

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**December 25, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.**

## **“Christmas Day”**

*We welcome you to worship with us this morning, as we gather in community to draw closer to God, made known in Christ.*

*We pray you will know the presence of the Lord, through our worship, and through the work of the Spirit. We invite you to take these moments before worship to calm your hearts and minds, and open yourself to the quiet stillness of the presence of God!*

## **GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE**

**Prelude**

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Dianne Overstreet

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Christ is born!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Jesus is among us!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: The Word has become flesh!

**All: Alleluia!**

**\*Opening Hymn #143 – “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

**The Giving of our Tithes, Gifts & Selves to God - Offertory**

**Congregational Response (Hymn #606)**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **WE ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD**

**Choral Anthem – “Joy to the World”**

**Prayer for Illumination (unison)**

Gracious Lord, open our ears that we might hear your Word to us this day, and follow where it leads us. Open our eyes, that we might witness you in the world and proclaim your presence with joy. For the glory of your Kingdom, we pray. Amen.

<b>Scripture</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 123:1-2	p498
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 2:8-20	p833

<b>Sermon</b>	“Christmas Stories”	Rev. Jason N. Cashing
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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### **\*We Affirm Our Faith**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because we are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. Amen.

*(Galatians 4:4-7)*

### **Lord's Prayer**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

### **\*Departing Hymn #132 – "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**

### **\*Blessing**

One: We have been blessed!

**All: We have met for divine worship, as God's people.**

One: We have been blessed!

**All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.**

One: We have been blessed!

**All: We go out into the world as the body of Christ, bearing the good news of the gospel. We are blessed, indeed. Amen!**

### **\*Pastoral Benediction**

### **\*Choral Benediction & Postlude**



THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>“Christmas Day”</b> 10:30 am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i>	2 5	<b>JAN. 1</b> <b>“New Year’s Day”</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	
M	Office open	2 6		2
T	Office open	2 7	12:30 pm Circle 5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000, Fellowship Hall/kitchen 6:00 pm Cong. Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	3
W	Office open 7:00 pm Choir	2 8	7:00 pm Choir	4
T	Office closed 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	2 9	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	5
F		3 0	6:00 pm BS Lock-in begins, Fellowship Hall; Jan 6-7	6
S	<b>“New Year’s Eve”</b> 2:00 pm Committee reports in	3 1	11:00 am BS Lock-in ends	7

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper Doug Holc (Dec.)  
Gregg Webber (Jan.)

	December 25,	January 1, 2017
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON		Patsy Johnson
JUNIOR CHURCH		Patsy Johnson Madison Foster
COUNTING	David Johnson Pat Hunter	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 9/30/16	Offgr.	Rec’d.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$133,663	Inc.	\$111,373.04	12/4	\$5,562.40
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,387	Exp.	\$101,623.85	12/11	\$2,153.05
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$ 9,749.19	12/18	\$3,325.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			12/25	\$

ATTENDANCE: December 18, 2016

Worship 58	Sunday School 19	
	Spiritual Enrich. 14	Children
	Fellowship 5	Youth

## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Communities affected by Hurricane Matthew  
Communities affected by recent acts of violence    Marion McDonald  
James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother  
Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister  
Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother  
Maryland Blanchard, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend  
Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister  
Evelyn Lichvar, her son, Martin, and her brother, Rick Lichvar  
    (health issues)  
Becky Smith  
Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)  
Helen & Grace Cibula  
Elizabeth Scott  
Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends  
Jimmy Clark  
Terry Robertson, Billy Robertson's son  
Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)  
Peggy Allen  
Tiffany Portser, Melissa Johnes's cousin (health issue)  
Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother (rectal cancer diagnosis)  
Eleanor Jones  
Vivian Johnes (improved, at-home rehab)  
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother  
Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue)  
Billy Robertson (home, feeling better)  
Emily Hudson, Rose Scott's niece (continued recov., home)  
Eileen Mozucha (continued recov., home)  
Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.)  
Mae Grammer, Dianne Overstreet's friend  
Ralph Summerson  
George Poulson  
Aida Faries (unable to receive transplant)  
Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (moved into Brighter Living)  
Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)  
Adrienne Wallace, member of Hopewell News staff & former Dir.,  
    Local Emerg. Planning Bd..  
Irma Honeycutt, Dave & Patsy Johnson's friend (health issue)  
J. A. Williams, Donald Hunter's friend  
Harvey Spain, (recov., heart surgery)  
Family/friends of Tommy Walker  
Famiy/friends of Anne P. Sanford, widow of A.K. Sanford (d. 12/18)  
Ed Armstrong (home, going through dialysis)  
Traveling mercies for all who are traveling this holiday season

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** This morning we gather for cookies, cocoa/coffee, carols and stories of what makes Christmas so meaningful in the world and in our lives.

### GMPC Information

[www.gregorymemorial.org](http://www.gregorymemorial.org)      [www.facebook.com/gmpcva](https://www.facebook.com/gmpcva)  
804.732.1081 Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Jason Cashing ([Jason@gregorymemorial.org](mailto:Jason@gregorymemorial.org))  
Secretary: Nancy Adams ([office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto:office@gregorymemorial.org))  
Organist: Sandra Perkins      Accompanist: Gail Rollings  
Treasurer: Kevin Foster      Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

### Session Members

Pat Hunter (2016); Josh Ingram (2016); Bobby Allen (2016)  
Mary Holc (2017); Susan Walker (2017); Robert Hartsell (2017)  
Blake Bishop (2018); Valerie Harsh (2018); Marquita Simpson (2018)  
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

### Trustees

Morgan Ingram (2016); Gregg Webber (2017); Mary Kay Schroeter (2018)

## Christmas Poinsettias - 2016

*The beautiful poinsettia plants in our Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the following persons and may be taken home Christmas Eve.*

**Dennis & Peggy Allen** – In memory of: Marie & Stanly Alles; Laura & Gratten Lambert.

**Blake & Marguerite Bishop** – In memory of: Roy & Loveday Bishop; Roland & Jimmy Wiseman, from Blake & Marguerite Bishop.

**Jason & Megan Cashing** - In memory of: Our grandparents, Chet & Grace Cashing, Robert & Jane Jencks, Robert & Ruth Grieser.

**Grace & Helen Cibula (2)** – Given to the glory of God and in honor of: Velma Allen & Valerie Harsh.

**Aida Faries** - In memory of: Bessie Faries & Warren Faries.

**Sheila Fields** – In memory of: Russell, Terri & Jeff Houston.

**Kevin, Tara, Kevin II & Madison Foster (4)** - In honor of: Evelyn Foster, Sarah E. Solesbee, Jean Waymack, Grace & Helen Cibula, Frank Solesbee, Jr.; and In memory of: Garland R. Foster, Sr., Franklin E. Solesbee, Sr.

**Doris Harmison** – In honor of: Van Harmison.

**The Hunters (2)** - In memory of: Robert E. & Wilma Hunter, Henry & Pearle Livesay; Edith & Cliff Mayerhoefer.

**Linda & Larry Johnson (2)** - In honor of: Our brilliant & beautiful Corinne, Jack, Owen & Natalie. In memory of: Our parents, Clarence & Ima Johnson, Homer & Mae Elkins.

**Shirley MacNeill** – In memory of James MacNeill & Trudy McClenny.

**Wayne Powers & Rose Scott** - In memory of: Peg Ward, Roland Wiseman & Jimmy Wiseman.

**Howard Scott & Cory Scott** - In memory of Clifford W. Scott, Jr.

**Marquita Simpson (2)** – In honor of: My children, spouses & grandchildren.

**Janet Swinton** - In memory of: Raymond Swinton.

**Barbara Taliaferro** - In memory of: Tommie Taliaferro.

**Karen Tull (2)** – In memory of: Geneva Darnell; Dorothy Dickey.

**Gladys Wiseman** - In memory of: Roland Wiseman & Jimmy Wiseman.