

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
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
16 July 2017**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "Canaan's Happy Shore" Dennis Eliot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (See hymn #461 for the text.)

"As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn" Hee Bokim/Soon Sa Kim

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 119 (NRSV) Bill Scott

Congregation Responses in **Bold**

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**106 I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

107 I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

**108 Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.**

109 I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

**110 The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.**

111 Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

**112 I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever,
to the end.**

Let us pray together: **Holy God, you are just in all your ways and your commandments are the greatest of treasures. Give us understanding of your law and direct us according to your will that we may be faithful in serving you for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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

* HYMN 61 "Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect"

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **In the natural joys of the summertime, O God, we are inclined to forget the disciplines of the inner life. We do not pray as regularly as we ought, or meditate on your word. We think about our own pleasures and are neglectful of the needs of others. We enjoy the bounty of summer gardens without remembering the starving peoples of the world. Forgive us, O God, and turn us again to things of the Spirit, that we may justify the grace you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* Silent Confession

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

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God always hears the honest prayers of his people.

People: He cares for us as a parent cares for his children.

Leader: He will have mercy upon us, and deal with us in loving kindness.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 119:1-8, 25-32 OT 566

** 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: "Where is the Promised Land?"

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

ANTHEM "Lead Me, Lord" S.S. Wesley/F. Bock

SECOND LESSON: Numbers 13:1-14:12, 20-25 Message Bible

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "We Can Do It!" Rev. Jerry Bron

* HYMN 459 "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **I believe in God, whatever storms may rage around me; I believe he cares for me, as he cares for all his people, and that his love is for all time to come. I believe in Christ, whatever the world may say about him; I believe his death atones for sin, and that he lives forevermore, present to all believers; I believe in the Holy Spirit; however hard it is to understand; I believe the Spirit teaches, guides, and comforts me, and that he will lead me into the fullness of God. I believe in the church, whatever others may think about it; I believe it is still the fellowship of the faithful, and that it helps me to be conscious of God in the world. I believe in the forgiveness of sins, even though I often live as if I didn't; I believe that God's forgiveness allows me to relax as myself, and that it helps me to be more generous about the sins of others. I believe in the life everlasting, whatever science may think about it; I believe that this life is but the lower school for another, and that knowing this casts everything in a different light. I believe in saying what I believe, however others may feel about it; I believe that knowing what one believes is important in this age, and that it helps to keep my thinking in order at all times. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "Where Wild Judea Stretches Far" George Blake
(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 838 "Standing on the Promises" PROMISES

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet" Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith

** CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Election of the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "God Leads Us Along" G.A. Young/D.H. Hegarty

* 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 ballot 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

As is proper in parliamentary procedure, and as required by the Book of Order, nominations will be accepted from the floor, provided the person being nominated has been consulted in advance and has agreed to serve if elected.

*THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY
OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM POWELL PETERSON, SR.,
MR. MIKE PETERSON AND CAPT. TOM CLARK BY THE FAMILY.*

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

16 - 3:00 p.m. - Summer Concert Series: Christmas in July (Sanctuary)
19 - 6:00 p.m. - Handbell Reading Session
23 - 8:15 a.m. - French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser
11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly at 9:45 a.m., Adult Class: 9:30 a.m.)
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting *(Note change of date.)
26 - 1:45 p.m. - Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Summer Picnic #3
7:00 p.m. - Designated Pastor Nominating Committee 1st Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Choir meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays that have a dinner.
28 - 7:00 p.m. - Contradance at GMPC

July ushers are: David Brock, James Dodson, Logan Dodson,
Curtis Lindsay, Neal Mattews, John Surratt

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

HOSPITAL/ASSISTED LIVING

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

AT HOME

Barbara Kerr
Martha Dunn
Tink Purcell
Don Wilson
Margaret Register
Linda Williamson
Geneva Matthis
Betty Heaton

OTHERS:

Angie Prucha – (Daughter of Edwin Danford)
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)
Margaret Williamson – (Mother of Kermit Williamson, Dale Purcell & Wanda Coleman)

SYMPATHY TO:

Lee Howard, Lucy Lockamy and families on the passing of her nephew, her cousin,
Bradley Howard Joyce.

Iva Miller and family on the passing of her mother, Rozella Taylor Rountree.

Bonnie Barr and family on the passing of her father and GMPC member,
Gene Douglas Freeman.

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

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. **TODAY, JULY 16th: “Christmas in July” organ & piano recital featuring Ian Parker & Friends.** This concert will feature music for the time of Christmastide: Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany. So, in the midst of this summer heat, come be reminded of the chilly, beautiful, mystical season to come! Refreshments will follow. **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 **Handbell Reading Session** will be held on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. for all current handbell ensemble members and anyone interested in joining this ministry here at GMPC.

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:** *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe; K-2nd & 3rd-5th: Journey Through the Lord’s Prayer*

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 **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 26th Committee is as follows:** (Chairs: Mac Spell & Peggy Lindsay), Doris Hollingsworth, Joni Fay Fetterman, Janie Faircloth, Amelia Surratt, Betty Blue Packard, Erma Faircloth, Geneva Matthis, Charlotte Harrell, Sallie Adams, Glenice Webster, Alice Lockerman, Nita Aiken, Wanda Coleman, Mary David Morris; **August 9th** (Chairs: Ann Johnson & Allison Brock).

If it isn’t Contra, it isn’t Dancing! A Contradance is coming to GMPC! Contra dancing is close to square dancing. It is fun interaction, meeting people, and making new friends, all set to music. Want to know more? YouTube has a bazillion examples. It is our hope to begin a recurring event for Clinton & surrounding communities...everyone is welcome!

First Dance: Friday, July 28th, 7:00-10:00 p.m. A Dance for All Who Will: Young and Old, Live Dance Caller & Live Music! A “Beginner/Introductory Session” at 7:00, Dance begins 7:30ish, until 10:00ish. This first event is free to everyone!

*If you’d like to be put on the Contradance mailing list, email melissagriffin@embarqmail.com.

Montreat Youth Conference 2017, July 30th – August 5th: We ask that you please keep GMPC’s Youth & Leaders in your prayers as they plan and prepare for this year’s conference. Our youth thank each of you for your generous support in making this trip possible annually.

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.