

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 182 - 6300 Courthouse Road
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Christians Who Love and Care.

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March 24, 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 24, 2013 - 11:00 am

Passion/Palm Sunday

Holy Week Begins

Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

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Let us prepare our hearts in silence to meet God's Spirit in worship!

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Kay Schroeter

PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

All: "Come," my heart says, "seek the face of the Lord." Your face Lord, do I seek. Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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*Congregation: please stand, if able; **bold type read aloud.**

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

Beloved God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose grace endures forever, look with favor upon us as we confess our sins. Lift our minds from earthly things to the vision of your heavenly commonwealth. We revel in self-glory; we delight in vain pursuits; we worship the idols of our base natures. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. Forgive us our shortsighted behaviors and through your eternal will reconcile us to Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Confession

***Promise of God's Forgiveness**

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old life has gone, a new life has begun.

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

All: Hallelujah, Amen!

*Congregational Response (Hymn #734, Gloria Patri)

The Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Selves to God - Offertory

*Congregational Response (#34 Doxology)

*Prayer of Dedication

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Time for Children - Junior Sermon

Valerie Harsh

Choral Anthem "Ride On, King Jesus!"

(Children ages 3 – 1st grade are invited to leave for Junior Church; older children may pick up a "Worship Board" in the right front pew for their use during the service.)

Bible Readings	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Old Testament	Pg. 594
	Luke 19:28-40	New Testament	Pg. 854

Sermon "From The Donkey's Point Of View" Rev. Beverly Bullock

*Reflective Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Pg. 255

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith - The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (in unison)

Lord, speak to all of us. Help us to focus on that one thing from which all good and worthy things come, our relationship with you. Help us screen out and sort all the competing claims on our time and strength. Give us wisdom to align our priorities appropriately... Teach us by your example and steady us by your presence...

Call out to those who don't know where to turn anymore; save them from despair. Guide those who are facing confusing decisions between imperfect options. Rescue those who feel inadequate and guilty before they collapse in hopelessness. Renew us in grace and freedom as we set out to face another week... Inspire us to greater compassion and understanding for others who may feel stretched to the breaking point... In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (Dr. Maynard Pittendreigh)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* Departing Hymn

"Lead Me to Calvary"

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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 now go out into the world as the body of Christ, witnessing to the Risen Christ. We have been blessed indeed. Hallelujah, Amen!

*Pastoral Benediction

*Choral Benediction

-WELCOME TO GREGORY MEMORIAL! -

We hope and pray that as you worship with us today you may experience the love of God and be encouraged for the coming week. Visitors, make sure to let us know of your presence by completing one of the registration cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate. We invite both visitors and “regulars” to use the cards to let us know of your prayer requests or special needs.

VISITOR INFORMATION --- We have special informational packets for our visitors, both adults and children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL---We offer engaging classes each Sunday for all ages beginning at 9:45 am. Children, youth and one adult class meet on the second floor of the Educational Building, and another adult class meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for coffee in the kitchen before and after class!

NURSERY & JUNIOR CHURCH---During the worship service, we provide loving child care for infants and toddlers. Children ages pre-K through 1st grade are invited to join their parents in the service through the Time with Children after which they can follow their leaders to a worship-based activity appropriate for their age. For children who remain in the worship service, there are “worship boards” in a box in the front right pew for their learning and enjoyment during the service.

Plan to stay after worship today for the special “THANK-YOU LUNCHEON in the Fellowship Hall to thank Rev. Bullock for her service at Gregory Memorial!

TODAY’S FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in remembrance of Jimmy Wiseman by the family.

PASTOR’S POUNDING - Do you think “pounding” your new minister is a good idea? Believe it or not, “pounding” has been a long-time custom to welcome a new pastor to a church. The practice originally involved presenting the new pastor with items that sold by the pound, such as sugar, flour, cornmeal, coffee, etc. Modern day welcoming items include gift cards, household items, paper goods, homemade cookies, home canned items, regional items such as peanuts, etc., as well as the traditional “pounding” items. Gregory Church will hold a “pounding” welcoming celebration for the Reverend Jason Cashing and his wife Megan after the worship service on April 14. Moderately-valued individual items or perhaps family or group-purchased gift cards will be presented to the new pastor at the event. Since we don’t know the Cashings’ needs as they move into the area, we are encouraging the purchase of gift cards to eating establishments, Lowe’s, Home Depot, or Food Lion. These gift cards will help them get settled. Bring your items to the Fellowship Hall and join us for cake and coffee after church to celebrate.

NEW PASTOR - **Monday, April 8, 2013**, the new pastor will officially begin his ministry with Gregory Memorial. **Sunday, April 14, 2013**, the new pastor will worship for the first time with Gregory Memorial.

MARCH WORSHIP DATES:

March 28, 2013: Maundy Thursday Worship Service (7 pm) - Holy Communion

March 31, 2013: Resurrection of the Lord/Easter (Sunrise Worship Service)

March 31, 2013: Resurrection of the Lord/Easter (11 am Worship)

2013 STEWARDSHIP TO DATEThe Facts:

Annual budget expense	\$142,151
Pledged & projected income	\$127,785
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,846
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733

The Figures:

Offering 03/03	\$3,644.55
Offering 03/10	\$1,696.91
Offering 03/17	\$2,535.70
Offering 03/24	\$
Offering 03/31	\$

ATTENDANCE: March 17, 2013

Worship: 116	Sunday School: 25
	Spiritual Enrichment 6
	Fellowship 11
	Youth 5
	One Room 3

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: March 24 - April 6, 2013**March 24 - March 30****March 31- April 6**

	PALM SUNDAY	24	EASTER SUNDAY	31
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5 Cents a Meal Offering "Thank-You" Lunch (Rev. Beverly Bullock)		Sunrise Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Local Emergency Aid Offering	
Monday	9:30 am Line Dancing	25	9:30 am Line Dancing 6:30 pm Missions 6:30 pm Outreach	APRIL 1
Tuesday		26	12:30 pm Day Circle 6:00 pm Congregational Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	2
Wednesday	1-9:00 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor 7:00 pm Choir	27	7:00 pm Choir	3
Thursday	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service (By intinction)	28	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	4
Friday	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	29		5
Saturday		30		6

MARCH GATEKEEPER: Keith Spain

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants	Today, PALM SUNDAY	March 31, Easter Sunday
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell(A)	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Acolytes - TBA
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Patsy Johnson
JUNIOR CHURCH	Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth
NURSERY	Susan Walker	Ruby Spain
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram David Johnson	Sandy Hunter Kevin Foster

OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN.....

Katherine Tompkins	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence
Theresa Faries & family	Peggy Allen & family (loss of mother, Laura Lambert, Feb. 22)
Christine Belsches	Family of Pat Yarosz (mother-in-law of Ruby Spain's sister)
Marian McDonald	Rachel Manning & family (Dad - Troop 900 Scoutmaster)
Gladys Wiseman	Harry & Pat Steele (friends of Dianne Overstreet)
Frank Solesbee	Mary Blanchard (Friend of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Audrey Turner	Virginia Mika (Sister of Grace & Helen Cibula)
Kenneth Figg	All persons recovering from natural disasters
Henry Parker	Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches)
June Hawks	Charles Lee Smyth (Charles Smyth's father)
Aida Faries	Frankie Meade (Glenda Mayhew's mother)
Tara Foster	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Pat Hunter	Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
Don Vtipil	2012-2013 School Year

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GMPC SESSION

Class of 2013

Pamela Harsh
Evelyn Lichvar
H. F. Scott, Jr.

Class of 2014

Mary Holc
Valerie Harsh
Jennifer Smyth

Class of 2015

Rose Scott
Glenda Mayhew
Mary Kay Schroeter

Clerk of Session

David Johnson

GMPC TRUSTEES

Class of 2013

Dennis Allen

Class of 2014

Ron Recher

Class of 2015

Donald Hunter

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