

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



January 28, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Mary Kay Schroeter

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

All: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!

One: Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

All: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!

One: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

All: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!

One: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

All: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom! Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #321 – “The Church’s One Foundation”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, and make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

(A Moment of Silent Confession)

Promise of God’s Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

One: Know that we have been forgiven, and be at peace!

All: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen!

*Congregational Response (Hymn #581)

The Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts, & Selves to God – Offertory

Congregational Response (Hymn #606)

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Time for Children– Junior Sermon

Susan Shockley

Children ages 3 – 1st Grade are invited to Junior Church after the Anthem; ‘Worship Boards’ are on the front pew for older youth.

Choral Anthem – “I’m Goin’ To Sing”

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.

Scripture 1st Reading: Psalm 139:13-18 p503
 2nd Reading: John 3:1-21 p863

Sermon “Born of the Spirit” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #488** – “I Was There to Hear Your
 Borning Cry”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

[From Romans 8]

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #482** – “Baptized in Water”

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**

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

A Potluck Lunch and the Annual 2017 Congregational Meeting for conducting the business of the church, the corporation and the election of officers will be held today following worship.

“These Days” (Jan. –Mar.) *They’re finally here!* The winter quarter issues are available in the Narthex. Gregory purchases a subscription to receive 20 copies of this quarterly publication and makes them available to the congregation for no charge. Pick up a copy today for some inspirational reading!

“Driving Miss Daisy” performance at the Ft. Lee Playhouse on February 11, 3 p.m. matinee: All attendees’ names have been turned in which will enable easy entry into the Post. There will be 23 of us which includes some friends of friends and friends from Tinsley Charter. If you desire to carpool there, meet at Gregory parking lot at 2 p.m. We will depart from there promptly at 2:15 p.m. Tickets will be distributed as soon as I receive them. Thank you for your support of this activity.
: *Judy Recher*

“Scouts Sunday” will be observed on February 11. In appreciation of the support it has given to the Gregory Scout groups, the church congregation is invited to the **Cub Scouts’ Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation is also invited to the **Boy Scout’s Reception** in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the morning worship service.

MPC Information

www.gregorymemorial.org 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)
Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)
Organist: Sandra Perkins Accompanist: Gail Rollings
Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

Session Members

Mary Holc (2017); Susan Shockley (2017); Robert Hartsell (2017)
Blake Bishop (2018); Valerie Harsh (2018); _____(2018)
Sandy Hunter (2019), Patsy Johnson (2019); (2019) Charles Smyth (2019)
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

Gregg Webber (2017); Mary Kay Schroeter (2018); Morgan Ingram (2019)

1/28 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a 5 Cents a Meal Offering 12:15p Potluck lunch & Annual 2017 Congregational Meeting, officers' election, corporation meeting after worship service	28	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Holy Communion	4
M		29		5
T	6p GS Tr. 5000	30	12:30p Circle 6p GS Tr. 5000 6p Congregational Care 7p Facilities 7p Worship	6
W	2p Committee reports due 7p Choir practice	31	7p Choir practice	7
T	2p Church cleaning 7p Christian Ed	Feb. 1	2p Church cleaning 7p Missions & Outreach	8
F		2		9
S		3		10

SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc (Jan.)
Gregg Webber (Feb.)

	January 28, 2018	February 4, 2018
USHERS	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Shockley	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Pat Hunter	Rose Scott
COUNTING	David Johnson Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 11/30/17	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$121,031.90	1/7	\$ (no church)
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$122,348.59	1/14	\$2,644.00
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 1,316.69)	1/21	\$3,149.82
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			1/28	\$

ATTENDANCE: January 21, 2018

Worship: 34	Sunday School: 13	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 9	Children:
	Fellowship: 4	Youth:

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Those affected by recent hurricanes & the emergency responders
Members of Franklinville Presbyterian Church, Franklinville, NY
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, Rick, and her brother, Martin (health issues)
Becky Smith
Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
Helen & Grace Cibula
Elizabeth & H. F. Scott, Jr.
Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends
Jimmy Clark
Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)
Peggy Allen
Eleanor Jones
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue)
Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.)
Ralph Summerson
Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)
Adrienne Wallace, member of Hopewell News staff
Jane & Ralph Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (health issues)
Gene Vasek (health issue)
Gladys Wiseman
Eddie Frankenstein, former PGPD Chief (health issues)
Steve "Dee" Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue)
Shirley MacNeil (health issues)
Perry Lewis (health issue)
Verne & Clara Smith
Kenny Overstreet (health issue)
Brenda Wahl, Keith Spain's mother (health issues)
Leigh Primmer, PG County Finance Dept. (health issue)
Scott Guelcher, friend of Larry Johnson (health issues)
Carole Kreiger, friend of Dianne Overstreet (health issues)
Carol Knight, friend of Rose Scott (health issues)
Les Mayhew (recovering from surgery)
Karen Titmus & family, friends of the Wiseman/Scott families
(health concerns)
Donna Fields-Duvall, Sheila Fields' daughter (health issues)
Ed Hornbuckle, Megan Cashing's grandpa (recovering from surgery)