

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



March 29, 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**

Rose Scott

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason Cashing

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

**All: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

**All: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Worship and adoration belong to the One who brings salvation.**

**\*Opening Hymn #196 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

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

Almighty God, loving parent, we confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause – to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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** – When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

**Scripture Readings** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 p492-493  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 12:20-33 p875

**Sermon**

“Open the Gates”

Rev. Jason Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn** #197 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*We Affirm Our Faith**

One: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**All: That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

*[The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1]*

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**\*Departing Hymn** #213 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory

**\*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	<i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>Local Emergency Aid Offrg</i>	2 9	<i>Easter</i> <b>7:00 am</b> Sunrise Service & Breakfast in Fellowship Hall <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School & Egg Hunt for Children <b>11:00 am</b> Worship & Commun. <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offrg</i>	5 6
M	<b>1:00 pm</b> PG Triad, PG Library	3 0		6
T	<b>9:00 am</b> Committee reports due in office	3 1	<b>12:30 pm</b> Circle <b>6:00 pm</b> Congregational Care <b>7:00 pm</b> Stewardship & Fin.	7
W	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir <b>APRIL</b>	1	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	8
T	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning <b>7:00 pm</b> Maundy Thursday Service & Communion (intinct.)	2	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning	9
F	<i>Good Friday</i> - Sanctuary open: 7:00-8:00 am, 12:00-1:00 pm & 5:30-7:30 pm	3		1 0
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### SUNDAY SERVANTS **Gatekeeper:** Keith Spain (Mar.); Bobby Allen (Apr.)

	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>April 5, 2015</b>
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ACOLYTES	Jaime Meurer Kaitlyn Hartsell	Breeana Hunter Owen Hunter
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Marguerite Bishop Kevin Foster	Tara Foster Madison Foster
NURSERY	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

The 2015 Facts & Figures	YTD	Thru 2/28/15	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$130,219	Inc.	\$ 17,198.94	03/01 \$5,070.00
Ann. budget exp.	\$136,257	Exp.	\$ 17,847.87	03/08 \$3,564.20
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,355	Diff.	\$ ( 648.93)	03/15 \$2,824.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,620			03/22 \$2,930.00
				03/29

### ATTENDANCE: **March 22, 2015**

Worship: 57	Sunday School: 18		
	Spiritual Enrich. 4	Youth 2	
	Fellowship 8	Children 4	

# OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Those who have been sick  
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  
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, the 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  
Audrey Turner (health issues)  
Jerry Bond  
Beth Thompson, Susan Walker's co-worker (health issues)  
Larry Katz, Keith Spain's co-worker  
Chuck Barnes, the Ingrams' friend  
Sterling Riggs, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issue)  
Dawn Kriigel, Morgan Ingram's friend  
Dianne Overstreet & Jaylon  
Dr. Shannon Bowman (health issue)  
Peggy Allen (in SRMC)  
Helen Cibula (in JRMC)  
Family/friends of Linda Wheeler (d. 3/20)  
Family/friends of Connie Tomlinson (d. 3/20)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please pause a moment to reflect upon the beauty of the lovely Peace Lilies** that grace our Sanctuary this morning.

**PG Triad Meeting Date Change:** PG Triad meeting date is changed to Monday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the PG Library.

**Join us for Gregory's Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. on Easter morning** and afterwards, enjoy a hearty breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, prepared by the Gregory men, coordinated by Jerry Bond.

**An Easter Egg Hunt** is planned by Outreach for Easter Sunday between church services (about 9:45 a.m.) The Easter Egg Hunt is open to all children!

**Reminder: "One Great Hour of Sharing"** offering will be Easter Sunday.

**Camp Hanover Returns to GMPC: JULY 6-10, 2015!** With programs designed for children currently in Grades K through 5 (for minimum of 15 children, up to a maximum of 32), Camp Hanover will offer bible study, arts and crafts and active play from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at Gregory Church. Cost to the child is \$75, the church pays the rest of the camper fee. Contact Sandy Hunter if assistance is needed. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms will be available starting April 1. If your child already knows he/she wants to attend, let Sandy know now to add their name to the list. [*Contact: Sandy Hunter, Co-chair, Christian Ed. Committee*]

**Pick up a copy of the April-June issue of "These Days"** from the Narthex publication rack for some inspirational reading.

### 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)  
Gregg Webber (2017)

## **Schedule of Services and Events for Holy Week**

April 2: **Maundy Thursday** service, 7:00pm. As we enter into the holy three days, join us in remembrance as we break bread together, just as Jesus did the same with the disciples on the evening of the arrest. Receive the deepest meaning of Easter morning by first journeying with our Lord in the darkest hour.

April 3: **Good Friday.** Take some time for silence in this day. One way to do this is to come and pray in the Sanctuary. There will not be a formal service, but the Sanctuary will be open 7:00am-8:00am, 12:00pm-1:00pm, and 5:30pm-7:30pm, with a handout for personal prayer. Scripture readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 18:1-19:42.

April 5: **Easter Sunrise Service** at 7:00am. We'll join our voices in singing praises to God for the new day and the promise of new Life in the resurrection!

**Breakfast** will be provided immediately following the sunrise service, in the Fellowship Hall. We won't care if you're still in your pajamas; come and join us!

**Easter Egg Hunt and Games!** During the normal Sunday School hour (9:45am), all kids are invited to hunt for Easter Eggs and play games, before worship.

**Easter worship** will be at the normal time of 11:00am. It will be a special service, and will help set the tone for our lives as Christians, and followers of a resurrected Lord!