

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
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
5 November 2017**

Assemble In God's Name

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"
WAYFARING STRANGER; arr. Gilbert Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Oh Come unto the Lord" KOREA

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 107 (NRSV) Beth Bryan
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**
- 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the
west, from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to any
inhabited town;**
- 5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;**
- 7 he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
- 33 He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into
thirsty ground,**
- 34 a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its
inhabitants.
- 35 He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land
into springs of water.**
- 36 And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to
live in;
- 37 they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful
yield.**

Let us pray together: **O God, you are light to the lost, bread to the hungry, deliverance to the captive, healing to the sick, eternal vision to the dying, and harbor to every soul in peril. Gather the wanderers from every corner of the world into the community of your mercy and grace, that we may eternally praise you for our salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN 514 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" SCHMUCKE DICH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Oh God of light and shadow, we confess to you the shadowy side of our make-up. Our thoughts are often gloomy when they should be joyous. Our judgments of other persons are often grudging when they should be generous. Our sharing of self is often minor when it should be major. Our time for practicing your presence is often splintered when it should be whole. Forgive us the darkness of our ways, we pray, and let the light of the World shine in our hearts. For in your kingdom there is no dimness of spirit or shadow of doubt. 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 has sent his Son to dispel our darkness.

People: In him there is light and life for all people.

Leader: He forgives our sin if we earnestly repent.

People: He restores us to the light, that we may walk uprightly and love goodness.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord! Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

Proclaim God's Word

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 22:1-14 Message Version

** CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL "God Is So Good"
God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; He's so good to me.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "The Older Brothers/Sisters"

(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Tami Warren)

SECOND LESSON: Luke 15:11-32 Message Version

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Kingdom of God Is Like A Party" Dr. Jerry Bron

* HYMN 415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" RESTORATION

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

Give Thanks To God

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries"
(See hymn #653 for the text.) MORNING SONG

(Visitors please fill out cards in pew rack and place in offering plate)

* DOXOLOGY (Hymnal) No. 606

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND 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

ALL SAINT'S OBSERVANCE

Go In God's Name

* HYMN 774 "There Is Now a New Creation" STUTT GART

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
"O Come unto the Lord" KOREA

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "Mit Fried und Freud" ("In Peace and Joy I Now Depart")
Martin Luther, 1483-1546; arr. Johann Christoph Bach, 1642-1703

* 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.**

IN OBSERVANCE OF ALL SAINT'S DAY,

**We remember these members of Graves Memorial
who have joined the Church Triumphant:**

- Ellen Knox Tew – November 6, 2016
Dixie Elizabeth Kornegay Carlton – November 8, 2016
Lillian Fraley Long – December 1, 2016
Jean Elizabeth Gale Parker – December 4, 2016
Ila Swanson Buckthal – February 25, 2017
Wanda Fay (Williamson) Gaddy – March 31, 2017
Carl "Bubba" Hubert Peay, Jr. – April 8, 2017
Jean Marguerite Paul Powell – May 16, 2017
Gene Douglas Freeman – July 10, 2017
Mary Warren Rose – August 16, 2017
Barbara Lytch Kerr – September 29, 2017
Meredith Keir Nordin – October 9, 2017*

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS: REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

HOSPITAL/ASSISTED LIVING

Doc Fields – Southwood; Rm. 109
Frances Hubbard - GlenAire
Margaret Faircloth – Mary Gran; Rm. 715
Tink Purcell – The Caridnals at North Hills

OTHERS:

*Betty Hairr – (Mother of Vickie Pope)
Juaweese Franklin – (Mother of Melissa Nimmo)
Joe Butler – (Brother-in-law of Penny Horne)
Jim McGuirt – (Former GMPC member)
Christine Stacey – (Mother of Lara Capparuccia)
Joe Kozel – (Father of Kristi Williford)*

AT HOME

Martha Dunn
Margaret Register
Don Wilson
Betty Heaton
Susan Bristow

Sunday, October 29, 2017 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...		
My Presence:	Sunday School Attendance 43	~ Worship Attendance 105
My Gifts:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$2,006.00	\$259,188.27
Building Fund Offerings	\$1,040.00	\$ 41,154.83
Needed for the Church Budget:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Operating Budget	\$4,504.63	\$198,203.72
Building Fund	\$1,525.38	\$ 67,116.72

November Ushers are: Matt Johnson, Richard Bryan, Trey Fetterman,
David Nordin, Joel Coleman, Tommy Tucker, Jason Williford

November: (Wednesday's: Handbells 6:00 p.m./Choir at 7:30 p.m.)

- 05 - 12:15 p.m. - Session Meeting: Lunch to be served
- 3:00 p.m. - Eagle Scout Ceremony of Matthew Benjamin Darden
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
- 06 - 3:00 p.m. - Circle #1 (Home of Betty Blue Packard)
- 7:00 p.m. - Circle #2 (Memorial Room)
- 07 - 10:00 a.m. - Circle #3 (Fellowship Hall)
- 08 - 1:45 p.m. - Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. - PresbyCrew; Children & Youth Choir/Handbells 5:00 p.m.
- 09 - 5:00 p.m. - Mother & Daughter High School Bible Study (Memorial Room)
- 12 - 8:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast @ GMPC
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.)
- 12:15 p.m. - Boundary/Child Protection Training (Approx. 30 minutes)
- 3:00 p.m. - Session Meeting w/ Designated Pastor Nominating Committee
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

GMPC's 2017-2018 Resident Directory is available for pick-up in the Fellowship Hall.

The Designated Pastor Nominating Committee has continued its weekly meetings regarding the selection of a designated pastor. The committee has interacted with the Presbytery on a regular basis and has further refined its list of viable candidates. At present, the list has been narrowed to one candidate of choice. In order to finalize the process, several steps must be taken as we interact with the Presbytery and the Administrative Commission. Assuming no complications with these measures and all parties agree on the covenant, which includes the terms of call, a congregational meeting will be announced. The meeting will likely be held in late November. Members of the DPNC committee: Bill Aiken, Chair, Darby Scott, Secretary, Amelia Surratt, Paul Viser, Justin Lockamy, Lauren Perry, Brenda Nordin

The next **Presbyterian Men's Breakfast Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 12th, at 8:15 a.m., here at GMPC. We hope all men will join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Thanksgiving Community Food Drive to benefit the Christian Food Bank of Salemburg: It is time once again for GMPC's annual food drive. **Please return your filled bags to the Fellowship Hall or Narthex by Sunday, November 12th.**

A **Boundary/Child Protection Training**, led by Dr. Jerry Bron, **will be held on Sunday, November 12th, beginning at 12:15 p.m.** Training is required for all adult leaders/volunteers who will be working with our children, Infants – Age 18, in any capacity. Certification is valid for two years. *Those who received training last year, need to fill out/sign a recommitment form. Forms will be available on the 12th and should take no more than 10-15 minutes to complete.

MISSION BUDDIES: (ALL Children—12th Grade, 3rd Sunday's monthly, as part of Sunday School) *November Mission: Soldiers' Angels: *May No Soldier Go Unloved*. GMPC has been accepted as a Holiday Community Partner member, to team with Soldiers' Angels, this Christmas Season. We have pledged to provide 50 filled Christmas stockings, to be distributed by Soldiers' Angels, to deployed service members and veteran patients. Their goal is to provide 13,000 stockings this year. ***ITEMS NEEDED:** Slim Jims/Beef Jerky, Packages of Holiday: Nuts, Candy, Peanut Brittle & Candy Canes, Single Serve: Drink Mix Packets, Apple Cider, Hot Chocolate & Cookies, Playing Cards, Card Games, Puzzle Books, Travel Sized Games & Notepads, Holiday Themed: Pens, Pencils & Lip Balm, Socks, Black Winter Gloves, Winter Caps & other Holiday Themed Items, as well as Monetary Donations. A Mission Buddies bin is located in the fellowship hall. **We ask that all supplies be submitted by Friday, November 17th.**

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: November 18, 2017.**

The **Annual Clinton Community Thanksgiving Service** is planned for **Sunday, November 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** at First Baptist Church (408 College Street). This worship service is organized by several congregations from our community, including GMPC, and is open to everyone. Please make plans to attend this time of worship as we join other churches from our community in praise and thanksgiving to our Lord.

GET INVOLVED SPOTLIGHT: U Care, Inc. U Care opened its Emergency Shelter, June 23, 1997. It houses domestic violence victims and their families. Services available to the public: *Emergency Shelter, Court Advocacy, Victim Advocacy, Education/Trainings, Counseling by psychologist, Youth at Risk Services, 24 Hour Crisis Line, Court Mandated Batterers' Program, Follow Up Services.* GMPC supports U Care through our annual budget, volunteer support and work done by adult and youth members of our church, in addition to donated supplies as needed.

What you can do to help: Donate Needed Items! (Toiletry & Household Supplies)

*A collection bin will be available in the fellowship hall & Narthex during November.