

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



February 21, 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: O come, let us worship and bow down;

All: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

One: The hour is coming and is now here.

All: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn #49 – “The God Of Abraham Praise”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our hearts and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for 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

Pat Hunter

(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 – “Create In Me A Clean Heart”

Scriptures 1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 p10
 2nd Reading: Luke 13:31-35 p849

Sermon “Untapped Potential” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #417 – “Lord Jesus, Think On Me”**

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.

***Departing Hymn #35 – “Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty”**

***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**

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
Grace Cibula (in JRMC)
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 co-worker
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)
Valerie Harsh (recov., foot surgery)
Sharon Maderly, Kaitlyn Hartsell's grandmother (health issue)
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)
Mary Mistr (fire damage to home)
Otto Eickmeyer, Sandy Eickmeyer's dad (recov. surgery)
Family/friends of Lucille Link, Patsy Johnson's mother (d. 2/17)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEON SCHEDULE:

Lenten services will be held at these area churches beginning at 12 p.m., followed by a light lunch:

- Feb. 25 Sycamore United Methodist Church
- Mar. 3 Trinity United Methodist Church
- Mar. 10 Newville United Methodist Church
- Mar. 17 Bethlehem Congregational Church

Our “Five Cents A Meal Offering” that will be received next Sunday, Feb. 28, will include offerings for the months of January and February.

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)
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Organist: Sandra Perkins Accompanist: Gail Rollings
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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)