

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
Third Sunday after Pentecost
25 June 2017**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE Variations on "Holy Spirit, Hear Us" arr. George Blake
ANNOUNCEMENTS

** THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"O Lord, Our God, How Excellent" WINCHESTER OLD

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 86 (NRSV) Ruthie Brock
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 1 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your
servant who trusts in you. You are my God;**
- 3 be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
- 4 **Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- 6 **Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.**
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.
- 8 **There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**
- 9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down
before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
- 10 **For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.**
- 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your
servant; save the child of your serving girl.
- 17 **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate
me may see it and be put to shame, because you,
LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

Let us pray together: **Eternal God, in every time and place and
circumstance your people call on you, rejoicing in your love and
cherishing your truth. Hear the prayers of our hearts that we
may be protected from sin and delivered from evil; 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 625 "O Lord My God"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Gracious and loving God, we stand in awe of You.
You are holy, You are worthy, You are perfect, You are God. But
our hearts often are indifferent, our wills often are enslaved,
and our actions betray our confession of faith. We are sinners in
desperate need of Your grace and love. Only by Your grace can
we stop the misdirection of our lives, and turn ourselves back
toward Your loving arms. Embrace us with Your loving
kindness, understand us with Your compassion, complete us
with Your redemption. encourage us with Your Spirit. In
humility and with thanksgiving, we pray in the Name of Jesus.
Amen.**

* Silent Confession

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

Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Isaiah 1:18)

Leader: "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord.

**People: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be
as white as snow;**

Leader: though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

**People: In Jesus Christ we are a forgiven people!
Hallelujah! Amen!**

* GLORIA PATRI

(Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 8 OT 492

** 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:

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

ANTHEM "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 5:43-48 NT 5

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Do You Look Like Your Daddy?" Rev. Chad Neal

* HYMN 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

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

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "My Heart Ever Faithful" J. S. Bach

(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 610 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"O Lord, Our God, How Excellent" WINCHESTER OLD

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "Rondo" S. Drummond Wolff

* 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.

Thank you to Neal Sinclair for leading the music in worship today.

*THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY
OF F. J. FAISON, SR., NELL P. FAISON AND
FERDINAND JOHNSON FAISON, JR. BY THE FAISON FAMILIES*

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
Betty Heaton – Mary Gran; Rm. 203

AT HOME

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

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)*

**SYMPATHY TO: Debbie Martin and family on the passing of her sister-in-law,
Patricia Ann Wrench Spell.**

Sunday, June 18, 2017 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...		
My Presence:	Sunday School Attendance 45	~ Worship Attendance 77
My Gifts:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$14,126.00	\$157,371.63
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 24,593.83
Needed for the Church Budget:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Operating Budget	\$4,504.63	\$112,615.75
Building Fund	\$1,525.38	\$ 38,134.50

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

- 25 - 6:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
- 26 - 5:00 p.m. - Pizza Inn Youth Fundraiser
- 28 - 6:30 p.m. - Summer Picnic #1 / NO CHOIR PRACTICE
- 7:00 p.m. - Nominating Committee Meeting (Memorial Room)
- 02 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.) Rev. Jerry Bron

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

A **Pizza Inn - Youth Fundraising Event** will be held on Monday, June 26th 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 June 26th! 10% of all sales collected on this night will go towards the GMPC Youth Missions. We thank you in advance for your support!

Copies of **These Days**, July - September, are available in the narthex & outside the church office.

GET INVOLVED SPOTLIGHT: Diaper Bank of Sampson County

(In an effort to bring awareness to the many mission opportunities here at GMPC we will "spotlight" one mission every month. We ask that you please give regularly to these programs in need of your help.)* The Diaper Bank of Sampson County is a local unincorporated nonprofit organization that collects donations of diapers (all brands and sizes, to include adult diapers), diaper wipes and diaper rash cream to assist local families who are in need. Diapers are wrapped in packs of 25 and distributed by the Sampson County Health Department every Wednesday from 12 – 1 p.m. at the county complex. One pack of diapers is given per child, per month, to those who qualify. *A collection bin is located in the GMPC fellowship hallway throughout the year, and in the Narthex (during July), for your convenience.**

For Sale – as is; where is, 1973 Mercedes Benz 280-C, sealed bid absolute auction.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and delivered to the GMPC church office on or before 11:30 AM on Friday July 14th 2017. Flyers with information/rules may be found in the Narthex, outside the church office or on the car itself. All sale proceeds will be used to complete the covered awning. We appreciate your bid! Contact Melissa Griffin or Bill Scott for more info.

The 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Summer Picnics (Covered Dish) are coming soon!

Bring your favorite dishes - enough for your family plus one. The **June 28th Committee is as follows:** Katie Brown & Diane Barwick (Chairs); Neal Sinclair, Monie Sue Spell, Mary Dudley, Robin Palmer, Suzi Matthews, Bonnie Barr, Carol Fussell, Nancy Cowand, Najshula Lassiter, Margaret Register, Diane Viser, Sharon Funderburk, Barbara Taylor, Nancy Heath, Erin Spell, Nancy Johnston, Mary Lou Faircloth, Lois Denny & Joy Dodson.

The other picnic dates are: July 12th (Chair: Mary Aycock); **July 26th** (Chairs: Mac Spell & Peggy Lindsay); **August 9th** (Chairs: Ann Johnson & Allison Brock).

In an organized attempt to reach out to all GMPC members, active, inactive, homebound, young, old, and in between, **GMPC's Friends in Faith Ministry is born! Our "Kick-Off Celebration" will coincide with the first summer picnic on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30.** Mark your calendars to attend! Faith Group leaders will be reaching out to provide additional information to each of you. *Please contact Program Coordinator, Brenda Nordin, #990-1668, for more info.

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. ***Sign Up Sheet & Registration Packets are available in the church office & narthex. Deadline: June 30th**

Worship Readiness will not meet during July. *Children will remain for worship w/ their parents.

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.

GMPC is seeking a part-time employee to work in the crib/toddler nursery. This individual would work alternating months; 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. on Sunday mornings. Please submit a letter of interest to the church office for consideration by July 17, 2017.

A French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 8:15—9:15 a.m. in the GMPC Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will include french toast, sausage, fresh fruit, milk, juice & coffee. Donations will be applied to the GMPC Building fund. We invite everyone to join us for this time of fellowship.

The Christian Education Committee is seeking input from parents, who have children ages 3 through grade 12, concerning the direction they would like to see the church move in regard to Sunday School, Youth, and Presbycrew. Please contact Mac Spell #592-8838, Mary Lou Faircloth #592-4174 or Myrtle Petty #592-3380 with your suggestions.