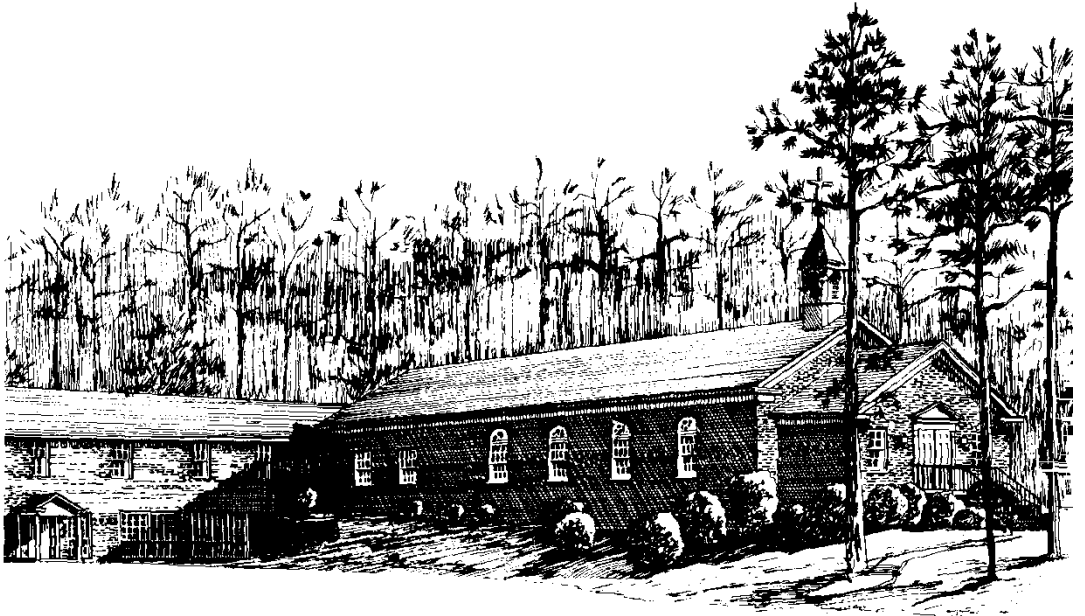


GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christians Who Love and Care.

*“Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.”
Psalm 119:144*

November 17, 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 17, 2013 - 11:00 am

26th Sunday after Pentecost

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: **Green**

*“Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.”
Psalm 119:144*

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

Diane Overstreet

PASSING OF PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Jason Cashing

Call to Worship

One: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

All: Let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth!

One: Shout aloud, and sing for joy, from the highest peaks to the deepest caverns.

All: Shout aloud, and sing for joy, from the tiniest creatures to the greatest herds.

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy, all you peoples of God!

All: We gladly join our voices and hearts in worship and praise!

*Opening Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#56

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of peace, we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command not to be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.

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

* Congregation, please stand, if able.

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

(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 "Autumn Carol"

Bible Readings: First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25 Pg. 607
Second Reading: Luke 21:5-19 Pg. 856

Sermon "Glimpses of the Kingdom" Rev. Jason Cashing

*Reflective Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" #420

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humanity. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. The work of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls people to be reconciled to God and one another.

[from *The Confession of 1967*]

Prayers of the People (in unison)

God of new beginnings, you have promised us a season in which weeping will no longer be heard, nor cries of distress. This day, we come before you offering prayers for those who weep with grief: for those who mourn the death of loved ones...the loss of employment...the pain of transition. We pray for those who cry out in distress: for the rumblings of hungry bellies...the lament of the addict...the pleas of the homeless. We lift before you those who suffer and labor, those who seek peace and offer comfort. Join us as we pray, joining our hearts in the prayer we have been taught, "*Our Father, who art in heaven...*" Amen.

*Departing Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #507

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 a.m. 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 by Ruby and Jerry Hasky in memory of their grandson, Brandon Hasky.

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR OUR THIRD SUNDAY LUNCH TODAY!
The theme of today's lunch is “Thanksgiving Feast.” The covered dish lunch is hosted by the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

LINE DANCING CLASS - No class on Monday, November 18.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING - The Outreach Committee will meet on Monday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - It's time to order Christmas poinsettias! Cost is \$11.00 per plant. These lovely scarlet plants will be displayed in the Sanctuary throughout Advent and after the Christmas Eve service, you may take them home to keep or gift to someone special. Please use the order form in this Bulletin for your order and then leave the completed form in the collection plate now through the December 1 deadline date. (*Extra forms available in Narthex.*) (Contact: Marquita Simpson)

2013 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

<u>The Facts:</u>		<u>The Figures:</u>	
Annual budget expense	\$142,151	Offering 11/03	\$3,903.00
Pledged & projected income	\$127,785	Offering 11/10	\$1,855.00
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,846	Offering 11/17	
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733	Offering 11/24	

ATTENDANCE: November 10, 2013

Worship: 65	Sunday School: 19
	Spiritual Enrichment 6
	Fellowship 11
	Jr. - Sr. High 0
	Children 2

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: November 17 - November 30, 2013

November 17- 23		November 24-30	
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 17 11:00 am Worship Third Sunday Lunch; Theme: "Thanksgiving Feast"; Host: Stewardship & Finance <i>Children's Thanksgiving Offering</i>	9:45 am Sunday School 24 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i> 6:30 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ Church of the Sacred Heart	
Monday	6:30 pm Outreach Comm. 18	<u>Office open</u> 25 9:30 am Line Dancing	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Session meeting 19	<u>Office Open</u> 26	
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir 20	<u>Office open</u> 27 2-3:00 pm Cleaning	
Thursday	2:00 pm Newsletter out 21 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 5:30 pm James House meeting @ GMPC	<u>Office closed</u> 28 Thanksgiving	
Friday	22	29	
Saturday	23	James River Jr. Women's Club 30 @ GMPC Fellowship Hall (Contact: Morgan Ingram)	

NOVEMBER GATEKEEPER:

Josh Ingram

Sunday Servants	November 17, 2013	November 24, 2013
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Valerie Harsh Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth	Ann Hartsell Kevin Foster II
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Sheila Fields	David Johnson Rose Scott

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

Helen Cibula - continuing knee rehab, home Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend) Frank Solesbee - recuperating, home Russell Houston (Sheila Fields's brother) Theresa Faries & family Katherine Tompkins Marian McDonald Gladys Wiseman Evelyn Lichvar Kenneth Figg Ruth Figg Grace Cibula Henry Parker June Hawks Aida Faries Clara Smith Tara Foster Don Vtipil 2013/14 School Year	Those affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan and emergency responders in Philippines and Southeast Asia Tragic events that occurred in the Commonwealth of Virginia Survivors of natural disasters All who have lost loved ones due to acts of violence Shirley Barlow (Jean Waymack's sister), recovering from surgery Jerry Hasky, recovering from pneumonia Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend) Laura Johnson (David & Patsy Johnson's daughter) Ann Hartsell, recovering from foot surgery Lawrence & James Hartsell (Robert Hartsell's brothers) Lyn Bond (Jerry & Brenda Bond's grandson) Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Jacob Spain - 1 st year in college Joy: Audrey Turner, home from hospital, feeling better Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister) - recovering, home Frankie Meade - Glenda Mayhew's mother, improving 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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ADDITIONAL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held at Church of the Sacred Heart in New Bohemia on Sunday, November 24 starting at 6:30 p.m. (*Dinner, by reservation, to follow the service.*)

ADVENT KICK-OFF will be Thursday, December 3 starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Chili/Soup Contest. Make your best and enter the contest. After the judges do their tasting, this will be our evening meal.

There will be a Fashion/Model Show Contest following our meal. Choose your favorite character, design your outfit based on that character, write a description of the design and model your creation. This should be very fun! We need all ages and genders to sign up. Each contest will be judged, so please sign up! [Contact: Congregational Care Committee]

GREGORY'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - Outreach will again be sponsoring the Open House following the PG Christmas Parade on December 7. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. So we will be looking for your support in supplying cookies and being helpers in the kitchen. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall soon for volunteers to sign up. [Contact: Judy Recher]

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - Bryan Hudgins, Life Scout of Troop 900, chartered by Gregory Church, has chosen to construct and install a much-needed handicapped access ramp on the front facing entrance of the Temple Building as his Eagle project. To fund his project, he has started a scrap-metal recycling fund, and he is also seeking donations to raise the estimated \$3,000 funds prior to beginning the project. Donations in check form can be written out to Troop 900 with the memo stating: "Bryan's Eagle Project." Any and all donations are appreciated, and may be given to Kevin Foster or placed in the downstairs Gregory mailbox marked "Boy Scouts."

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

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