble In God's Name**

RINGING OF THE BELLS  
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

\*\* PRELUDE "Menuetto I & II" from "Suite no. 2 in D Minor"  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

\* HYMN 515 "I Come with Joy" (Please Stand) DOVE OF PEACE

\* GRADUATE PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\* THE CONGREGATION GATHERS  
Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Send Us Your Spirit, Come to Us, Spirit of God" David Haas

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 104 (NRSV) Charlotte Harrell  
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

24 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;**  
28 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.**  
30 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—**  
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
**33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**  
34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.  
**35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Send Us Your Spirit, Fill Us with the Fire of Your Love" David Haas

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.**

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You speak to us in every language, but we refuse to heed your Word. You pour out the gifts of your Spirit, but we try to contain your grace. Forgive us; give us new life! Breathe upon us with your mercy and fill us with the power to proclaim the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Silent Confession

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

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver and gold,

**People: But with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.** (1 Peter 1:18-19)

**All: Through Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, we are forgiven.**

\* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

**Proclaim God's Word**

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21 NT 119

PRESENTATION TO THE GRADUATES: (*\*Unable to be with us this morning.*)

*Ryan Bizzell Carter – Mintz Christian Academy*

*\*William Scott Prestgae "Billy" – Harrells Christian Academy*

*\*Olivia Helen Huan Sessoms – Clinton High School*

\*\* HYMN 487 "These Treasured Children" (fourth verse)  
*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;  
empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "Listening for the Spirit"

\*\* P.A.T.H. OFFERING  
(*Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Linda Carr*)

SECOND LESSON: Numbers 11:24-30 OT 129

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Calling All Disciples" Rev. Katherine Blankenship

\* HYMN 688 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

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

**Give Thanks To God**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Christ Hath a Garden" Gerald Near  
"...Awake, O wind of Heaven, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:  
*Stir up, O boughs that bloom, 'til the beloved Master come...*"

(*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 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" EBENEZER

\* BLESSING AND CHORAL AMEN

"Send Us Your Spirit, Send Us the Wings of New Birth" D. Haas

\* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\* GRADUATE RECEPTIONAL (Please Remain Standing)

\* POSTLUDE "Holy Spirit, Lead Us" Bertha R. Frick

\* Those who are able, please stand

\*\* Seating of worshippers

The **P.A.T.H. Offering (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger)** is being received this morning. This offering, collected by GMPC since 1986, is sometimes called the 2 Cents a Meal Offering. Families are requested to "set aside" this amount per person, per meal in your family home and given bi-monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday when Communion is observed (February, April, June, August, October, December). Of this, 25% is withheld and used to supplement our own "Sick and Relief" benevolence. The remaining 75% is forwarded to our Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. The presbytery's disbursement formula for what they receive from participating churches is as follows: 40% for International support (countries such as Haiti, Malawi and Bangladesh); 25% for PC(USA) hunger projects; 25% for local hunger programs within our Presbytery and 10% for administration.

**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. Katherine Blankenship as she leads us in worship. Katherine is originally from Asheville, NC, a place she credits in the formation of her love of service, the mountains, and God. She is a graduate of Appalachian State University, received her Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Practical Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary, and is an ordained teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Before working with Raleigh Youth Mission, Katherine interned with Asheville Youth Mission and served as the Director of Youth Ministry for a congregation in Atlanta, GA. Through her ministry with youth and young adults, she works to name creative gifts and profound truths in their lives, most often through music, art, prayer, and laughter.

Thank you to cellist, Dr. Robert Nosow for providing special music for our prelude today.

Dr. Nosow and Lara Capparuccia will be presenting an afternoon concert of chamber music next Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

This is the first concert in GMPC's Summer Concert Series. Please make plans to attend.

June ushers are: David Brock, Hugh Barwick, Jim Johnston,  
Tim Pope, Melvin Weaver, Neill Westerbeek

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

**HOSPITAL/ASSISTED LIVING**

Doc Fields – Southwood; Rm. 109  
Frances Hubbard - GlenAire  
Margaret Faircloth – Mary Gran; Rm. 715  
Don Wilson – Mary Gran; Rm. 114

**AT HOME**

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

**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)*

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

- 04 - 2:00 p.m. - Balcony Team Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 11 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (\*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.) Rev. Blankenship
- 3:00 p.m. - Summer Concert Series
- 12 - 9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School – 15<sup>th</sup>
- 15 - 11:45 a.m. - VBS Program w/ Noon Sandwich Luncheon to follow
- 17 - 9:00 a.m. - Christian Food Bank of Salemburg

**OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .**

**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***

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 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.

**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 was June 1<sup>st</sup>.)

**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 30<sup>th</sup> - 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.**