Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



March 1, 2015 – 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: Christ died for our trespasses but was raised for our justification.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Let us worship God together.

All: We offer our hearts and minds for the glory of God's Kingdom.

*Opening Hymn #49 – The God of Abraham Praise

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through 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 Pat Hunter (Children ages $3 - 1^{st}$ Grade are invited to Junior Church following the anthem; older youth may take a 'Worship Board')

Choral Anthem

1st Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 p11 **Scripture Readings** p820

2nd Reading: Mark 8:31-38

Sermon "A Name Worth Living For" Rev. Jason Cashing

*Reflective Hymn #435 – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*We Affirm Our Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world. 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, life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

[from The Iona Abbey]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

*Departing Hymn #716 – God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*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 MAR 11:00 am Worship	1	2:00 am Daylight Saving Time; advance clock 1 hour. 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship, followed by Luncheon & discussion Place your Easter Lily orders	8
M	9:30 am Line Dance 6:30 pm Missions	2	9:30 am Line Dance 6:30 pm Missions	9
T	12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Congregational Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	3		1 0
W	7:00 pm Choir	4	7:00 pm Choir	1 1
Т	12:00 pm Lenten Service & Lunch (Host: Sycamore UMC) 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	5	12:00 pm Lenten Service & Lunch (Host: GMPC) 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	1 2
F		6		1 3
S		7	9:00 am-6:00 pm Turner/Rosenthal family use of Fellowship Hall	1 4

SUNDAY SERVANTS Gatekeeper: Keith Spain

	March 1, 2015	March 8, 2015	
	Sheila Fields	Robert Hartsell	
USHERS	Janet Swinton	Dianne Overstreet	
	Marguerite Bishop	Melissa Johnes	
	Valerie Harsh	Chris Johnes	
ACOLYTES	Breeana Hunter	Chayse Hartsell	
ACOLITES	Owen Hunter	Justin Ellis-Bowman	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond	
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Minister	
HINDOR CHURCH	Rose Scott	Melissa Johnes	
JUNIOR CHURCH	Breeana Hunter	Justin Ellie-Bowman	
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott	
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter	Kevin Foster	
	Mary Kay Schroeter	Glenda Mavhew	

FINANCIAL UPDATE

THAT CELL CIDATE					
The 2015 Facts &	Figures	YTD	Thru 1/31/15	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$130,219	Inc.	\$ 10,679.70	02/01	\$2,979.00
Ann. budget exp.	\$136,257	Exp.	\$ 10,121.13	02/08	\$2,844.00
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,355	Diff.	\$ 558.57	02/15	N/A*
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,620			02/22	N/A*

ATTENDANCE: Feb. 22, 2015 Church cancelled - burst water pipe

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

Frank Solesbee

Peggy Allen (pending surgery)

Donna Allen

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, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend

Ben Nicely, Spain family's friend

Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother

Bob Hogsett, father-in-law to the Rechers' daughter

Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister

David Childress, Beverly Childress' brother

Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother

Tracy Taliaferro

Brittany Mason, Kenny Overstreet'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

Joanne Overstreet

Jimmy Clark (hospitalized)

Bradley Brockwell

Audrey Turner (health issues)

Jerry Bond

Beth Thompson, Susan Walker's co-worker (health issues)

Marty Moran, Marguerite Bishop's friend (surgery)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter lilies may be ordered the next two Sundays! Look for the order form in the upcoming Sundays' bulletins! Cost is \$12.50 per plant.

The 2015 Lenten Schedule: The following churches will host the Lenten Ecumenical Prayer Services and Luncheons. <u>Prayer begins at 12 noon, and a simple lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m.</u> All are welcome!

Mar. 12	Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church,
	6300 Courthouse Rd., Prince George
Mar. 19	Newville UMC, 9014 Hines Rd., Disputanta
Mar. 26	Bethlehem Congregational Church,
	10501 Pole Run Rd., Disputanta

GMPC News Letter: In our communications, we strive to offer the best product for the most reasonable price. Due to our current copier contract, which will soon be in the process of being reworked, color copies are inordinately expensive, and has not been the best use of the gifts entrusted to the church. For the near future, we will be switching to an all black-and-white news letter to better use the offerings you have faithfully given, until we can renegotiate a copier contract that more closely fits our needs/purposes. Thank you for your understanding!

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

Rose Scott (2015); Glenda Mayhew (2015); Mary Kay Schroeter (2015); Pat Hunter (2016); Josh Ingram (2016); Keith Spain (2016); Mary Holc (2017); Susan Walker (2017); Robert Hartsell (2017); Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

Donald Hunter (Class of 2015) Morgan Ingram (Class of 2016) Greg Webber (2017)