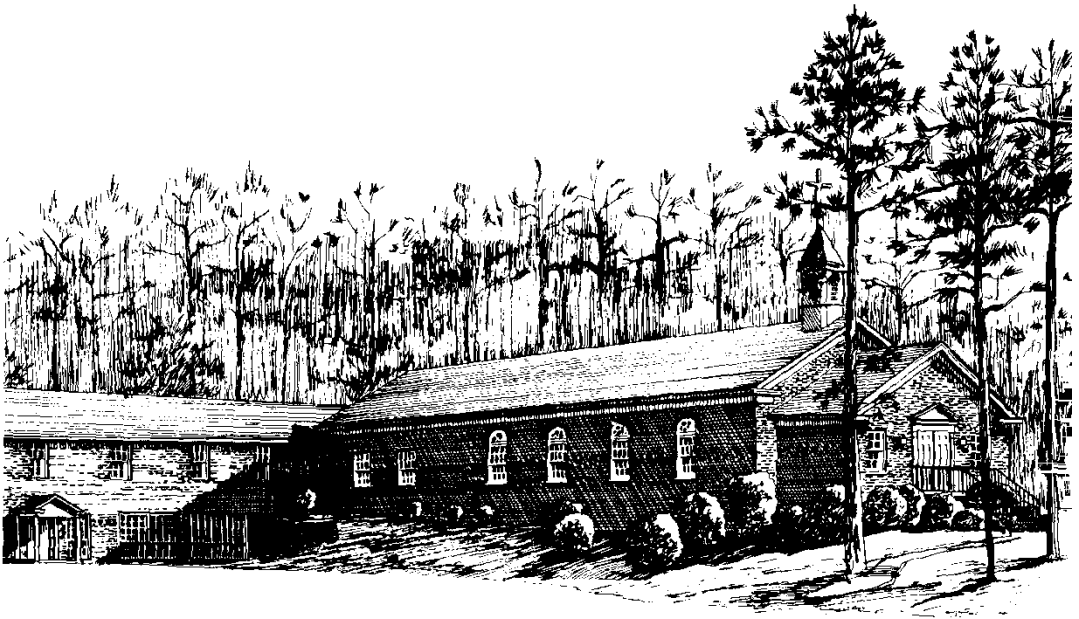


GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christians Who Love and Care.

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March 31, 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2013 - 11:00 am

Resurrection of the LORD

Easter

Liturgical Color: White

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PCUSA: "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING"

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

Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Call to Worship

One: With the stone rolled away came emptiness...

All: **Of a tomb that held captive the Crucified, of the space that was once filled with death, of the cross that now pointed to the greater truth of God's love in spite of ourselves.**

One: With the stone rolled away came questions...

All: **From those whose world lay shattered, from those who would demand living proof, from those who were seeking a sign of promise - breeding confidence, assurance and trust.**

One: With the stone rolled away came light...

All: **To illumine the darkness of suspicion and fear, to dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety and insecurity; to radiate with beams of new hope and understanding - the life about to be lived.**

One: With the stone rolled away comes a future...

All: **With a truth that outshines the wisdom of the ages, with space to be filled with the kingdom of God, with the company of those who throughout history confess - Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia! Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

"Christ Arose!"

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

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

With Christ as our hope, O God, we stand at the gates of your sanctuary seeking your pardon. We confess that we have not worshipped you alone. Life makes its demands and we push you to the margins. You are for leisure moments, when our own work is done.

Forgive us our small minds and mistaken priorities. Restore in us the sense of your greatness and your ultimate claim upon our lives through **Jesus Christ, our risen Savior**. 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

Patsy Johnson

Choral Anthem

Easter Chorale and Alleluia

[CCL # 3162073]

(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 65: 17-25
John 20:1-18

Old Testament
New Testament

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Sermon

"He's Got This"

Rev. Beverly Bullock

*Reflective Hymn

"In the Garden"

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*We Affirm Our Faith

"We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel...Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal...With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen."

(From "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Prayers of the People (in unison)

O God, whose name is worthy of unending praise, hear our prayer:

Hear us as we pray for cleansing. Rid your children of the vanity that clutters our thinking. Show us the Christ who taught self-denial. Help us to hear once again how the humble received mercy, the sick were healed, and those whom good people rejected were loved and forgiven by you.

Increase our faith and save us from the need to boast of our own goodness. Fill all anew with your Holy Spirit, so that our words may be your words, our work your work, and our glory your glory. As we seek to respond to the call of our risen Christ, may our conviction breed courage, and our charity challenge others to approach you with trust and hope. We give you thanks that even now in Christ Jesus we taste the new wine of the gospel - already the past is finished and gone. Fill us with the Spirit of Resurrection as we seek to become your redemptive society - in the name of our risen Lord who taught us to pray: *"Our Father Who Art In Heaven..."*

* Departing Hymn

"He Lives"

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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.

God is good! The Rev. Nancy Essig will be our pulpit supply minister for Sunday, April 7. She is the former pastor of Burkeville PC.

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

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.

“THESE DAYS” MAGAZINE”- Copies are available (free of charge) in Narthex.

2013 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

The 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	\$2,657.69
Offering 03/31	\$

ATTENDANCE: March 24, 2013

Worship: 76	Sunday School: 20
	Spiritual Enrichment 6
	Fellowship 12
	Youth 6
	One Room 5

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: March 31 - April 13, 2013

NOTE: Date & time of Missions Committee to be announced.

March 31 - April 6

April 7 - 13

Today	EASTER SUNDAY 31 7:30 am Sunrise Service (Breakfast after) 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Local Emergency Aid Offering</i>	7 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>
Monday	APRIL 1 9:30 am Line Dancing 6:30 pm Outreach	8 9:30 am Line Dancing 6:00 pm Christian Ed. <i>Rev. Jason Neal Cashing begins GMPC ministry!</i>
Tuesday	12:30 pm Day Circle 2 6:00 pm Congreg. Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	9 Session reports due. 7:30 pm Evening Circle
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir 3	10 7:00 pm Choir
Thursday	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday 4 Communion Service (By intinction)	11 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:30 pm Stewardship/Finance
Friday	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 5	12
Saturday	6	13

APRIL GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants	Today, Easter Sunday	April 7, 2013
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Acolytes - TBA	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	Glenda Mayhew
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Kevin Foster	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew

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

Theresa Faries & family 2012-2013 School Year Katherine Tompkins Marian McDonald Gladys Wiseman Frank Solesbee Audrey Turner Kenneth Figg Henry Parker June Hawks Aida Faries Tara Foster Pat Hunter Don Vtipil	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence Peggy Allen & family (loss of mother, Laura Lambert, Feb. 22) Family of Pat Yarosz (mother-in-law of Ruby Spain's sister) Rachel Manning & family (Dad - Troop 900 Scoutmaster) Family of Christine Belsches (passed away March 28) Harry & Pat Steele (friends of Dianne Overstreet) Mary Blanchard (Friend of Grace & Helen Cibula) Virginia Mika (Sister of Grace & Helen Cibula) All persons recovering from natural disasters Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches) Charles Lee Smyth (Charles Smyth's father) Frankie Meade (Glenda Mayhew's mother) Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
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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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Organist: Sandra Perkins, Accompanist: Gail Rollings

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