

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christians Who Love and Care.

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Lamentations 3:25*

October 6, 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 06, 2013 - 11:00 am

20th Sunday after Pentecost

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: World Communion Sunday/Peacemaking Offering

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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

Jerry Bond

PASSING OF PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Jason Cashing

Call to Worship

One: Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention all around.

All: The needs of the world are great; O Lord, increase our faith!

One: The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

All: The needs of the world are great; O Lord, increase our faith!

One: How many threats surround us: warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

All: The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still – the One in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!

*Opening Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

#21

Please read aloud areas indicated as **“in unison”** or appearing in **bold type**.

* Congregation, please stand, if able.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you have called us to live with sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty. We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table. In Christ's name we pray. 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

Rev. Jason Cashing

(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.)

Choral Anthem

Bible Readings: First Reading: Lamentations 1:1-6 Pg. 666
 Second Reading: Luke 17:5-10 Pg. 852

Sermon “Thankless Duty” Rev. Jason Cashing

*Reflective Hymn “When We Are Living” #415

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

[from The United Church of Canada]

Prayers of the People (in unison)

God of tender mercy, you hear the cries of the one who is suffering, of the one trying to recover, of the one who has been hurt by another, of one at risk in a complex and impersonal system. Enfold each one in your steadfast love. Take special care of those who do not, or cannot, cry out, but wait quietly in hope. Give voice to those who should not wait quietly; empower them with strength and support all around. With the gift of life given in the soaring light of your gospel, hear our prayers, and join us as we pray together, “Our Father, who art in heaven...” Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray:

All: Loving God, through your goodness, we have this bread and cup to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

One: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread...*the minister continues*...The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion of the People

[We will celebrate communion by intinction. As your pew is ready, please come down the center aisle to receive the elements by tearing off a piece of the bread, and then dipping it in the cup of juice on your side of the sanctuary. Please return to your pew via the side aisle. If you feel unable to come forward, please notify the servers who are moving about the sanctuary; they will come to you with the bread and the cup.]

One: Let us give thanks together:

All: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us, and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, on earth and in your heavenly host, with brothers and sisters around the world, we join in the song of your unending greatness. Amen.

[Adapted from the Iona Abbey Community, Scotland]

*Departing Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

#603

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



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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 in honor of Breeana Hunter in celebration of her 11th birthday by the Hunter family.

“These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith” - The Fall edition is available (free of charge) in the Narthex.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR USHERING AND KEEPING NURSERY! Please consider volunteering as an usher or to keep the nursery. If you would like to serve as a volunteer for either of these tasks, please contact Rose Scott.

OCTOBER’S THIRD SUNDAY LUNCHEON - The theme of Gregory’s Third Sunday Luncheon (this month’s host: Congregational Care Committee) on October 20 is *“Invite Someone to Church.”* Please invite a guest(s) to worship with you that day and then join us with your guest(s) at the luncheon which will be held in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

2013 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

<u>The Facts:</u>		<u>The Figures:</u>	
Annual budget expense	\$142,151	Offering 09/01	\$3,217.78
Pledged & projected income	\$127,785	Offering 09/08	\$1,858.00
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,846	Offering 09/15	\$3,057.10
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733	Offering 09/22	\$1,168.00
		Offering 09/29	\$2,139.16

ATTENDANCE: September 29, 2013

Worship: 60	Sunday School: 18
	Spiritual Enrichment 6
	Fellowship 12
	Jr. - Sr. High 0
	Children 0

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: October 06 - October 19, 2013

October 06-12		October 13 - 19	
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 06 11:00 am Worship <i>Communion (Intinction)</i> <i>World Communion Sunday/ Peacemaking Offering</i>	9:45 am Sunday School 13 11:00 am Worship <i>Guest minister: Doug Walter</i>	
Monday	9:00 am Comm. reports due 07 9:30 am Line Dancing 6:30 pm Missions	9:30 am Line Dancing 14	
Tuesday	7:30 pm Evening Circle 08 6:30 pm Outreach	7:00 pm Session meeting 15	
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir 09	7:00 pm Choir 16	
Thursday	2:00 pm Session agenda out 10 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:30 pm Stewardship & Finance	9:00 am News articles due 17 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	
Friday	11	18	
Saturday	12	POJ Meeting @ Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Mechanicsville 19	

OCTOBER GATEKEEPER:



Keith Spain

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants	October 06, 2013	October 13, 2013
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Justin Ellis-Bowman (A) Breeana Hunter (A)	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Valerie Harsh Chayse Hartsell (A) Jamie Meurer (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Rev. Cashing	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Rose Scott Madison Foster	Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram
NURSERY	Glenda Mayhew	Ruby Spain
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Ron Recher

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

All who have lost loved ones due to acts of violence	Family & friends of Wallace Edwards (Dave Johnson's uncle, d. 09/21)
Survivors of natural disasters	Family & friends of Richard Kirby (Dink Armstrong's brother, d.09/28)
Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend) - leg problems	Officer Butch Pearson (PGPD), loss of his mother Brian Capp, loss of father
Theresa Faries & family	Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend)
Katherine Tompkins	Miranda Matthews, recently hospitalized grandmother of Jamie Meurer's friend
Marian McDonald	Evelyn Lichvar, recovering at home from foot surgery
Gladys Wiseman	Lawrence & James Hartsell (Robert Hartsell's brothers)
Audrey Turner	Lyn Bond (Jerry & Brenda Bond's grandson)
Kenneth Figg	Virginia Mika (Grace & Helen Cibula's sister)
Ruth Figg	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Grace Cibula	Russell Houston (Sheila Fields's brother)
Henry Parker	Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Jacob Spain - 1 st year in college
Pete Lucy, Sr.	Our Joy: Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister) recovering at home
June Hawks	Frankie Meade - Glenda Mayhew's mother received a good report
Aida Faries	Amy Ellis-Bowman - recuperating, home
Clara Smith	Helen Cibula - continuing knee rehab, home
Tara Foster	Tommy Forehand (Bishops' friend) - recovering, home
Pat Hunter	Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin) - in-home rehab, therapy
Don Vtipil	Frank Solesbee - recuperating, home
2013/14 School Year	Sentral Riggins Gravley (Bishops' friend) - recuperating, home

SERMON NOTES



Have you ever wondered what it means to be a *Presbyterian*?

Can you even describe the difference between a *Presbyterian* and a *Methodist*?

A *Protestant* and a *Catholic*?

And what does a *Christian* believe, anyway, and why?

Why should I consider joining a *CHURCH*?

If these, or any other similar questions about faith, church and religion have crossed your mind (or the mind of someone you know), then you won't want to miss our next

THIRD SUNDAY!

We'll be spending some time, with food of course, discussing these questions and others, and what it means to be a Christian, a Disciple, Committed to the Cross of Christ, and a Member of the Body of Christ.

Trust me, you won't want to miss out!

So mark your calendars, and invite a friend to worship...

...to lunch.

...to conversation.

October 20, 2013

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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