

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



March 27, 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 would 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 quiet stillness of the presence of God!

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Valerie Harsh

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: This is the day that the Lord has made! Alleluia!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Heaven and earth will never be the same! Alleluia!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn #232 – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as an Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin, and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation; through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. 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 – “Resurrection Alleluias”

Scriptures

1st Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

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2nd Reading: Luke 24:1-12

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Sermon

“A New Narrative”

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #246** – “Christ Is Alive!”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

[from The PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #233** – “The Day of Resurrection!”

***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	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:00 am Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt for children 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i> <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i>	2 7		9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i> 4:00 pm Youth TriCities Workcamp meeting, GMPC	3
M	1:00 pm PG Triad, PG Library 7:00 pm Christian Ed	28			4
T		29		12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Cong. Care	5
W	7:00 pm Choir	30		7:00 pm Choir	6
T	2:00 pm Committee reports in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	31		2:00 pm Session agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	7
F	APRIL	1			8
S		2		10:00 am – 3:00 pm GMPC Yard Sale (Homecoming fund- raiser)	9

SUNDAY SERVANTS



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

	March 27, 2016	April 3, 2016
USHERS	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Walker	Patsy Johnson
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson Kaitlyn Hartsell	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 2/29/16	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$133,663	Inc.	\$23,507.74	3/06	\$3,222.00
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,387	Exp.	\$19,053.22	3/13	\$2,840.50
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$ 4,454.52	3/20	\$1,664.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			3/27	

ATTENDANCE: March 20, 2016

Worship	54	Sunday School	17	
		Spiritual Enrich.	10	Children
		Fellowship	7	Youth

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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
Elizabeth Scott
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
Jean Waymack
Terry Robertson, Billy Robertson's son
Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)
Peggy Allen
Anita Arth, Ruby Hasky's sister (health issue)
Berthel & Izzy Garza, Mary Kay Schroeter's friends (health issue)
Tiffany Portser, Melissa Johnes's cousin (health issue)
Mary Mistr (fire damage to home)
Paul Cerny, Jr. (recov., surgery)
Ruth Figg (reov., knee replacement surgery)
Family/friends of Mark Firment (d. 3/18)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Easter lilies are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of/in memory of those we wish to remember as indicated in the enclosed dedication sheet. Please take your lilies home today after worship.

Youth attending TriCities Workcamp will meet again on Sunday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m. at GMPC.

Homecoming committee will hold a community yard sale on April 9 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the GMPC parking lot. We are looking for donations of gently-used goods. Also, we will be having a bake sale the same day. If you, or someone you know, would like to set up a table, a spot can be reserved for \$20. If you'd like to donate items for the yard sale or bake sale, or if you'd like to help out during the sale, or have any questions about it, please contact Valerie Harsh at 452-2548.

Gregory's Youth Workcamp team is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner (fund-raiser) from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 in the church Fellowship Hall. Tickets for the meal that includes spaghetti plate, salad, dessert and beverage may be purchased in advance. Cost per person is \$8 (adults) & \$6 (children age 6-12) and may also be obtained at the door on night of event. Contact Madison or Kevin II Foster for details.

Preschool Parents Workday – Gregory's Preschool parents have volunteered for a Preschool Workday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 to refurbish the Preschool's playground area which is now showing signs of wear and tear. The children's fund-raising projects raised \$700 of the \$900 required for the materials/equipment. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation to the project may do so. [Contact: Ms. Janet Lammey, Preschool Director; tel. 704-0584]

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)

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Easter Flowers - 2016



The beautiful lilies in our sanctuary are given to the glory of God by:

Blake & Marguerite Bishop, in honor of our mother, Gladys Wiseman.

Brenda Bond, in memory of Jerry Bond.

Doug & Betsy Cashing in memory of Robert L. & Jane Brown Jencks and Chester & Grace Cashing.

Jason & Megan Cashing, in honor of Megan's grandparents, Ed & Carol Hornbuckle ; In memory of our grandparents: Robert Brown & Jane Brown Jencks, Chet & Grace Cashing, and Robert & Ruth Grieser.

Grace & Helen Cibula, in memory of Donald P. Vtipil, Sr.

Aida Faries, in memory of Warren & Bessie Faries.

Kevin, Tara, Kevin II & Madison Foster in honor of Evelyn Foster, Sarah & Frank Solesbee & Frank, Jr., Jean Waymack, and Helen & Grace Cibula; In memory of Garland Foster and Irving Waymack.

Doris Harmison, in memory of Van Harmison.

Robert & Ann Hartsell, in honor of Mila Campen and in memory of Lonnie & Louise Hartsell and Robert L. Campen.

The Hunters, in memory of Lynn Hunter.

The Hunter Family, in memory of our parents and grandparents.

The Johnes Family, in honor of the Armstrongs.

The Johnes Family, in honor of the Mayhews.

David & Patsy Johnson, in memory of Oneita E. Johnson and Lucille Link.

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

Shirley MacNeill, in memory of James MacNeill and Trudy McClenny

Dianne Overstreet, in memory of Marvin & Joann Overstreet.

Rose Scott & Wayne Powers, in memory of Peg Ward, and Roland Wiseman.

Marquita Simpson, in memory of Jerry Simpson and Ruth & John McKillop.

Charlie & Jen Smyth, Jared & Austin, in memory of grandparents and great grandparents, Mac, Lee, Mimi Mary, Everet, Eugene, Virginia.

Janet Swinton, in memory of Raymond Swinton.

Barbara Taliaferro, in memory of Tommie L. Taliaferro.

Bear & Susie Wharton, in memory of Verna Pellerin, Francis Pellerin, Sandy Wharton, Gail Wharton.

Gladys Wiseman, in memory of Roland & Jimmy Wiseman.

Please remember to take home your Easter lilies after the worship service.