

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
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
2 July 2017**

Assemble In God's Name

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "America" (My Country 'Tis of Thee) Harmonia Anglicana, 1744

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" BATTLE HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 13 (NRSV) Joy Dodson
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

1 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?

**2 How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my
eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

**4 and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

5 But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**6 I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

Let us pray together: **Loving and merciful God, hear the prayers of those who cry to you and shine with the light of your presence on those who live in the shadow of death. May we rejoice in your saving help and sing you songs of praise in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* HYMN 41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" LYONS

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You deliver us from death to life, but we live as though we are slaves to sin. You welcome us in Christ, but we fail to welcome others. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to live in faith and faithfulness, responding to your call - here I am - 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

Leader: The Apostle Paul has written: "If God is for us, who is against us? Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

Proclaim God's Word

FIRST LESSON: Rev. Jerry Bron

** CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL "This Is the Day" Les Garrett

"This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Rev. Jerry Bron

(No worship readiness during July. Children will remain in worship with their parents.)

SECOND LESSON: Rev. Jerry Bron

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Rev. Jerry Bron

* HYMN 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

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

Give Thanks To God

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Holy Manna" arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

(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 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" St. Anne

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"God Has Sounded Forth the Trumphet" BATTLE HYMN

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA

* 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 the Reverend Dr. Jerry D. Bron to the Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church family. Dr. Bron will be serving as our interim pastor, beginning this Sunday, July 2, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 or when a Designated Pastor is in place. Rev. Bron will be working a minimum of two days a week and be flexible to conduct special services (funerals, weddings, etc.) as needed. Gezinus "Jerry" Dirk Bron was born in the Netherlands on December of 1945. He is the oldest of five children. Emmigrated to the US in 1955. Grew up in the Castle Hayne-Wrightsboro section of New Hanover County, NC. Played basketball at New Hanover High and UNC -W. Graduated from UNC-W with a BA in history in 1968 and Union Seminary in 1972 with a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry in 1982. Pastored three churches over the next 38 years: Pink Hill Presbyterian Church, Pink Hill, NC from 72-78, First Presbyterian in Washington, NC from 1978 to 1993, and then as organizing pastor of the Southminster Church in Gastonia, NC from 1993 to 2010. All three churches experienced significant growth in various ways while he was pastor there. Jerry has been married to Linda McKoy since 1968. She is a 1969 grad of VCU in Richmond, Va. She taught public school elementary grades and AIG for 33 years. Linda and Jerry are parents to Allison, Elizabeth and Jakob. Seven grandchildren call him Opa. He retired in 2010 and now lives on the Wrightsville Beach side of Wilmington. He still serves the church as a supply preacher and an occasional part time interim. He is a coach to new church developments and new church pastors. He specializes in helping start new churches. He enjoys his grandchildren, the salt life, being the handy man around the house, yard work, boating, photography, golf and the wind in what's left of his hair driving his convertible. We look forward to having the Bron family as a part of GMPC.

Thank you to our instrumentalists: Doug Shaw, flute; Lara Capparuccia, clarinet; Larisa Capparuccia, saxophone; Gregory Wilson, trumpet; Gabriel Capparuccia and Lance Schofield, trombone; Trey Fetterman, snare drum; Sean Capparuccia, conductor.

Your 2017-18 Nominating Committee, elected at the annual meeting of the congregation on March 04, 2017, hereby submits the slate for the election of **seven [7] GMPC Members to the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee.**

Bill Aiken	Justin Lockamy	Brenda Nordin	Lauren Perry
Darby Scott	Amelia Surratt	Paul Viser	

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2017 following worship, for the purpose of electing the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee would like to thank the congregation for your prayerful consideration in making nominations for the elections. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

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

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
Don Wilson
Margaret Register
Doris Hollingsworth
Geneva Matthis
Gene Freeman
Linda Williamson

July ushers are: Whit Tart, James Dodson, Logan Dodson,
Curtis Lindsay, Neal Matthews, John Surratt

Sunday, June 25, 2017~	I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...	
My Presence:	Sunday School Attendance 31	~ Worship Attendance 81
My Gifts:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$6,950.00	\$164,321.63
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 330.00	\$ 24,923.83
Needed for the Church Budget:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Operating Budget	\$4,504.63	\$117,120.38
Building Fund	\$1,525.38	\$ 39,659.88

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

- 09 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.) Rev. Pauley
- 12 - 6:30 p.m. - Summer Picnic #2
- 15 - 9:00 a.m. - Christian Food Bank of Salemburg
- 16 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m.)
Congregational Meeting to elect DPNC
- 3:00 p.m. - Summer Concert Series: Christmas in July (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

The church office will be closed July 3rd, 4th & 6th, and open from 9:00 a.m. – Noon on July 5th & 7th. Regular office hours will resume on July 10th.

Worship Readiness will not meet during July. *Children will remain for worship.

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.**

The **6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Summer Picnics (Covered Dish) are always a delightful treat!** Bring your favorite dishes - enough for your family plus one. The **July 12th Committee is as follows:** Mary Aycock (Chair); Ardella Boyette, Robin Sink, Susan Bristow, Laurie Vreugdenhil, Lauren Perry, Linda Carr, Edna Faye Boone, Susan Tucker, Kathryn Jackson, Annabelle Fetterman, Beth Stewart, Betty Heaton, Lisa Green, Allison Driver, Ann MacGill; **July 26th** (Chairs: Mac Spell & Peggy Lindsay); **August 9th** (Chairs: Ann Johnson & Allison Brock).

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.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: Christian Food Bank of Salemburg, every third Saturday, monthly, bags of food are given to those in need beginning at 9:00 a.m. What you can do to help: *Volunteer Your Time! Donate Food Items!* **Next Food Bank: July 15, 2017.**

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. **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 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.