

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christians Who Love and Care.

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Lamentations 3:25*

October 20, 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 20, 2013 - 11:00 am

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Children's Sabbath

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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 PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Jason Cashing

Call to Worship

One: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how many obstacles we may face, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people.

*Opening Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and words of grace. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Confession

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

* Congregation, please stand, if able.

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.)

Choral Anthem

Bible Readings: First Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34 Pg. 642

Second Reading: Luke 18: 1-8 Pg. 853

Sermon "A New Blueprint" Rev. Jason Cashing

*Reflective Hymn "God of Our Life" Pg. 409

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 justice, in Christ you teach us to pray always and not to lose heart. And so we come. We pray for your children who suffer under oppressive rulers and greedy tycoons... For your church that is torn asunder by mistrust and pride... For those who have no water or only dirty water to drink... For those who go to bed hungry each night and wake to empty cupboards... For those bound by depression, anxiety, loneliness or fear... For all whose burdens we carry in our hearts and name to you... All these prayers and more we offer to you, praying as we have been taught. *"Our Father, who art in heaven..." Amen.*

*Departing Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be"

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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.

TODAY’S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Ordination of Rev. Jason Cashing 10/21/2007 by his parents, Doug and Betsy Cashing.

TODAY’S “THIRD SUNDAY” LUNCHEON - The theme of today’s Third Sunday Luncheon (Host: Congregational Care Committee) is *“Invite Someone to Church.”* Please join us with your guest(s) in the Fellowship Hall for a great lunch and fellowship after worship.

INVITATION TO GMPC CONGREGATION: Gregory’s flagpole between the Church and the Temple Building is the Eagle Scout project of Jeffrey B. Hundley. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Taylor request the pleasure of your company at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Gregory Church for their son Jason Bernard Hundley, on Sunday, October 27, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. Following the ceremony, dinner will be served. **If you can attend, please RSVP** to Maria Taylor at 804-605-4726 or email RSVP to mariatroop900@yahoo.com.

FALL FEST - Be sure to mark your calendars for our Fall Fest which will include a real pig roast complete with all the “fixin’s.” Saturday, October 26 from 3-6pm is the day! Let’s all pray for good weather as there are many fun outdoor activities including games, pumpkin painting, sack races etc. There will be activities for one and all. Volunteers are needed for that day to supervise different activities. If you can help, please let Brenda, Judy or Donald know. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall as well.

“HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES” - Outreach is going to support the American Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes program. Gregory did this a few years ago. There will be a box of Christmas cards in the narthex for your use to write messages to deserving GI’s. Another box will sit beside it to place your finished cards. If anyone has any extra cards to donate, please feel free to add them to the box. Deadline for mailing is December 6. Let’s show our support for the military that protects our freedom. Your support will be most appreciated.

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Please accept our heartfelt thank-you for the expressions of support and comfort we received from you at the death of our sister, Virginia, and our brother-in-law, Aubrey. Peace and the love of Christ be yours.

Grace and Helen Cibula

2013 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

The Facts:		The Figures:	
Annual budget expense	\$142,151	Offering 10/06	\$1,974.60
Pledged & projected income	\$127,785	Offering 10/13	\$2,489.00
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,846	Offering 10/20	\$
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733	Offering 10/27	\$

ATTENDANCE: October 13, 2013

Worship: 55	Sunday School: 16
	Spiritual Enrichment 5
	Fellowship 10
	Jr. - Sr. High 0
	Children 1

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: October 20 - November 02, 2013

October 20 - 26		October 27- November 02	
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 20 11:00 am Worship 3 rd Sunday lunch after worship (Host: Cong. Care Comm.; Theme: "Bring a Guest to Church")	9:45 am Sunday School 27 11:00 am Worship 5 Cents A Meal Offering 4:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony & Dinner for Jason Bernard Hundley; GMPC Congregation invited; RSVP; see announcement section for details.	
Monday	21	1:00 pm PG TRIAD @ PG Library 28 7:00 pm Christian Ed	
Tuesday	22	29	
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir 23	7:00 pm Choir 30	
Thursday	2:00 pm Newsletter out 24 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 31 Hallowe'en	
Friday	25	NOV. 01	
Saturday	3-6:00 pm Fall Fest & Pig Roast 26 @ GMPC	02	

OCTOBER GATEKEEPER:

Keith Spain

Sunday Servants	October 20, 2013	October 27, 2013
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram Kaitlyn Hartsell (A) Chayse Hartsell (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh
NURSERY	Rose Scott	Susan Walker
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Sheila Fields	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

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

All who have lost loved ones due to acts of violence Survivors of natural disasters Frank Solesbee - recuperating, home Theresa Faries & family Katherine Tompkins Marian McDonald Gladys Wiseman Audrey Turner Kenneth Figg Ruth Figg Grace Cibula Henry Parker June Hawks Aida Faries Clara Smith Tara Foster Pat Hunter Don Vtipil 2013/14 School Year	Persons/families living with uncertainties of recent civilian furloughs The Vtipil family, facing many joys & trials in the days to come Shirley Barlow (Jean Waymack's sister), facing health problems, recovering from surgery Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend) - leg problems Family & friends of Pete Lucy, Sr. (d. 10/10) Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend) Miranda Matthews, recently hospitalized grandmother of Jamie Meurer's friend Evelyn Lichvar, recovering at home from foot surgery Lawrence & James Hartsell (Robert Hartsell's brothers) Lyn Bond (Jerry & Brenda Bond's grandson) Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Russell Houston (Sheila Fields's brother) Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Jacob Spain - 1 st year in college Our Joy: Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister) recovering at home Frankie Meade - Glenda Mayhew's mother, received a good report Helen Cibula - continuing knee rehab, home Tommy Forehand (Bishops' friend) - recovering, home Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin) - therapy, in-home rehab Sentral Riggins Gravley (Bishops' friend) - recuperating, home
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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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