

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
Trinity Sunday
11 June 2017**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "The Mystery of the Trinity" Peter Burkhardt
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Earth and All Stars" (See hymn #26 for the text.) Brokering/Johnson

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 8 (NRSV) Darby Scott
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

1 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

4 **what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

6 **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8 **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

[UNISON]

9 **O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Let us pray together: **God of glory, in the majesty of your creation you sought us out, and through Christ you crowned us with dignity and honor, giving us dominion over your works. May we think your thoughts and become wise in your wisdom, that we be worthy of our exalted place in creation, 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!" NICAEA

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Great God of the universe, who like a father promises us a wondrous inheritance, and like a mother loves us unconditionally, we come before you acknowledging your holy majesty, demonstrated to us in your creation, and revealed to us fully in the face of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In him, we have seen your glory and have come to know the depth, breadth, and height of your love. Such love summons us to respond in love; yet, we confess, we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we forgiven others as you have forgiven us. By your Holy Spirit, soften the hardness of our hearts, and empower us to glorify you with heartfelt worship and humble service, for the sake of Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

* Silent Confession

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

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: My friends, believe the good news; through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-2:4a OT 1

** 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: "Where will you go?"
(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Linda Carr)

ANTHEM "Holy Is the Lord" Schubert/Leavitt

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 28:16-20 NT 34

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Mountaintop Moment" Rev. Katherine Blankenship

* HYMN 298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "He Is Our Peace" Groves/Seal

(*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 4 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" G. GOTT, W. L. DICH

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN "Amen" Franz Schubert, 1827

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "Hymn to the Trinity" Cecil Scott-Devin

* 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. 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.

The Choir is pleased to welcome our newest members, Holly Weaver, soprano & Ian Parker, tenor.

Special thanks to Gabriel Capparuccia for accompanying the choir anthem with trombone.

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*THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GLEN WILSON "PETE" LOVELL AND MYRTLE JUNE LOVELL
BY GLENDA LOVELL UNDERWOOD AND FAMILY*
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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

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
Geneva Matthis
Gene Freeman

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

- 11 - 3:00 p.m. - **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** (Fellowship Hall)
- 12 - 9:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School – 15th
- 15 - 11:45 a.m. - VBS Program w/ Noon Sandwich Luncheon to follow
- 17 - 9:00 a.m. - Christian Food Bank of Salemburg
- 18 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.) Rev. Miglarese
- 19 - 6:30 p.m. - Friends in Faith meeting
- 20 - 9:00 a.m. - Newsletter Deadline

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

DESIGNATED PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (DPNC) NOMINATION FORMS will be included as bulletin inserts Sunday, June 11th & 18th, and may also be found on the GMPC webpage. If you wish to nominate persons for this capacity, please complete a Nomination form and return it to the church office no later than June 23, 2017. **A Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2017**, following worship, for the purpose of submitting the ballot for the election of the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee.

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.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 12th – 15th, 9 to Noon daily.

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).

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 & 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.)*

Please keep Sean and Lara Capparuccia in your prayers as they plan and prepare for this years Montreat Conference on Worship and Music, June 18th – 23rd.
**There will be NO CHOIR PRACTICE on Wednesday, June 21, 2017.*

Friends in Faith Volunteers Needed: *Friends in Faith* is a new program designed to provide a social connection to individuals who would benefit from visits, phone calls, meals, and/or cards, from a fellow church member(s) on a regular basis. This ministry, through volunteer effort, visits residences, nursing facilities and other home situations of church members. The goal is to offer spiritual and social support in an effort to keep all members fully engaged in the life of the church. We ask that you please prayerfully consider committing to one or more of the many outreach opportunities that this program has to offer as we look at new ways to continue sharing God's love. ***Please contact Program Coordinator, Brenda Nordin, #990-1668, to share your willingness to serve.**

GMPC SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: (Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m., June, July & August)

Adults: *The Reformation for Armchair Theologians by Glenn S. Sunshine.* (The Adult Class will meet at *9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.)

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

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

The **GMPC Wednesday Night Summer Picnics (Covered Dish) are always a delightful treat!** Bring your favorite dishes - enough for your family plus one. Dates are as follows (all at 6:30 p.m.): June 28th, July 12th & 26th, and August 9th. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.

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 by June 30th.**