

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-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
19 November 2017**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "We Gather Together" KREMSER; arr. Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "It Is Good" Natalie Sleeth

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 123 (NRSV) Linda Williamson
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has
mercy upon us.**
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- 4 Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those
who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

Let us pray together: **Lord, our creator and redeemer, we look to you for all that we need. Look with favor on us, your servants, and give us your grace; for the sake of your Son, 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 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" NICAEA

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

* Silent Confession

* KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Because of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ our Lord we are the forgiven people of God. Praise God! Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 3:1-6 OT 585

** SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Adelaide Marie Monroe
*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed) (Hymnal) pg. 35
Hymn 188 "Jesus Loves Me!"
*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.
Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."*

** BLESSING OF THE COLLEGE BOXES
Pray for our college students: Alex Cowan, Allie Green, Hope Jania, Gracin Palmer, Alex Purcell; Wyman Faison, Claire Fox, Seth Harrington, Tyler Jania, Max Prestage, Aaron Viser; John Fox, Katie Griffin, Nicole Spell; Larisa Capparuccia, Ryan Carter, Billy Prestage, Olivia Sessoms

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "Trust Me"
(Children age 4 - grade 1 depart for worship readiness with leader Tami Warren)

ANTHEM "Give Me a Grateful Heart" Boersma/Martin

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33 NT 16

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Stand Still, Don't Move" Rev. Steve Hein

* HYMN 367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

PASTORAL PRAYER

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "Wayfaring Strangers" Traditional
(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 643 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* BENEDECTION AND CHORAL AMEN "It Is Good" Natalie Sleeth

* TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* POSTLUDE "A Song of Thanksgiving" Edward Broughton

* Those who are able, please stand

** Seating of worshippers

The **Thanksgiving Offering** benefiting Children's Hope Alliance (Formerly known as Barium Springs & Grandfather Home for Children) is being received this morning. 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. Please use the envelopes provided in the pew racks.

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 Rev. Steve Hein to our pulpit today. Rev. Hein was ordained in 1975 and served 4 churches over 40 years. His last call was to the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church of Wilmington which he served for 17 years. Steve is married to Katharine, they have 3 children and 9 grandchildren. Steve spent considerable time in both the Amazon and Malawi Africa. He received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the University of Malawi in 2014. In retirement Steve and Katharine enjoy travel, grandkids, fishing and golf.

Thank you to the Parkers for today's special music during the offertory.

Keith and Nancy Monroe present their daughter,
Adelaide Marie Monroe, born February 3, 2017,
for the Sacrament of 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*

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
Ted Lockerman – Mary Gran

OTHERS:

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

SYMPATHY TO: Pam McGuirt and family on the passing of her husband, and former GMPC member, James Lee "Jim" McGuirt.

Sunday, November 12, 2017 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...	
My Presence: Sunday School Attendance 53 ~	Worship Attendance 140
My Gifts:	
Tithes and Offerings	Weekly \$6,453.00 Year-To-Date \$273,419.27
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 542.00 \$ 54,396.83
Needed for the Church Budget:	
Operating Budget	Weekly \$4,504.63 Year-To-Date \$207,212.98
Building Fund	\$1,525.38 \$ 70,167.48

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.)

- 19 - 6:40 p.m. - Youth Group to meet at 1st Baptist Church
- 7:00 p.m. - Community Thanksgiving Service @ 1st Baptist
- 20 - 9:30 a.m. - Newsletter Deadline
- 22 - 11:00 a.m. - Feed the Community Day
- 26 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.) Congregational Meeting
- ~~5:00 p.m.~~ - NO Youth Group: Happy Thanksgiving!

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

College Students: We ask that parents please pick up their college students care package, following today's worship service, or in the fellowship hall throughout the following week, to help us deliver them in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you!

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

The **Annual Clinton Community Thanksgiving Service** is planned for tonight, **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.

Youth 411: Youth Group will meet **Sunday, November 19th, at 6:40 p.m.,** on the front steps of First Baptist Church to sit together for the Annual Clinton Community Thanksgiving Service.

Feed the Community Day, hosted at First Baptist Church: 900 College Street, will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to make/buy a dessert. We ask that all uncut cakes or pies be delivered to the GMPC Kitchen by Tuesday, Nov. 21st. *Most requested: Sweet Potato Pie & Pecan Pie. A completed list of those who have signed up to bring a dessert may be found in the church office for reference.

There will be NO PresbyMusic, Handbell's, or Chancel Choir this Wednesday, November 22, 2017.

The **Church Office will be CLOSED** on November 23rd & 24th. Have a Happy & Safe Thanksgiving!

A Congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, November 26, 2017, during worship, for the purpose of considering a motion from the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee re: extending a call to a new minister, and voting on the minister's terms of call, and to approve a motion from the Session that we move toward a Unicameral System of Church Organization.

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

The Stewardship Committee and the Treasurer greatly appreciate everyone's prompt response to the 2018 Budget of GMPC and your continued support of the GMPC Building Fund. The Stewardship Committee is working very hard to formulate a budget based on this year's response cards and the available cash in the bank at year end. Therefore it is critical that we receive responses from all 120 +/- giving units/families. If you have yet to submit your 2018 financial commitment to the Annual Operating Budget we ask that you consider doing so by Sunday, December 3, 2017.

GMPC's **Christmas Joy Program** is scheduled for December 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the GMPC Sanctuary. A reception, coordinated by Tami Warren, Sara Rosario, & P.W. Committee, to follow in the fellowship hall. ***Rehearsals:** Dec. 3rd from 2 – 5:00 p.m. (scheduled 30 min. time slots) & Dec. 9th following the Clinton Christmas Parade: Lunch will be served. Both rehearsals are mandatory. Please contact Lee Howard for more info., cell #590-9105.

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!

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.