

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
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
9 July 2017**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "At Peace with God" Robert J. Hughes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler" AUSTIN

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 45 (NRSV) Joy Dodson
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

10 Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house,

11 and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him;

12 the people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth.

**13 The princess is decked in her chamber with
gold-woven robes;**

14 in many-colored robes she is led to the king;
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

**15 With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**

16 In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

**17 I will cause your name to be celebrated in all
generations; therefore the peoples will praise
you forever and ever.**

Let us pray together: **God of majesty, you exalted Jesus, the Anointed One, that every knee on earth might bow before him. Strengthen us to confess him as our Sovereign, and to serve him with joy, that we might be led even to the marriage supper of the Lamb, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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

* HYMN 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You gave your law to guide us but we remain enthralled by evil. We do the very things we claim to hate, and fail to do the things we say we love. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. From sin and death, set us free - free to love and serve you alone, 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: Then Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

All: "Drink from it, all of you; for this is the blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:27-28)

Leader: Through the blood of the covenant, our sins are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Romans 8:1-11 NT 157

** 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: "Stranger in Your Midst"

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

ANTHEM "Near to the Heart of God" Pethel/McAfee

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 NT 13

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Seeds of the Spirit" Rev. William E. Pauley

* HYMN 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "Be Strong in the Lord" with "Be Still, My Soul"

arr. Tom Fettke

(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 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"Take My Yoke and Leave Your Trouble" AUSTIN

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "The Power and the Glory" Lani Smith

* 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.

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.

*THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY
OF MR. HAROLD S. CARR, SR. AND MR. HAROLD S. CARR, JR.
BY THE FAMILY*

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)

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

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

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

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

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

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

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.**

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

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:** (Chairs: Mary Aycock & Jan Tart), Robin Sink, Susan Bristow, Laurie Vreugdenhil, Lauren Perry, Linda Carr, Edna Faye Boone, Susan Tucker, Kathryn Jackson, 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.

It's Time to Update Annual Directories/Service Lists ... Now through July 31st.

(PW Yearbook): Any changes/request for the social committees should be made to Crystal Faison/592-3990, for flower assignments contact Mac Spell/592-8838, and for PW Circles contact the Moderators: Circle No. 1 Linda Williamson/592-2391, Circle No. 2 Church Office/592-2677, Circle No. 3 Mac Spell/592-8838.

(Church Directory): Submit updates to address, phone, email, etc., to the church office.

(Nurseries and Educational Opportunities Lists): Submit changes/request to the church office. ***Thank you for your support and commitments to the ministries of our church!**

A **"Lost and Found"** Dishes Box is located in the Ice Room here at GMPC. Please stop by and check it regularly for any of your dishes that you may have left behind.

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.