

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



December 7, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.

We welcome you to worship with us this morning, as we gather in community to draw closer to God, made known in Christ. We pray you would know the presence of the Lord, through our worship, and through the work of the Spirit. We invite you to take these moments before worship to calm your hearts and minds, and open yourself to quiet stillness of the presence of God!

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Dianne Overstreet

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason Cashing

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is coming to his temple.

All: We watch and wait for his coming.

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring.

Reader 2: For God shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

***Opening Hymn #96 – “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

(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 #581)**

The Giving of our Tithes, Gifts, & Selves to God – Offertory

***Congregational Response (Hymn #606)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Time for Children – Junior Sermon

Megan Cashing

(Children ages 3 – 1st Grade are invited to Junior Church following the anthem; older youth may take a 'Worship Board')

Choral Anthem

“Hymn to the Christ-Child”

Scripture Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

p581

2nd Reading: Mark 1:1-8

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Sermon “Preparing the Way”

Rev. Jason Cashing

***Reflective Hymn** #106 – “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith**

Glory to God hymnal, page 34 – Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

[Please refer to the insert.]

***Departing Hymn** #87 – Comfort, Comfort Now My People

***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 & Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE! Missions is putting up the Angel tree again this year. In this season of giving to us God's greatest gift, what better time to give back to someone not as fortunate. On the morning of December 7, you will see the trees in the Narthex decorated with angels for the children and food gifts for the family. Please have your gifts and food back to the Church by Dec. 21.

Place your Christmas cards to each other in the box provided in the Narthex..*save some postage!* Cards will be given out on **Dec. 14 and 21.**

Congregational Care needs donated items (lead crystal vases, picture frames, etc.) for a silent auction/raffle at the **Advent Celebration on Dec 11.** Money raised will be seed money for the Home-Coming Event 2016. Call Ingrid Phoenix or Baerbel Turcotte with questions. Donations needed ASAP.

Sign-up sheets in Narthex for Advent Celebration (Dec. 11, 6 p.m.) for Chili/Soup Contestants. Also five (5) judges are needed. Please sign-up for either.

Camp Hanover's "A Hanover Christmas" (Dec. 12 and 13, 6-9 p.m.) is suitable for all ages and abilities. You become immersed in the Christmas Story as you follow a lit trail through the woods, meeting Mary, Joseph, and other characters along the way. You'll end up in Wise Lodge, camp's dining facility for music, refreshments, and fellowship.

Camp Hanover's "Winter Camp" (Dec. 28-30) is now accepting camper applications. The Camp is open to the public. Youth in Grades 5 through 12 are eligible to attend. Please contact Camp Hanover staff at 804-779-2811 for more information.

GMPC Information

www.gregorymemorial.org www.facebook.com/gmpcva
804.732.1081 Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Jason Cashing (Jason@gregorymemorial.org)
Secretary: Nancy Adams (gregorymemorialoffice@verizon.net)
Organist: Sandra Perkins Accompanist: Gail Rollings
Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

Session Members

Gail Rollings (2014); Mary Holc (2014); Valerie Harsh (2014);
Rose Scott (2015); Glenda Mayhew (2015); Mary Kay Schroeter (2015);
Pat Hunter (2016); Josh Ingram (2016); Keith Spain (2016)
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

Ron Recher (Class of 2014)
Donald Hunter (Class of 2015)
Morgan Ingram (Class of 2016)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy communion (intinction)</i>	7	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	1 4
M	9:00 am Committee reports in 9:30 am Line Dance 6:00 pm Boy Scouts District Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	8	9:30 am Line Dance 1:00 pm PG TRIAD meeting; PG Recreation Ctr, Old Stage Rd.	1 5
T	6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Stewardship & Fin.	9	7:00 pm Session meeting	1 6
W	6:00 pm Relay for Life com. 7:00 pm Choir 2-8 pm Cleaning	1 0	7:00 pm Choir <i>Preschool Christmas Field Trip to Swift Creek Mill Playhouse</i>	1 7
T	9:00 am News articles in 2:00 pm Session Agenda out 6:00 pm Advent Celebration	1 1	12:00 pm Preschool Christmas Program for parents 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	1 8
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SUNDAY SERVANTS Gatekeeper: Doug Holc

	Dec. 7, 2014	Dec. 14, 2014
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew
ACOLYTES	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman	Brianna Hunter Jamie Meurer
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Pat Hunter Breeana Hunter	Rose Scott Kaitlyn Hartsell
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Kevin Foster Rose Scott

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Facts &	Figures	YTD	Thru 10/31/14	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Ann. budget exp.	\$139,456	Exp.	\$110,792.80	11/30	\$1,731.00
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$128,665	Inc.	\$108,968.13	12/07	
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,621	Diff.	\$ -1,824.67	12/14	
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,682			12/21	
				12/28	

ATTENDANCE: Nov. 30, 2014

Worship: 64	Sunday School: 24		
	Spiritual Enrich. 7	Youth 3	
	Fellowship 9	Children 5	

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Our military and their families
Our college students & the 2014/15 K-12 School Year
Lucille Link (Patsy Johnson's mother)
Helen Cibula
Mark Smiley
Bucky Allen
Beverly Childress
Ruby Hasky
Wayne Hedgepeth, Ruth Figg's nephew (health issue)
Bill McAllister
Charlie Perkins (recov. from surgery)
Frank Solesbee
Peggy Allen
Donna Allen
Audrey Turner
Aida Faries
Don Vtipil
Marian McDonald
James Hartsell (Robert Hartsell's brother)
Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister)
Doris Karnowski (Josh Ingram's grandmother)
Mike & Brenda Harrington (Valerie Harsh's friends)
Maryland Blanchard (friend of Grace and Helen Cibula)
Ben Nicely (Spain family's friend)
Mila Campen (Ann Hartsell's mother)
Gary Coates (friend of the Rechters)
Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Cookie Wicker (friend of Glenda Mayhew)
David Childress (Beverly Childress' brother)
Inez Paul (Mary Holc's mother)
Sara-Lynn Prefontaine
Bonnie Walling (Smyth family's friend)
Tracy Taliaferro
Kenny Overstreet (contin. recov.)
Brittany Mason, Kenny's niece (surgery)
Peyton Audrey (Audrey Turner's great-granddaughter)
Mark Chariton (new health issue)
Martin Bauer, Evelyn Lichvar's brother (health issue)
Becky Smith, recovery from procedure
David Johnson, upcoming surgery
Ed Smiley, continued health issues
Joanne Overstreet, taken to MCV
Henry Parker, continued health issues

JOY: Joe Baxter's health issue is resolved!