

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
Christ the King/ Reign of Christ
26 November 2017**

We Assemble to Worship

RINGING OF THE BELLS
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN

** PRELUDE "Prelude and Meditation on CWM RHONDDA"
arr. Robert J. Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:
Extending a Call to a New Pastor, Terms of Call; Unicameral System

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
"O for a Closer Walk with God" CAITHNESS

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 100 (NRSV) Ruthie Brock
Congregation Responses in **Bold**

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 **Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**
- 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**
- 5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us pray together: **Mighty God, by your power you created us, and by your goodness you call us to be your people. Accept the offering of our worship that every race and nation may enter your courts, praising you in song; through 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 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray: **Almighty and loving God, all of us here today are hurting. Some of us are hurting as the result of circumstances beyond our control. Some of us are hurting because of our own choices. Some of us are feeling the pain of others. No matter what the circumstances, as we gather here today, help us to remember who we are: sinners saved by grace. Lord, for the times we have failed to show Your compassion to others – forgive us! For the times we have failed to trust You – forgive us! For the times we have failed to praise You – forgive us!**

* Silent Confession

* KYRIE ELEISON

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

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

People: Thanks be to God who gives us this victory. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal) No. 581

We Proclaim the Word

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 51 OT 520

** HYMN 658 "Good Is So Good"
*God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.
God cares for me; God cares for me; God cares for me; God's so good to me.
God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God's so good to me.
God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: "Restoring"

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

ANTHEM "Shepherd Me, O God" Marty Haugen

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 23 Message Version
Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Psalm 23 Stress Busters: Damaged Emotions" Dr. Bron

* HYMN 775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Spiritual

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

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY "Crown Him with Many Crowns Medley" arr. Lori Goss
(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 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS
- * BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
"O God, You Are My God" STEP BY STEP
- * TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD
- * POSTLUDE "Scherzetto and Finale on CWM RHONDDA" arr. Robert J. Powell

* 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.

A rose is placed on the communion table in celebration of the birth of Amelia-Katherine Eva Johns, daughter of Ashleigh and Matt Johns, born November 18, 2017. Grandparents are Bill & Tamara Peterson.

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. GRANVILLE LEE WALLACE, AND MS. CYNTHIA WALLACE BY THE FAMILY

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
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)
David Askins – (Former GMPC member)*

AT HOME

Martha Dunn
Margaret Register
Don Wilson
Betty Heaton

Sunday, November 19, 2017 ~ I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...			
My Presence:	Sunday School Attendance	51	~ Worship Attendance 115
My Gifts:		<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
	Tithes and Offerings	\$2,338.00	\$275,757.27
	Building Fund Offerings	\$1,440.00	\$ 55,836.83
Needed for the Church Budget:		<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
	Operating Budget	\$4,504.63	\$211,717.61
	Building Fund	\$1,525.38	\$ 71,692.86

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

- 26 - ~~5:00 p.m.~~ NO Youth Group: Happy Thanksgiving!
- 03 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Sunday School weekly 9:45 a.m.)
- 12:15 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. - Christmas Joy Practice (See info. below.)
- 3:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Court of Honor (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
- 04 - Noon - Circle #1 Salad Luncheon (Home of Linda Williamson)
- 7:00 p.m. - Circle #2 (Memorial Room)
- 05 - 10:00 a.m. - Circle #3 (Fellowship Hall)
- 06 - 6:30 p.m. - Jesse Tree Advent Ceremony hosted by Pathfinder Class

OTHER CONCERNS / LOOKING AHEAD . . .

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

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 appreciates 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 5:00 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.

Presbyterian Women Circle meetings in December. *Bible Leader: Anne Price

Circle #1 will meet on the 4th at Noon at the home of Linda Williamson for a Salad Luncheon.

Circle #2 will meet on the 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room.

Circle #3 will meet on the 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

PresbyMusic: Cherub Choir (PreK-1st Grade: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 4-4:30); Children & Youth Choir/Handbells (2nd-8th Grade: Wednesdays, 5-5:45); *Register today if you have yet to do so.

PresbyCrew meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month from 3 – 5 p.m. for Kindergarten – 5th grade. Plan to join us & bring a friend! *Register today if you have yet to do so.

The Pathfinders Sunday School Class cordially invites everyone to a Jesse Tree Advent Ceremony on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

Refreshments to follow. The Ceremony is an activity for the whole Church family. The name "Jesse Tree" comes from Isaiah 11:1, "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." A Jesse Tree represents the family tree of Jesus Christ. Each ornament represents a story from the Bible that tells about God's people before Jesus was born. Each story shows God's salvation plan and tells how He guided humanity to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. *If you or your family would like to participate in this year's Ceremony, by reading a passage and lighting a candle, please contact Lauren Perry, #990-3753.

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.

First Wednesday Fellowship and Covered Dish Meals will take a break in December. Our next meal is scheduled for January 3rd at 6:30 p.m. January hosts: K - 5th Sunday School Class & Friends in Faith Groups 1 & 2.

December 17th — Service of Lessons/Carols/Bells, 11:00 a.m. Our traditional program of scripture and music to ring in the Christmas season.

GMPC Prayer Quilt Ministry will not meet during the months of November & December. We will resume our regular schedule, monthly on the third Tuesday's at 9:30 a.m. in the GMPC Fellowship Hall on January 16, 2018. Do not worry if you can not sew, that is only one aspect of creating these quilts.