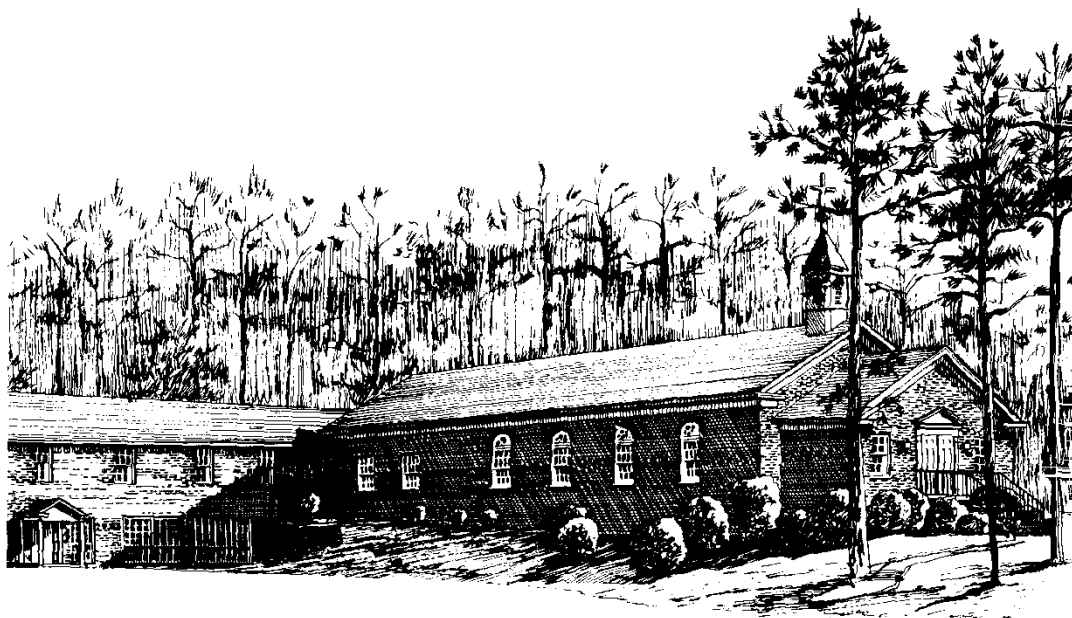


GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christians Who Love and Care.

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

November 24, 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 24, 2013 - 11:00 am

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Liturgical Color: **White**

*“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

Pat Hunter

PASSING OF PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Jason Cashing

Call to Worship

One: Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God;

All: Honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary;

One: Serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation;

All: To Christ belong the power and the glory of the Almighty.

*Opening Hymn

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

#335

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christ-like in word, in deed, and in spirit. 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

Susan Walker

(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 "Here I Am to Worship, O Worship the King"

Bible Readings: First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 P. 633
Second Reading: Luke 23:33-43 P. 859

Sermon "A Righteous Branch" Rev. Jason Cashing

*Reflective Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" #342

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)

Almighty God, hear the prayers of your people for the sake of our world. We pray for rulers, dominions, and powers of the world, that they may repent of war, renounce oppression, and serve the common good. For the church universal, that all who are baptized in Christ may bear witness to his glorious reign and serve him in the world. For our enemies, that we may love them in the way of Jesus. For our friends and neighbors, that we may dwell with them in peace. For those who we name before you, seeking your reign for all our lives. Join us as we pray, in the way we have been taught, "*Our Father, who art in heaven...*" Amen.

*Departing Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" #508

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 in celebration of Gladys Wiseman’s birthday in December by the family.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE - Tonight @ Church of the Sacred Heart in New Bohemia 6:30 p.m. *(If you reserved your seat at their Thanksgiving table, don’t forget to stay afterward!)*

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - Only two Sundays left to order your poinsettias! Cost is \$11.00 per plant. Use order form enclosed; extra forms in Narthex. Please leave the completed form in collection plate by December 1. (Contact: Marquita Simpson)

PG TRIAD - Monday, Nov. 25 @ 1:00 p.m. in PG Library; Guest speaker: Chuck Renfro, CEO of Thinking Cap Technology for Seniors. This is last day to sign up for TRIAD’s December 16 (holiday) meeting requiring headcount for meal. *[December 16 meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. @ PG Recreation Center on Old Stage Road.]*

ADVENT KICK-OFF - Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your Chili/Soup and enter the Contest, then dine on the entries after judging and be entertained by the Fashion/Model Show Contest. Lots of fun! [Contact: Congregational Care Committee]

OPEN HOUSE & CHRISTMAS PARADE- Saturday, Dec. 7 @ 3:00 p.m. Sign up on sheet in Narthex or Fellowship Hall for serving or to bring cookies! [Contact: Judy Recher]

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	\$1,617.00
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733	Offering 11/24	

ATTENDANCE: November 17, 2013

Worship: 75	Sunday School: 18
	Spiritual Enrichment 7
	Fellowship 11
	Jr. - Sr. High 0
	Children n/a

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: November 24 - December 07, 2013

	November 24-30	December 01-07
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 24 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i> 6:30 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service <i>@ Church of the Sacred Heart</i>	9:45 am Sunday School 01 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Poinsettia orders are due today.</i>
Monday	<u>Office open</u> 25 9:30 am Line Dancing 1:00 pm PG TRIAD meeting	9:30 am Line Dancing 02 11:00 am Churches Outreach/PG Foodbank Qtr. meeting 6:30 pm Missions
Tuesday	<u>Office Open</u> 26	12:30 pm Circle 03 6:00 pm Cong. Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship
Wednesday	<u>Office open</u> 27 2-3:00 pm Cleaning	7:00 pm Choir 04
Thursday	<u>Office closed</u> 28 Thanksgiving <i>Have a happy Thanksgiving!</i>	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 05 6:00 pm Advent Kick-off (Chili/Soup Contest & Fashion Show Contest)
Friday	29	06
Saturday	James River Jr. Women's Club 30 @ GMPC Fellowship Hall (Contact: Morgan Ingram)	3:00 pm Open House & Christmas Parade (Parade walkers gather @ GMPC front parking lot) 07

NOVEMBER GATEKEEPER:



Josh Ingram

Sunday Servants	November 24, 2013	December 01, 2013
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A)	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram Justin Ellis-Bowman (A) Jamie Meurer (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pat Hunter	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Ann Hartsell Kevin Foster II	Patsy Johnson Breeana Hunter
NURSERY	Rose Scott	Susan Walker
COUNTING	David Johnson Rose Scott	Morgan Ingram Sandy Hunter

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), surgery Jerry Hasky, recovering from pneumonia 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 Family & friends of Lisa Fuzy (d. 11/13) 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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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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