

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



April 5, 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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Opening Hymn #232 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

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

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your stunning presence through the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. 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**

Patsy Johnson

*(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 Is Alive**

**Scripture Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Mark 16:1-8

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**Sermon**

“Just the Beginning”

Rev. Jason Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #246 – Christ Is Alive!**

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## **\*We Affirm Our Faith**

We undoubtedly believe, since it was impossible that the sorrows of death should retain in bondage the Author of Life, that our Lord Jesus crucified, dead, and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification, and the destruction of him who was the author of death, and brought life again to us who were subject to death and its bondage. We know that his resurrection was confirmed by the testimony of his enemies, and by the resurrection of the dead, whose sepulchers did open, and they did rise and appear to many within the city of Jerusalem. It was also confirmed by the testimony of his angels, and by the sense and judgment of his apostles and of others, who had conversation, and did eat and drink with him after his resurrection. [from *The Scots Confession*]

## **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 #233 – The Day of Resurrection!**

## **\*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>EASTER</b> 7:00 am Sunrise Service followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship & Communion <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i>	5	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship  Grace & Helen Cibula's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration in the Fellowship Hall after worship; Congregation is invited!	1 2
M		6		1 3
T	6:00 pm Congregational Care	7	12:30 pm Circle 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	1 4
W	7:00 pm Choir	8	7:00 pm Choir	1 5
T	2:00 pm Session Agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:00 pm Relay for Life meeting	9	9:00 am News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	1 6
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## SUNDAY SERVANTS Gatekeeper: Bobby Allen

	April 5, 2015	April 12, 2015
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Melissa Johnes Chris Johnes
ACOLYTES	COMMUNION	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh Kaitlyn Hartsell	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	Rose Scott
COUNTING	David Johnson Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Ron Recher

## 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 \$2,553.60

## ATTENDANCE: March 29, 2015

Worship: 76	Sunday School: 22		
	Spiritual Enrich. 8	Youth 3	
	Fellowship 5	Children 6	

# OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Those who have been sick  
Our military & their families  
Our college students & 2014/15 School Year Grades K-12  
Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother  
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, Spain family's friend  
Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother  
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)  
Audrey Turner (health issues)  
Jerry Bond  
Beth Thompson, Susan Walker's co-worker (health issues)  
Larry Katz, co-worker of Keith Spain  
Chuck Barnes, friend of Ingrams  
Sterling Riggs, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issue)  
Dawn Kriigel, Morgan Ingram's friend  
Dianne Overstreet & Jaylon  
Dr. Shannon Bowman (health issue)  
Family/friends of Linda Wheeler (d. 3/20)  
Family/friends of Connie Tomlinson (d. 3/20)  
Kelly Scott, Rose's daughter (recovering from a procedure)  
Helen Cibula (recovering at home)  
Peggy Allen (recovering at home)  
Evelyn Lichvar (health issues)  
Rick Lichvar, Evelyn's son (chronic illness)  
Byron Greenburg (mother is gravely ill)  
Bob Hogsett and Bob Hoover, fathers-in-law to the Rechers' daughters

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***YOU ARE INVITED!!!*** The Congregation is invited to the celebration of Grace and Helen Cibula's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 12 following morning church services in the Fellowship Hall. [Grace & Helen request: "No gifts, please!"]

***THE DAY CIRCLE WILL MEET AT 12:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, IN THE HOME OF EVELYN FOSTER.***

***CAMP HANOVER IS COMING TO GREGORY*** July 6-10, 2015 with a program designed for children currently in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. We must have a minimum of 15 children. The maximum is 32. They will be engaged in Bible study, arts and crafts, and active play from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. The cost is \$75 per child. The church will be responsible for the rest of the fee. We do not want cost to keep a child from having this wonderful experience, so contact Sandy Hunter if assistance is needed. Available spots will be given on a first come, first serve basis. If your child knows already that they want to come, please let Sandy know now to add their name to the list. Registration forms are available.

### 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 (office@gregorymemorial.org)  
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)

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, through your goodness, we have this bread and cup to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.**

One: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread...*[Minister continues...]* The gifts of God for the people of God.

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE [From pews]

One: Let us give thanks together:

**All: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us, and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, on earth and in your heavenly host, with brothers and sisters around the world, we join in the song of your unending greatness. Amen.**

*[Adapted from the Iona Abbey Community, Scotland]*

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**

*Easter Flowers - 2015*



*The beautiful lilies in our sanctuary are given to the glory of God by:*

**Blake & Marguerite Bishop** in honor of Gladys Wiseman.

**Doug & Betsy Cashing** in memory of Robert L. & Jane Brown Jencks and Chester & Grace Cashing.

**Jason & Megan Cashing** in memory of our grandparents, Bob & Jane Jencks, Chet & Grace Cashing, and Bob & Ruth Grieser.

**Grace & Helen Cibula** in honor of Jana Lesikarova, David Mirejovsky, Mary Treslova & Martha Benesova.

**Kevin, Tara, Kevin II & Madison Foster** in honor of Grace & Helen Cibula, Frank, Sarah & Frank, Jr., Solesbee, Jean Waymack & Evelyn Foster; in memory of Irving Waymack & Garland Foster.

**Larry & Linda Johnson** in honor of our grandchildren, Corinne, Jack, Owen & Natalie, and in memory of our parents, and Clarence & Ima Johnson and Homer & Mae Elkins.

**The Johnes Girls** in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong.

**Sandy & Donald Hunter** in memory of Henry & Pearle Livesay.

**Dawn Kriigel** in honor of Josh and Morgan Ingram and in honor of Rev. Cashing and members of Gregory Memorial.

**Shirley MacNeill** in memory of James MacNeill and Trudy McClenny.

**Jennifer Meurer** in memory of Bob & Mary Harper and Richard Wille.

**Dianne Overstreet** in memory of Olivia & Francis Epps.

**Ron & Judy Recher** in memory of our parents, Bill & Alcie Recher, and Carl & Alice Aufdermarsh.

**Rose Scott & Wayne Powers** in memory of Peg Ward, Roland Wiseman, and Jimmy Wiseman.

**Marquita Simpson** in memory of Jerry Simpson.

**Janet Swinton** in memory of Raymond Swinton.

**Barbara Taliaferro** in memory of Tommie L. Taliaferro.

**Gladys Wiseman** in memory of Roland and Jimmy Wiseman.