

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christians Who Love and Care.

*“O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.”*

Psalm 107:1

August 25, 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 25, 2013 - 11:00 am
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: **Green**
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
PCUSA: Public Education

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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

Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE
/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Jason Cashing

Call to Worship

One: God is our rock and our fortress,

All: God is our refuge and strength.

One: God is our hope and our trust.

All: Let us praise the Lord, for all that God is to us!

*Opening Hymn

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

#82

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of justice and love, we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests. Parched for mercy, we cry out to you for help. Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed like a garden freshly watered. Amen.

*Congregation: please stand, if able; areas in unison or in **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

Patsy Johnson

(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:	First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10	Pg. 609
	Second Reading: Luke 13:10-17	Pg. 848

Sermon	"Set Free"	Rev. Jason Cashing
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*Reflective Hymn	"When Peace Like a River"	#428
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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith (in unison)**

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

[from The Scots Confession]

Prayers of the People (in unison)

God of wisdom, you work for vindication and justice for all who are oppressed, and you call us to work with you to fulfill that purpose. We pray for the church and for all who work to bring justice to the oppressed. We pray for peace with justice among nations, religions, and people. We pray for those suffering in places torn by war and natural disasters. We pray for those who are bent over by oppression, in this nation and around the world. We pray for those living with long-term illness who long for relief. We pray, asking you to pray with us, *"Our Father, who art in heaven..."* Amen.

*Departing Hymn "Thine Is the Glory" #310

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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in celebration of all of our grandchildren's birthdays (Wayne Powers and Rose Scott).

PG FOODBANK URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! There is an urgent need for some volunteers to join the ranks of PG Food Bank/Clothes Closet volunteers. Because many of us who've volunteered for years aren't getting any younger, there is a need for some new faces. Please help us build a substitute list to help out when needed. The job consists of working 10 AM-2 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except June). Twice a year, clothing is seasonally exchanged which requires an extra day. Currently there are only 3 regular volunteers from Gregory, and lately we've had to seek help from other churches for our substitutes. This valuable service to the community was actually started by Gregory Church, so please give consideration to volunteering for this Outreach event. If interested, please give Judy a call (458-3580) or e-mail rjrk@comcast.net.

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2013 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

<u>The Facts:</u>		<u>The Figures:</u>	
Annual budget expense	\$142,151	Offering 08/04	\$2,850.25
Pledged & projected income	\$127,785	Offering 08/11	\$1,741.00
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,846	Offering 08/18	\$2,041.58
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733	Offering 08/25	\$

ATTENDANCE: August 18, 2013

Worship: 46	Sunday School: 12
	Spiritual Enrichment 5
	Fellowship 7
	Youth 0
	One Room 0

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: August 25 - September 07, 2013

	August 25-31	September 01 - 07
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 25 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i>	9:45 am Sunday School 01 11:00 am Worship
Monday	9:30 am Line Dancing 26 7:00 pm Christian Ed.	Labor Day Holiday 02
Tuesday		First day of School! 03 12:30 pm Day Circle 6:00 pm Congregational Care 6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir 28	7:00 pm Choir 04
Thursday	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 29 7:00 pm Preschool Parent Orientation	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 05
Friday	30	06
Saturday	Labor Day Weekend begins 31	07

AUGUST GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants	August 25, 2013	September 1, 2013
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A)	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Mary Beth Coleman Madison Foster	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth
NURSERY	Jennifer Smyth	Ruby Spain
COUNTING	David Johnson Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Sheila Fields

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

Theresa Faries & family Katherine Tompkins Marian McDonald Gladys Wiseman Audrey Turner Kenneth Figg Ruth Figg Grace Cibula Henry Parker Pete Lucy, Sr. June Hawks Aida Faries Clara Smith Tara Foster Pat Hunter Don Vtipil 2013/14 School Year	All who have lost loved ones due to acts of violence Persons recovering from natural disasters Tommy Forehand (the Bishops' friend) - hospitalized Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin) - therapy, in-home rehab Helen Cibula - knee rehab, Hopewell Health Center Lyn Bond (Jerry/Brenda Bond's grandson) - surgery Frank Solesbee - recuperating, home Aubrey Kerley (Grace & Helen Cibula's brother-in-law) Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend) Virginia Mika (Grace & Helen Cibula's sister) Family & Friends of Alicia Scudder (d. Aug. 18) Frankie Meade (Glenda Mayhew's mother) Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Russell Houston (Sheila Fields's brother) Idell Goronto (Lisa Hartsell's friend) Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend) Joy: Infant Kellan Daniel Schmidt (Susan Walker's employee's child) - improving
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GMPC SESSION

Class of 2013

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

Class of 2014

Mary Holc
Valerie Harsh

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

PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS

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MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS...

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY! Habitat for Humanity has come to Prince George! And their goal is to build 5 homes in our county this upcoming year. Outreach Committee would like to get Gregory involved in this worthwhile endeavor. Learn more about this in the September newsletter.

PRINCE GEORGE TRIAD - Prince George TRIAD is again supporting the AARP Community Food Drive from September 8-15. Your support last year was greatly appreciated. There will be a box located in the Fellowship Hall for your donations starting September 1 and ending on September 15. TRIAD is hoping to exceed the 1,100-pound total collected last year.