

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



December 14, 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

Jerry Bond

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason Cashing

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Heaven and earth may pass away,

All: But the Word of God will stand unshaken.

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another.

Reader 2: For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

***Opening Hymn #82 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation of your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. *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

Rev. Jason Cashing

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

Choral Anthem

Breath of Heaven

Scripture Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

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2nd Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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Sermon

“The Redeemer”

Rev. Jason Cashing

***Reflective Hymn** #123 – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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.

***Departing Hymn** #93 – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

***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**

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	1 4	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Christmas Joy Offering</i> 7:30 pm "Darkest Night" Christmas Service	2 1
M	9:30 am Line Dance 1:00 pm PG TRIAD @ PG Rec. Ctr., Old Stage Rd.	1 5	<u>Office Open</u> 9:00 am Line Dance 7:00 pm Christian Ed	2 2
T	7:00 pm Session	1 6	<u>Office Open</u>	2 3
W	7:00 pm Choir <i>Preschool Holiday Field Trip to Swift Creek Mill Playhouse</i>	1 7	<u>Office Open</u> 2:00 News letter out 6:30 pm 1 st Christmas Eve Serv., Holy Communion 11:00 pm 2 nd Christmas Eve Serv., Holy Communion (intinc.)	2 4
T	12:00 pm Preschool Christmas Program for parents 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	1 8	<u>Office Closed</u> Christmas Day	2 5
F		1 9	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	2 6
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SUNDAY SERVANTS Gatekeeper: Doug Holc

	December 14, 2014	December 21, 2014
USHERS	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ACOLYTES	Brianna Hunter Jamie Meurer	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jerry Bond	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Rose Scott Kaitlyn Hartsell	Mary Holc Jamie Meurer
NURSERY	Rose Scott	Susan Walker
COUNTING	Kevin Foster Rose Scott	David Johnson Pat Hunter

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Facts & Figures	YTD	Thru 11/30/14	Offrg.	Rec'd.	
Ann. budget exp.	\$139,456	Exp.	\$122,652.92	11/30	\$3,768.00
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$128,665	Inc.	\$121,342.27	12/07	
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,621	Diff.	\$ -1,310.65	12/14	
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,682			12/21	
				12/28	

ATTENDANCE: Dec. 7, 2014

Worship: 74	Sunday School: 24		
	Spiritual Enrich. 6	Youth 2	
	Fellowship 11	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 (hospitalized, MCV)

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 Rechers)

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

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, home, looking towards next steps

Henry Parker, continues to recover

Jim Clark (health issue)

Bradley Bishop (surgery)

Lynn Bond (health issues)

Family/friends of Frank Swaciak (d. 12/6/14, friend of the Cashings)

JOY: Joe Baxter's health issue is resolved!

Kenny Overstreet's health issue is resolved!

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.

Christmas cards to each other in the box provided in Narthex will be given out today and on Dec. 21.

PG TRIAD meets at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow at PG Recreation Center, Old Stage Rd., (reservations required by Nov. meeting). TRIAD will accept any non-perishable food items for PG Food Pantry.

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)