

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



December 20, 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

Mary Kay Schroeter

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Call to Worship

One: My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All: The Mighty One has done great things; holy is God's name!

Candle Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

***Opening Hymn #82 – “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. 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 – 1st Grade are invited to Junior Church after the anthem; 'Worship Boards' are on the front pew for older youth.)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Christmas Joy Offering</i> 4:00 pm Christmas program	2 0	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i> <i>Guest Preacher</i>	2 7
M	OFFICE OPEN	2 1	OFFICE OPEN 7:00pm Christian Ed.	2 8
T	OFFICE OPEN 7:00 pm "Darkest Night Service"	2 2	OFFICE OPEN	2 9
W	OFFICE OPEN 2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Choir	2 3	OFFICE OPEN	3 0
T	OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm 1 st Christmas Eve Service & Holy Communion 11:00 pm 2 nd Christmas Eve Service & Holy Communion	2 4	OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Eve	3 1
F	CHRISTMAS	2 5	JAN New Year's Day: 2016	1
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SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper:

Gregg Webber

	December 20, 2015	December 27, 2015
USHERS	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Rose Scott
ACOLYTES	Chayse Hartsell Justin Ellis-Bowman	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Marguerite Bishop Kevin Foster	Tara Foster Madison Foster
NURSERY	Susan Walker	Glenda Mayhew
COUNTING	David Johnson Pat Hunter	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher

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	\$2,386.00
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,355	Diff.	(\$ 1,543.01)	12/20	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,620			12/27	\$

ATTENDANCE: December 13, 2015

Worship 61	Sunday School 18	
	Spiritual Enrich. 9	Youth
	Fellowship 9	Children

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
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
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
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)
Family/friends of Frances U. Sebera (d.12/11)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gregory's Christmas program will be held today at 4:00 p.m. Please join us!

A "Darkest Night" service will be held at Gregory beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Christmas Eve services with Holy Communion (intinction) will be held at 6:30 pm. and at 11:00 p.m.

Guest preacher – Dec. 27: Rothea Kornelius will return to the Gregory pulpit on Sunday, Dec. 27 in the stead of Pastor Jason, who will be enjoying some holiday leave.

Holiday Office Hrs. – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Mon. - Wed. (Dec.. 21-23) and 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.