

# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



November 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 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: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

**All: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.**

Candle Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

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

**\*Opening Hymn #357 – “The Days Are Surely Coming”**

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

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. 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<sup>st</sup> Grade are invited to Junior Church after the anthem; 'Worship Boards' are on the front pew for older youth.)*

**Choral Anthem – “Sing a Song of Advent”**

**Scripture** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 21:25-36

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**Sermon** “Near to the Kingdom” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #63 – “The Lord Is God”**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (*John 1:1-5*)

### **Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**\*Departing Hymn #100 – “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”**

### **\*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>Local Emergency Aid Offering</i>  <b>1:30 pm</b> Choir	2 9	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship  <i>Holy Communion</i>  <b>1:30 pm</b> Choir	6
M	<b>9:00 am</b> Committee reports in	3 0	<b>11:00 am</b> PG Churches Outreach/ Food Bank annual meeting, GMPC Fellowship Hall	7
T	<b>DEC</b>	1	<b>7:00 pm</b> Stewardship & Finance	8
	<b>12:30 pm</b> Circle <b>6:00 pm</b> Congregational Care			
W	<b>5:45 pm</b> Midweek Advent Service <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	2	<b>5:45 pm</b> Midweek Advent Service <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	9
T	<b>2:00 pm</b> Session agenda out <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning <b>6:30 pm</b> Advent Kickoff	3	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning <b>6:30 pm</b> Relay for Life meeting	1 0
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S	<b>3:00 pm</b> GMPC's "Cookies 'N' Cocoa" after PG Christmas Parade	5		1 2

### SUNDAY SERVANTS



**Gatekeeper:** Bobby Allen (Nov.)  
Gregg Webber (Dec.)

	November 29, 2015	December 6, 2015
USHERS	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ACOLYTES	Jaime Meurer Kaitlyn Hartsell	COMMUNION
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing
JUNIOR CHURCH	Jennifer Smyth Austin Smyth	Pat Hunter Kaitlyn Hartsell
NURSERY	Ann Hartsell	Ruby Spain
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Sandy Hunter	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew

The 2015 Facts &	Figures	YTD	Thru 10/31/15	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$130,219	Inc.	\$114,306.47	11/01	\$3,981.31
Ann. budget exp.	\$136,257	Exp.	\$115,011.49	11/08	\$3,150.00
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,355	Diff.	<b>(\$705.02)</b>	11/15	\$1,851.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,620			11/22	\$2,035.00
				11/29	

### ATTENDANCE: November 22, 2015

Worship	58	Sunday School	19		
		Spiritual Enrich.	6	Youth	2
		Fellowship	7	Children	4

## 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

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)

Jean Waymack

Frank Solesbee

Joanne Overstreet (health issue)

Terry Robertson, Billy Robertson's son

Robert Hartsell (recov., health issue)

Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)

T. J. Orr, youth friend of the Bishops (home)

Valerie Harsh (foot injury)

Billy Robertson (recov., heart attack)

Sharon Maderly, Kaitlyn Hartsell's grandmother (health issue)

H. Martin Robertson (health issues) & wife Carol

Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother (recov., surgery)

Peggy Allen

Anita Arth, Ruby Hasky's sister (health issue)

Family/friends of Ernest Cibula., Emmett Cibula's brother (d. 11/19)

Family/friends of Naomi Evans, Victoria Evans' grandmother

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Poinsettias – Today’s the last day to order!** Cost: \$11 each. Please use the form provided to order your poinsettia and place the form with payment check (payable to Gregory Church) in the collection plate.

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

**Items for Advent Raffle (Fund-raiser for Homecoming)** – Today’s the last day to bring your donated raffle items for Advent Kick-off.

**Advent Kick-off is Dec. 3.** Today is the last day to sign up to bring your favorite Tex-Mex food to share at Advent Kick-off. This will be a fun evening as we gather in this special time.

**Gregory’s Cookies & Cocoa** – After PG Christmas Parade, this Sat., Dec. 5. Sign up to bring cookies on sign-up sheets (in Narthex and Fellowship Hall). To be a server, contact Judy Recher or Brenda Bond. Cookies may be brought to the Fellowship Hall kitchen Thursday afternoon or after 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, day of parade.

**2016 Work Camp Planning Meeting** – A planning meeting for parents and youth who plan on attending the 2016 Work Camp will be held at the church at 7:00 p.m. on Tues., Dec. 8.

**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.

**Angel Tree!** Please remember to select your Angel from the Angel Trees in the Narthex. Deadline for bringing in your gifts is Sunday, Dec. 20.

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

## Trustees

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