

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 7, 2013 - 11:00 am

2nd Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

*"Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!"* *Psalm 150:6*

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. Nancy Essig

Call to Worship

One: O God, Creator of the universe and the giver of all good,

All: We praise you for the love shown in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

One: He came from glory, died, rejected on a cross.

All: He rose, triumphant from the dead.

One: Because he lives, we live.

All: Because he lives, we are here today.

One: To worship and to call upon your name.

All: We wait upon your blessing. Amen.

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

God of forgiveness, grant us favor as we make our confession. You call us to excellence, yet we fall short in your confidence in us. You grant us grace, yet we abuse your gift. You expect our decisions to match your desires and our love to be genuine in obeying your will. Yet we trust our appetites rather than rely on your goodness---as we look to our comfort rather than to our neighbor's need. In the name of the risen Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive our sin. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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

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

Pat Hunter

Choral Anthem

"Written in Red"

(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

Acts 5:27-32

New Testament

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Revelation 1:4-8

New Testament

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Sermon

"Relocation"

Rev. Nancy Essig

*Reflective Hymn

"Lord of the Dance" (*"I Danced in the Morning"*)

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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)

God before and God behind,
God for us and God for your own self,
Maker of heaven and earth, creator of sea and sky, governor of day and night.
We give thanks for your ordered gift of life to us, for the rhythms that reassure,
for the equilibriums that sustain, for the reliabilities that curb our anxieties.
We treasure from you, days to work and nights to rest.
We cherish from you, days to control and nights to yield.
We savor from you, days to plan and nights to dream.
Be our day and our night, our heaven and our earth, our sea and our sky,
and in the end our true home. Amen.

(Walter Brueggemann)

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Giving Thanks to God (Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer)

Minister: Gracious God, our Creator, we give you thanks....

All: For the wonder and goodness of Creation, for so bountifully providing for our needs, for staying with us though we turn away from you, and, in your abounding mercy, for seeking to restore us in our brokenness to your wonderful image.

Minister: Loving Jesus, our Redeemer, we give you thanks...

All: For your servant's life of preaching, teaching and healing and for your atoning sacrifice on the Cross which has both restored our relationship with our Creator and broken the power of sin to control our lives.

Minister: Holy Spirit, who sustains us moment by moment, we give you thanks...

All: For your transforming presence which creates unity from our diversity and makes us one with the living God, we worship in Jesus Christ. Prepare us to be faithful disciples, modeling Jesus' love, humility, obedience, and *concern for justice for a world in need.*

Minister: O Lord, as the Body of Christ, bearers of Good News and God's ambassadors of reconciliation, we now lift up to you the thanksgivings and concerns we've shared today and these personal requests for your merciful and powerful intervention [each prays in silence]...and now we pray the prayer which Jesus taught, saying...

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (The Bread of Life...the Cup of Salvation)

PRAYER OF SENDING

Minister: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

People: You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service.

Minister: Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples,

People: So that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom.

Minister: And our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world.

People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

* Departing Hymn (A Call to Discipleship) "Now Let Us from This Table Rise" Pg. 715

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! Our guest minister today is the Rev. Nancy Essig. Rev. Essig is the former pastor of Burkeville PC.
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TODAY’S FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Evelyn Lichvar in honor of our dedicated, hard-working PNC.

BULL HILL ROAD CLEAN-UP is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 beginning at 8 a.m. Details TBA.

FUND-RAISERS:

Apr. 18 - Relay for Life Pancake Dinner from 6-8 p.m., in GMPC Fellowship Hall; details TBA.

Apr. 27 - GMPC Youth Group’s Work Camp BBQ Dinner from 6 p.m., in GMPC Fellowship Hall; tickets \$8; eat-in/take-out; contact: Keith Spain.

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2013 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

<u>The Facts:</u>		<u>The Figures:</u>	
Annual budget expense	\$142,151	Offering 03/03	\$3,644.55
Pledged & projected income	\$127,785	Offering 03/10	\$1,696.91
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,846	Offering 03/17	\$2,535.70
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733	Offering 03/24	\$2,657.69
		Offering 03/31	\$1,865.50

ATTENDANCE: March 31, 2013

Worship: 81	Sunday School: 22
	Spiritual Enrichment 6
	Fellowship 12
	Youth 3
	One Room 1

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: April 7 - April 20, 2013

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

April 7 - 13

April 14 - 20

Today	9:45 am Sunday School 7 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>	9:45 am Sunday School 14 11:00 am Worship <i>Rev. Cashing's first Worship at GMPC</i> <i>("Pounding" for the Pastor after Worship)</i>
Monday	9:30 am Line Dancing 8 6:00 pm Christian Ed. <i>Rev. Cashing begins GMPC ministry!</i>	9:30 am Line Dancing 15
Tuesday	Session reports due. 9 7:30 pm Evening Circle	7:00 pm Session meeting 16
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir 10	7:00 pm Choir 17
Thursday	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 11 6:30 pm Stewardship/Finance	News articles due 18 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6-8:00 pm Fund-raiser: Relay For Life Pancake Dinner @ Fellowship Hall
Friday	12	19
Saturday	8:00 am Bull Hill Rd. Cleanup 13	20

APRIL GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants	Today, April 7, 2013	April 14, 2013
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A)	Marguerite Bishop Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Rev. Cashing
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter Kevin Foster
NURSERY	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Ron Recher Sheila Fields

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 Katherine B. Tompkins & Ruth B. Figg (loss of their brother, John Wesley Burrow, Mar. 29) 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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CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Cleaning volunteers are urgently needed. To those who have volunteered their time in the past, your work is very much appreciated! If you are able to give a couple of hours to clean God's house, please use the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table and indicate the date most convenient for you. If you need access to the Church for cleaning after Church office hours, please contact Jerry Bond.

NEW PASTOR - We look forward to Rev. Jason Neal Cashing beginning his GMPC ministry on April 8 and worshipping for the first time here on Sunday, April 14, 2013.

REMINDER: 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.

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SERMON NOTES

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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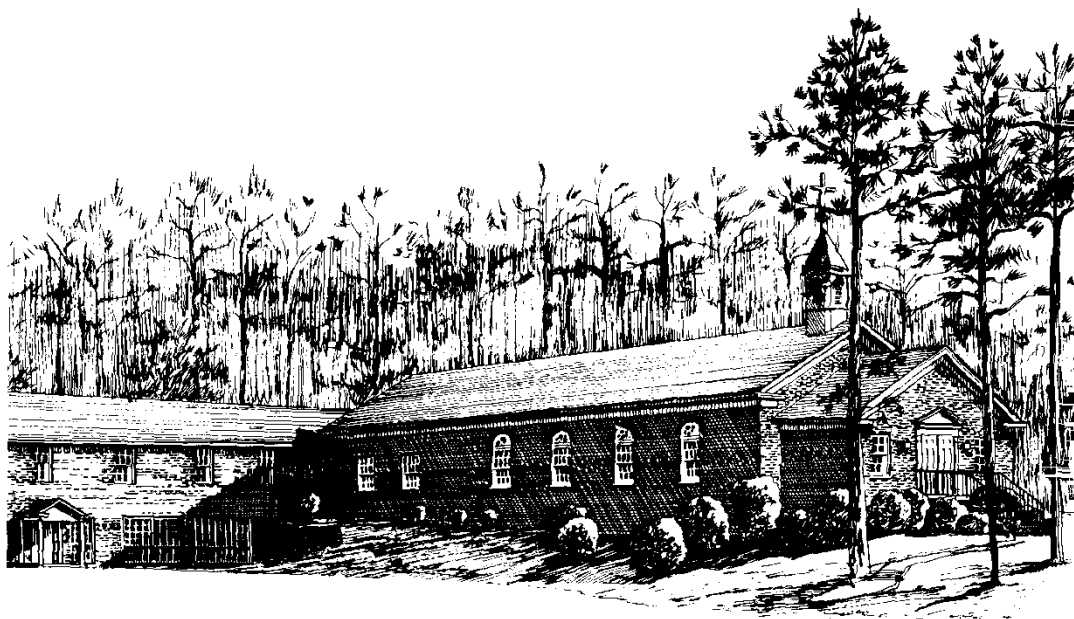
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