

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



November 8, 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 will 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 the 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 N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord will never leave us alone!

One: Let the name of the Lord be renowned throughout the earth!

All: Let every corner of the world ring with the joy of God's name!

***Opening Hymn #36 – “For the Fruit of All Creation”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of 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 Rev. Jason Cashing
(Children ages 3 – 1st Grade are invited to Junior Church after the anthem; 'Worship Boards' are on the front pew for older youth.)

Choral Anthem – “I will Give Thanks to the Lord”

Scripture 1st Reading: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 p211, 212
 2nd Reading: Mark 12:38-44 p825

Sermon “Whitewashed Tombs” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #306 – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith**

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

(from The Scots Confession)

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #694 – “Great God of Every Blessing”**

***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 1:30 pm Choir	8	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 3 rd Sunday Lunch 1:30 pm Choir	1 5
M		9	1:00 pm PG Triad, PG Library	1 6
T	6:30 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Worship Com.	1 0	6:30 pm Missions	1 7
W	<i>Veterans Day</i> 7:00 pm Choir	1 1	7:00 pm Choir	1 8
T	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:30 pm Relay for Life meeting	1 2	9:00 am News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	1 9
F		1 3	6:00 pm Volunteers start veggie prep (Hopewell Optimist Bld.) 11:30 pm Volunteers start cooking stew (Hopewell Optimist Bld.)	2 0
S		1 4	9:00 am Pick-up stew at Hopewell Optimist Club 12-9:00 pm Scouts Court of Honor (Pezulli); Fellowship Hall	2 1

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Bobby Allen

	November 8, 2015	November 15, 2015
USHERS	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Melissa Johnes Chris Johnes	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ACOLYTES	Breana Hunter Owen Hunter	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Melissa Johnes Jared Smyth	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer
NURSERY	Rose Scott	Susan Walker
COUNTING	Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Pat Hunter

The 2015 Facts &	Figures	YTD	Thru 9/30/15	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$130,219	Inc.	\$102,670.89	11/01	\$3,981.31
Ann. budget exp.	\$136,257	Exp.	\$103,483.53	11/08	\$
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,355	Diff.	(\$812.64)	11/15	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,620			11/25	\$
				11/29	

ATTENDANCE: November 1, 2015

Worship 51	Sunday School 22				
	Spiritual Enrich.	10	Youth	0	
	Fellowship	10	Children	2	

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Don Vtipil
Marion McDonald
James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother
Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister
Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother
Maryland Blanchard, Grace and Helen Cibula's friend
Ben Nicely
Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother
Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister
David Childress, Beverly Childress' brother
Mark Chariton
Evelyn Lichvar (health issues)
Martin Bauer, Evelyn Lichvar's brother (health issue)
Rick Lichvar, Evelyn Lichvar's son (chronic illness)
Becky Smith
Chuck Barnes, the Ingrams' friend
Dr. Shannon Bowman
Peggy Allen (recurring chronic health issues)
Bob Hogsett, father-in-law to the Rechers' daughter
Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
Aida Faries
Frances Sebera (recovering, health issue)
Helen Cibula
Cheryl May, Susan Walker's employee (Cheryl's dad's health issues)
Elizabeth Scott
Ruth Figg
Brandon Quinton Lambert, son of Morgan Ingram's coworker
Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends
Jimmy Clark
Philip Harris, co-worker of Morgan Ingram
Eleanor Jones (home)
Joanne Overstreet (health issue)
Terry Robertson, Billy Robertson's son
Jean Waymack
Robert Hartsell (recov., health issue)
Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)
Frank Solesbee
T. J. Orr, youth friend of the Bishops (home)
Glenda Bly, Dawn Kriigel's sister-in-law's mom (recov., surgery)
Valerie Harsh (foot injury)
Billy Robertson (recov., heart attack)
Frank Solesbee (Hopewell Convalescent Center)
Sharon Maderly, Kaitlyn Hartsell's grandmother (health issue)
H. Martin Robertson (health issues) & wife Carol
Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother (recov., surgery)
Wayne Hedgepeth, Ruth Figg's nephew
Family/friends of David Ethridge, Wayne Power's relative (d. 10/31)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big "Thank-you!" to the congregation for the support of our spaghetti dinner. A special thanks to Marguerite, Glenda, Evelyn, and Morgan for all the help. [*Valerie Harsh, Homecoming Chm.*]

Homecoming Committee has planned the following events:

- Saturday, Nov. 21, 9:00 a.m. at Hopewell Optimist Club:
Brunswick Stew - Pick-up of the pre-ordered stew!..Stew will be pre-sold by the Homecoming Committee for \$7 per quart!!

For volunteering, contact Valerie Harsh or Evelyn Foster.
Volunteers that prep veggies will begin at 6:00 p.m.;
volunteers that cook stew will begin at 11:30 p.m.

- Bookmarks for Sale! Marguerite is selling bookmarks that she made. They are \$3 each, or 2 for \$5.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held on Sunday Nov. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity UMN in Disputanta. Light refreshments will follow service.

Items for Advent Raffle (Fund-raiser for Homecoming) – The Congregational Care Committee is accepting donated items for a raffle during Advent Kick-off to be held Dec. 3. Items need to be at the church by Sunday, Nov. 29.

Christmas Card Mail Box – Save postage! Send your Christmas greetings to each other by using the mail box in the Narthex. All cards must be in by Sunday, Dec. 13.

Advent Kick-off is Dec. 3. Sign up to bring our favorite Mexican food to share. This will be a fun evening as we gather in this special time. Please sign up by Sunday, Nov. 29.

Gregory's Cookies & Cocoa – After PG Christmas Parade, Sat., Dec. 5. *Watch for cookie sign-up sheet! Details to follow at later date!*

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 (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)
Mary Holc (2017); Susan Walker (2017); Robert Hartsell (2017);
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

Donald Hunter (2015) - Morgan Ingram (2016) - Gregg Webber (2017)