

Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church



February 28, 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

Mary Kay Schroeter

Passing of the Peace/

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Everyone who thirsts:

All: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

One: All who are hungry for righteousness:

All: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

One: All who need the help of God:

All: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

***Opening Hymn #65 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. 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

Megan Cashing

(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 - "Love Led My Saviour"

Scriptures 1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9 p598
 2nd Reading: Luke 13:1-9 p848

Sermon "Foolish Wisdom" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #442** – "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

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 #792** – "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

***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 5 Cents A Meal Offering (<i>Jan-Feb</i>).	2 8	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Now accepting orders for Easter Lilies</i>	6
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T	MARCH	1	6:30 pm Outreach	8
	12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Congregational Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship Com.			
W	7:00 pm Choir	2	7:00 pm Choir	9
T	12:00-1:00 pm Lenten Service & Lunch (Host: Trinity UMC) 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	3	12:00-1:00 pm Lenten Service & Lunch (Host: Newville UMC) 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:30 pm Relay for Life mtg 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	1 0
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SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Josh Ingram (Feb.)
Bobby Allen (Mar.)

	February 28 2015	March 6, 2015
USHERS	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Rose Scott Justin Ellis-Bowman	Mary Holc Breeana Hunter
COUNTING	David Johnson Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter

The 2015 Facts &	Figures	YTD	Thru 12/31/15	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$130,219	Inc.	\$139,399.64	2/07	\$3,354.50
Ann. budget exp.	\$136,257	Exp.	\$138,322.38	2/14	\$3,231.25
Mo. budget needs	\$ 11,355	Diff.	\$ 1,077.26	2/21	\$2,772.50
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,620			2/28	\$

ATTENDANCE: February 21, 2015

Worship 46	Sunday School 17	
	Spiritual Enrich. 9	Children
	Fellowship 8	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
Grace Cibula (home)
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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Rose Scott and Wayne Powers in honor of Howard Scott's birthday.

2016 LENTEN SERVICES & LUNCHEON SCHEDULE:

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

- 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)