

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-Third Sunday after Pentecost
12 November 2017**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Bradbury/Putnam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** THE CONGREGATION GATHERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Shepherd Me, O God" Marty Haugen

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 78 (NRSV) Linda Williamson
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 **I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

3 things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

4 **We will not hide them from their children; we will tell
to the coming generation the glorious deeds of
the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that
he has done.**

5 He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel, which he
commanded our ancestors to teach their children;

6 **that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn, and rise up to tell them
to their children,**

7 so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the
works of God, but keep his commandments.

Let us pray together: **God of pilgrims, strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in 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 187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **I have done a lot of running this week, O Lord, but much of it was not for you. I have run in a lot of circles because I failed to organize my days in prayer. I have run down a lot of deadend streets because I was not following the Spirit's leadership. I have run in loneliness because I was not running for love of others. I have run with a sense of heaviness because I was running under my own power. Forgive me, O Lord, and help to find the right track for my life again. Let running become fun again, and let me praise you as I run. Through Jesus Christ, who is the greatest runner of all. 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 prayer of a sincere heart.

People: I am sincere, Lord, help my insincerity.

Leader: Surely God has forgiven our sins, and is moving among us even now to restore in us the true spirit of running.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 23 OT 501

** HYMN 658 "God Is So Good"

God cares for me; God cares for me; God cares for me; God's so good to me.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "A Shepherds Song"

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

ANTHEM "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. John Ness Beck

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 23 Message Version

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Psalm 23 Stress Busters: God's Antidote for Hurt"
Dr. Jerry Bron

* HYMN 803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" RESIGNATION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **I believe in God of our fathers and mothers, who speaks to us out of the past and guides our steps by cherished traditions. I believe in the God of now, who is still active in the world and reveals himself to those who will do his will. I believe in the God of tomorrow, who holds the destiny of nations in his hands and is shaping the future for the sake of his kingdom. For this reason I bow my knee to Christ, who has revealed the ways of God in our midst, and pledge my allegiance once more to the church, that keeps alive the ministry of word and sacrament for the salvation of all people and the redemption of the poor and needy. May God help me to do my best each day that I live, to love those around me, to walk responsibly in his way, and to pray for the consummation of his will among the nations of the world. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "Resignation" arr. Bernard Wayne Sanders
("My Shepherd Will Supply My Need")

(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 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"
NATIONAL HYMN

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
"We All Do Extol Thee" KREMSER

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "Onward Christian Soldiers" Sullivan/Ashford

* 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.

*THE CORNUCOPIA ARRANGEMENT IS GIVEN IN THANKFULNESS FOR
GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ELLEN TEW AND CYNTHIA WALLACE
BY THE SEASONAL FLOWER COMMITTEE*

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

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 Cardinal 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, November 5, 2017 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...		
My Presence:	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance
My Gifts:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 7,778.00	\$266,966.27
Building Fund Offerings	\$12,700.00	\$ 53,854.83
Needed for the Church Budget:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Operating Budget	\$4,504.63	\$202,708.35
Building Fund	\$1,525.38	\$ 68,642.10

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

- 12 - 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
- 16 - 5:00 p.m. - Mother & Daughter High School Bible Study (Memorial Room)
- 18 - 9:00 a.m. - Christian Food Bank of Salemburg
- 19 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. - Community Thanksgiving Service @ 1st Baptist
- 7:00 p.m. - **Diaconate Meeting**
- 20 - 9:30 a.m. - Newsletter Deadline

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

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

Seasonal Flower Committee: (Please see your 2017-2018 Presbyterian Women's Book for list of committee members.) We ask that you please submit your Annual Dues: \$20.00 (Payable to P.W.) at this time if you have yet to do so. Thank you!

We need a few families to assist with the Lighting of the Advent Candles during the Advent season, December 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th (11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.). Please contact the Church Office to share your families willingness to serve on one of the dates listed above.

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

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.**

College Students: "Goody Care Packages", put together by GMPC's Presbyterian Women and PresbyCrew children, for GMPC's college students, will be dedicated during worship on Sunday, November 19, 2017. We ask that parents please pick up their college students care package, following worship on the 19th, or in the fellowship hall throughout the following week, to help us deliver them in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank You!

The **2017 Thanksgiving Offering benefiting Children's Hope Alliance** (Formerly known as Barrium Springs and Grandfather Home for Children) will be received on Sunday, November 19, 2017. We ask that you give generously to help God's most precious gift to us, His children! The Thanksgiving Offering is one you can support, knowing you will be helping children from all over our state receive the care they need. Envelopes will be available in the pews on November 19th.

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.