

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



February 7, 2016 – 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 Lord is King; let the people tremble."

All: The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

One: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord!

All: Worship God upon the holy hill!

One: The Lord our God is the Holy One.

All: We come with praise and thanksgiving!

***Opening Hymn #12 – "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have loved as you command. We have not spoken in truth. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. 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.)

Choral Anthem – "In Remembrance"

Scripture 1st Reading: Exodus 34:29-35
 2nd Reading: Luke 9:28-36

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Sermon “Brighter Than Diamonds” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #175 – “Seek Ye First”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith**

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life, and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of Love, and in the company of the faithful, so to be the Church, for the glory of God. Amen.

(from The Iona Abbey Community)

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 #836 – “Abide With Me”**

***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 & Holy Communion 3:00 pm Workcamp meeting for youth, Fellowship Hall	7	<u>Begin Lent</u> “Scouts Sunday” 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship, followed by mural dedication & reception	1 4
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T		9	7:00 pm Session meeting	1 6
W	7:00 pm Ash Wednesday servicer 7:00 pm Choir	1 0	7:00 pm Choir	1 7
T	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:30 pm Relay for Life meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	1 1	9:00 am News articles in 12-1:00 pm Lenten service & luncheon (Host: GMPC) 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	1 8
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S		1 3	10:00 am-2:00 pm Scrapbooking, Fellowship Hall	2 0

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Josh Ingram

	February 7, 2015	February 14, 2015
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	SCOUTS
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	SCOUTS
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Walker	SCOUTS
JUNIOR CHURCH	Megan Cashing Kaitlyn Hartsell	Susan Walker Jared Smyth
COUNTING	Donald Hunter David Johnson	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

The 2015 Facts &	Figures	YTD	Thru 11/30/15	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$130,219	Inc.	\$126,828.71	1/03	\$3,318.00
Ann. budget exp.	\$136,257	Exp.	\$128,371.72	1/10	\$2,510.00
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,355	Diff.	(\$ 1,543.01)	1/17	\$2,956.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,620			1/24 *	\$
			*No church	1/31	\$3,955.00

ATTENDANCE: January 31, 2015

Worship 63	Sunday School 17	
	Spiritual Enrich. 9	Children 2
	Fellowship 6	Youth

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
Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister
David Childress, Beverly Childress' brother
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
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
Kenneth Figg (accidental injury)
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
Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)
T. J. Orr, friend of the Bishops (home)
Valerie Harsh (recov., foot surgery)
Sharon Maderly, Kaitlyn Hartsell's grandmother (health issue)
Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother (recov., surgery)
Peggy Allen (home)
Anita Arth, Ruby Hasky's sister (health issue)
The Juliano family, the Cashings' friends (fire/smoke damage to home)
Berthel & Izzy Garza, Mary Kay Schroeter's friends (health issue)
Tiffany Portser, Melissa Johnes's cousin (health issue)
Austin Rollings, Gail's Rollings' grandson (pending surgery:
respiratory issues)
Family/friends of Chuck Powers (d. 1/22)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, at 3:00 p.m., we will hold a Workcamp meeting in the Fellowship Hall for youths who are interested in participating in this year's Workcamp. Gregory's week has been scheduled for July 17-23. Please joins us today to discuss and make plans for our week at Workcamp..

Newsletter correction – In “Announcements” section, welcome to *Mary Kay Schroeter (Class of 2018)*, who joins Morgan Ingram (Class of 2016) and Gregg Webber (Class of 2017) on Gregory's Board of Trustees.

Next Sunday, Feb. 14, “Scouts Sunday”, will be celebrated with members of Venture Crew 900, Boy Scout Troop 900 and Cub Scout Pack #910 participating in our morning worship service.

Also next Sunday we will have the dedication of Eagle Scout Project: Sunday School classroom mural and Scouts Reception: After many months of painstaking work, the mural in the Youth Sunday School classroom is finally ready to be revealed. After the service, the Scouts will dedicate the mural and have an appreciation reception for Gregory's congregation. Please join us in celebrating with the Scouts next Sunday!

Scouts Fund-raisers: The Scouts will sell tickets for their fund-raiser Pancake Breakfast at the Hopewell Moose Club (Saturday, Feb. 27). Tickets are \$6 for the delicious hot meal of pancakes, sausage, juice and beverage. (Tickets are also sold at Sebera's Hardware!) And, the Scouts are selling **gourmet chocolate bars and beef sticks** for \$1 each. *Let's support our Gregory Scouts by purchasing some delicious treats!*

2016 LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEON SCHEDULE: Lenten services will held at these area churches beginning at 12 p.m., followed by a light lunch:

Feb. 18	Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church
Feb. 25	Sycamore United Methodist Church
Mar. 3	Trinity United Methodist Church
Mar. 10	Newville United Methodist Church
Mar. 17	Bethlehem Congregational Church

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

Pat Hunter (2016); Josh Ingram (2016); Bobby Allen (2016)
Mary Holc (2017); Susan Walker (2017); Robert Hartsell (2017)
Blake Bishop (2018); Valerie Harsh (2018); Marquita Simpson (2018)
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

Morgan Ingram (2016); Gregg Webber (2017); Mary Kay Schroeter (2018)

WE HAVE MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE SCOUTS WILL BE COOKING A PANCAKE BREAKFAST

for the Gregory congregation on Scouts Sunday (Feb. 14). The Breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MORE ON THE SCOUTS RECEPTION & MURAL: The Scouts Sunday reception will be held in the Temple Building after the dedication of the mural painted by Eagle Scout Joshua Wallace in the Youth Sunday School classroom. The mural was painted as his Eagle Scout project. Gregory appreciates that Joshua chose to share his artistic talent by painting the mural in the classroom where its message of peaceful contemplation will offer inspiration to our youth.

DONATIONS OF NEW (*OR VERY CLEAN & GENTLY-USED, PLEASE*) STUFFED ANIMALS (of size 9" to 12") are being sought by the Scouts for Camp Powhatan. Each year, our Scouts trek out west to Camp Powhatan and give the stuffed animals to young children. If you have any stuffed animals you wish to donate, you may bring them to church on Scouts Sunday for collection by the Scouts.