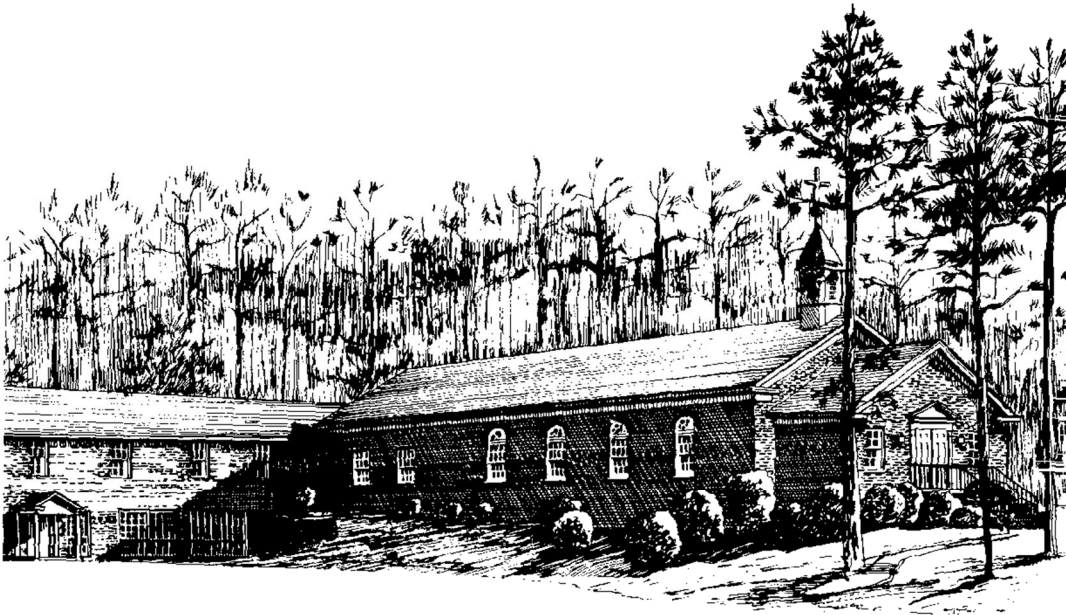


GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christians Who Love and Care.

*“Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.”*

Psalm 99:9

March 30, 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 30, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

4th Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: **Purple**

***“Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.”*** *Psalm 99:9*

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: The Lord is our shepherd. There is nothing we lack.

All: God guides us in proper paths for the sake of God’s good name.

One: God bathes our heads in oil; our cups are so full they spill over!

All: Yes, God’s goodness and faithful love will pursue us all the days of our life.

*Opening Hymn

“You Servants of God”

#112

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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: Hear the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

One: Know that we have been forgiven, and be at peace!

All: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. 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

Valerie Harsh

(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 use during the service.)

Choral Anthem “Near the Cross”

Bible Readings: Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Pg. 226
New Testament: John 9:1-12 Pg. 871

Sermon “Muddy Eyes” Rev. Jason Cashing

*Reflective Hymn “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #255

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

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 Iona Abbey]

Prayers of the People (in unison)

(The minister will lead the people in prayer, with each petition followed by the congregational response, until we pray together the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father ...")

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

*Departing Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#261

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 go out into the world as the body of Christ, bearing the good news of the gospel. We are blessed, indeed. 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 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 loving memory of Garland R. Foster by his children.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE: Service begins @ 12:00 p.m.; lunch follows service.

April 03 - Bethlehem Congregational Church, 10501 Pole Run Rd., Disputanta, VA

April 10 - Trinity UMC, 10021 County Dr., Disputanta, VA.

BULL HILL ROAD CLEAN-UP - Sat., April 05 at 8:45 a.m., meet at Church for breakfast first.

EASTER LILIES - Forms are in Narthex to order lilies (\$11 each) or to give a donation instead in honor/remembrance of your special person(s). Deadline: April 06. (Contact: Rose Scott)

GMPC SPRING WORK DAY - Sat., April 12; breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m.

CASA SUPERHERO 5K RACE (St. Joseph’s Villa)! What are you doing on the morning of April 26? Do you dream of being outside and enjoying spring weather? Want to do something to promote a good cause in our region? It’s not too late to sign up to join Jason and others in participating in the CASA Superhero 5K! Walk or run, it will be a good time of fellowship and exercise! See Jason for more details on how to register to participate or support!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE PLANS GROUP TRIP TO FLYING SQUIRRELS GAME! The Committee is planning a trip to a Richmond Flying Squirrels game, and we want you to join us! We’ll carpool up to The Diamond, sit as a group for an evening of fun! And if we get 25, we can reserve a special seating area!! Cost is estimated at \$10-\$15, depending on where we sit. [Contact for details: Josh Ingram or Jason Cashing]

2014 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

<u>The Facts:</u>		<u>The Figures:</u>	
Annual budget expense	\$139,456	Offering 03/02	\$3,660.25
Pledged & projected income	\$128,665	Offering 03/09	\$1,807.60
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,621	Offering 03/16	\$2,065.00
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,682	Offering 03/23	\$1,918.00
		Offering 03/30	

ATTENDANCE: March 23, 2014

Worship: 65	Sunday School: 22
	Spiritual Enrichment 7
	Fellowship 10
	Jr. - Sr. High 0
	Children 5

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: March 30 - April 12, 2014

	March 30 - April 05	April 06 - 12
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 30 11:00 am Worship <i>Local Emergency Aid Offering</i>	9:45 am Sunday School 06 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i>
Monday	9:30 am Line Dance 31	9:00 am Committee reports due 07 9:30 am Line Dance 6:30 pm Missions
Tuesday	12:00 pm Circle APRIL 01 6:00 pm Congregational Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	6:30 pm Outreach 08 6:30 pm Stewardship & Finance
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir 02	7:00 pm Choir 09
Thursday	12:00 pm Lenten Service 03 @ Bethlehem Congregational Church; simple lunch follows 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	12:00 pm Lenten Service 10 @ Trinity UMC; simple lunch follows 2:00 pm Session Agenda Out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning
Friday	04	11
Saturday	8:45 am Bull Hill Road Cleanup 05 & participants meet at GMPC for light breakfast (Missions Com.)	8:00 am GMPC Work Day & Breakfast 12



GATEKEEPER:

Doug Holc (March)
 Josh Ingram (April)

Sunday Servants	March 30, 2014	April 06, 2014
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew Breeana Hunter (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A)	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Patsy Johnson
JUNIOR CHURCH	Tara Foster Madison Foster	Valerie Harsh Justin Ellis-Bowman
NURSERY	Ann Hartsell	Ruby Spain
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Kevin Foster	Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew

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

Mark Chariton (home) Drew Moncol, recovering (surgery) Jonathan Bottoms, in a motorcycle accident Frank Solesbee, MCV, skin graft Lee Hettrick, father of Natalie Griggs, who is Susan Walker's co-worker (health issues) Nancy Hettrick, health issues Johnnie Smith, health issues, Col. Hgts. Convalescent Ctr. Audrey Turner, health issues Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend), recovering from surgery Glenn Anderson: health issues, kidney "Traveling Mercies" And: Henry Parker Aida Faries Marian McDonald Don Vtipil June Hawks	All affected by acts of violence & natural disasters Robert Hartsell's brothers: James (status unchanged) & Lawrence Hartsell (status critical) Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Jacob Spain, in college Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister), recovering, home Nita Spain (Keith Spain's stepmother) health issues Frankie Meade, Glenda Mayhew's mother, on primary comfort care & Glenda as she visits her mother Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin), in-home rehab Grace Cibula, continuing recovery, home after accident Helen Cibula, improving, Hopewell Convalescent Ctr Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend) Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Vonnie Edwards (David Johnson's aunt) health issues Rosa P. Bristow (Gail Rollings' mother) Marcella Chevalier, Sara-Lynn's step-grandmother Ryan McGill, brother of Dianne Overstreet's co-worker Bowman family Family & friends of Richard Harlow (Robbie Foster's brother) d. 03/24 Family & friends of Russell Houston (Sheila Fields's brother) d. 03/24
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