

# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



December 13, 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: When Christ returns in power and glory, people will faint with fear.

**All: But when you see these things, lift up your heads: our redemption is drawing near!**

Candle Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another.

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

**\*Opening Hymn #93 – “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

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

The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news, and for the sake of all of the world.  
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 – 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 – “Love Is the Reason”**

**Scripture** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 3:7-18

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**Sermon** “Prince of Peace”

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #87** – “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

## **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 #88**, vs.4-7 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

### **\*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  <b>1:30 pm</b> Choir	1 3	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>Christmas Joy Offering</i>  <b>4:00 pm</b> Christmas program	2 0
M	<b>1-9:00 pm</b> Scouts Order of Arrow Christmas gathering (6:00 pm Dinner, Fellowship Hall)	1 4	OFFICE OPEN	2 1
T	<b>7:00 pm</b> Session	1 5	OFFICE OPEN <b>7:00 pm</b> Darkest Night Service	2 2
W	<b>1-9:00 pm</b> Scouts Court of Honor (6:00 pm Dinner, Fellowship Hall) <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	1 6	OFFICE OPEN <b>2:00 pm</b> Newsletter out <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	2 3
T	<b>9:00 am</b> Newsletter articles in <b>12:00 pm</b> Preschool Christmas Program for parents <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning <b>5:45 pm</b> Midweek Advent service	1 7	OFFICE CLOSED <b>6:30 pm</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Christmas Eve Service & Holy Communion <b>11:00 pm</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Christmas Eve Service & Holy Communion	2 4
F		1 8	CHRISTMAS	2 5
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### SUNDAY SERVANTS



**Gatekeeper:**

Gregg Webber

	December 13, 2015	December 20, 2015
USHERS	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ACOLYTES	Breeana Hunter Owen Hunter	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Mary Holc Breeana Hunter	Marguerite Bishop Kevin Foster
NURSERY	Rose Scott	Susan Walker
COUNTING	Kevin Foster Rose Scott	David Johnson Pat Hunter

The 2015 Facts &	Figures	YTD	Thru 11/30/15	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$130,219	Inc.	\$126,828.71	12/06	\$5,303.00
Ann. budget exp.	\$136,257	Exp.	\$128,371.72	12/13	\$
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,355	Diff.	(\$ 1,543.01)	12/20	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,620			12/27	\$

### ATTENDANCE: December 6, 2015

Worship	63	Sunday School	21
		Spiritual Enrich.	9      Youth      3
		Fellowship	9      Children      0

## 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

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 (home)

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

Family/friends of Joann Overstreet (d. 12/7)

Family/friends of Dave Powroznik (d. 11/30)

The Juliano family, the Cashings' friends (fire/smoke damage to home)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please take a moment to reflect on the beauty of the lovely Christmas Poinsettias** that decorate our Sanctuary. A listing of the dedications is enclosed.

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

**Gregory's Christmas program** will be Sunday, Dec. 20, at 4:00 p.m. A reception of light refreshments will follow immediately afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

**Christmas Card Mail Box – Save postage!** Today's the final day for depositing your Christmas greetings to each other by using the mail box in the Narthex.

**Holiday Office Hrs.** – 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Mon. - Wed. (Dec. 21-23)  
and also on Mon. - Wed. (Dec. 28-30).

## 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)

# Christmas Poinsettias - 2015

*The beautiful poinsettia plants in our Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the following persons and may be taken home Christmas Eve.*

**Velma Allen Family (3)** – In memory of Darrell Allen; In memory of John B & Charity Lemon; In memory of Carl S. & Clarice Allen.

**Blake & Marguerite Bishop** – In memory of Roland & Jimmy Wiseman and Roy & Loveday Bishop.

**Jason & Megan Cashing** - In memory of Chet & Grace Cashing, Robert & Mary Jane Brown, and Robert & Ruth Grieser.

**Grace & Helen Cibula (2)** – Given to the glory of God.

**Aida Faries (2)** – In memory of Warren Faries; In memory of Bessie Faries.

**Kevin, Tara, Kevin II & Madison Foster (5)**- In honor of Frank & Sarah Solesbee & Frank, Jr., Jean Waymack, Evelyn Foster, and Helen & Grace Cibula; and In memory of Irving Waymack, Garland Foster, and A. K. Sanford.

**Ruby & Jerry Hasky (2)** - In memory of Brandon Hasky; In memory of Jerry Bond.

**The Hunter Family (2)** - In memory of Henry & Pearle Livesay; In memory of Robert & Wilma Hunter, In memory of Cliff & Edith Mayerhoeffer.

**Linda & Larry Johnson (2)** - In honor of our grandchildren, Corinne, Jack, Owen & Natalie; In memory of our parents, Mae & Homer Elkins and Ima & Clarence Johnson.

**Shirley MacNeill** – In memory of James MacNeill and Trudy McClenny.

**Jennifer Meurer (2)** – In memory of Richard Wille and Robert & Mary Harper.

**Ron & Judy Recher** – In honor of our children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

**Howard Scott & Cory Scott** - In memory of Clifford W. Scott.

**Rose Scott & Wayne Powers** - In memory of Peg Ward & Roland Wiseman.

**Marquita Simpson (2)** – In honor of Gladys Wiseman; 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 Wiseman & Jimmy Wiseman.