

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



December 21, 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**

Mary Kay Schroeter

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason Cashing

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: My soul magnifies the Lord;

**All: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.

Reader 2: For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind. We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

**\*Opening Hymn #104 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

## **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

*God our Savior*, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, Emmanuel. *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

Susan Walker

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

**Choral Anthem**

He Shall Be Called

**Scripture Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 1:26-38

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**Sermon**

“The Covenant ”

Rev. Jason Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn** #143 – Angels From the Realms of Glory

# 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** #100 – Canticle of the Turning

**\*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	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>Christmas Joy Offering</i> <b>7:30 pm</b> "Darkest Night" Christmas Service	2 1	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i>	2 8
M	<u><b>Office Open</b></u> <b>9:00 am</b> Line Dance <b>7:00 pm</b> Christian Ed	2 2	<u><b>Office Open</b></u>	2 9
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W	<u><b>Office Open</b></u> <b>2:00</b> News letter out <b>6:30 pm</b> Christmas Eve Serv., Holy Communion (in pews) <b>11:00 pm</b> Christmas Eve Serv., Holy Communion (intinc.)	2 4	<u><b>Office Open</b></u>	3 1
T	<u><b>Office Closed</b></u> Christmas Day	2 5	<u><b>Office Closed</b></u> New Year's Day <b>JAN 1</b>  <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning	1
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## SUNDAY SERVANTS Gatekeeper: Doug Holc

	December 21, 2014	December 28, 2014
USHERS	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond
ACOLYTES	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman	Breeana Hunter Kaitlyn Hartsell
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Mary Holc Jamie Meurer	Tara Foster Madison Foster
NURSERY	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew
COUNTING	David Johnson Pat Hunter	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Facts & Figures	YTD	Thru 11/30/14	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Ann. budget exp.	\$139,456	Exp.	\$122,652.92	11/30    \$1,731.00
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$128,665	Inc.	\$121,342.27	12/07    \$3,768.00
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,621	Diff.	\$ -1,310.65	12/14    \$2,399.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,682			12/21
				12/28

## ATTENDANCE: Dec. 14, 2014

Worship: 77	Sunday School: 23
	Spiritual Enrich. 4      Youth 4
	Fellowship 8              Children 7

# 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)  
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  
Ed Smiley, continued health issues  
Joanne Overstreet, home, looking towards next steps  
Jim Clark (health issue)  
Bradley Brockwell (surgery)  
Lynn Bond (health issues)  
Pam Harsh, recov. surgery  
David Johnson, continuing recovery (home)  
Henry Parker

**Joy:** Frank Solesbee is home!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The remaining Christmas cards** to each other in the box provided in Narthex will be given out today.

**Line Dance class** scheduled for December 22 and December 29 has been cancelled. Class resumes January 5.

**To Congregation from Dianne Overstreet:** “Kenny and I want to thank each and everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and love during his illness. Your continued prayers for his mother, Joann, are much appreciated. We want to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year of Good Tidings and Joy. Love, Dianne & Kenny.”

**Correction of Financial Update Chart:** Please note that this Sunday’s Chart includes a correction of offering totals reported for the dates 11/30 and 12/07 in last Sunday’s bulletin.

Those in need of solace, peace and comfort are welcome to attend tonight’s special “**Darkest Night Service**” which begins in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

### GMPC Information

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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)  
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Morgan Ingram (Class of 2016)