Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



April 3, 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: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space! All: Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

One: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

All: Let everything with life and breath praise God!

*Opening Hymn #238 – "Thine Is the Glory"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. 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

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Time for Children} - \text{Junior Sermon} & \text{Patsy Johnson} \\ \textbf{(Children ages 3 - 1}^{\text{st}} \textbf{ Grade are invited to Junior Church after} \\ \textbf{the anthem; 'Worship Boards' are on the front pew for older youth.)} \end{array}$

Choral Anthem – "Resurrection Alleluias"

Scriptures

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32 2nd Reading: John 20:19-31

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Sermon

"No Other Choice"

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

*Reflective Hymn #462 –"I Love to Tell the Story"

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

[Please refer to the insert.]

*Departing Hymn #248 – "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray:

All: Loving God, through your goodness, we have this bread and cup to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

One: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread ... [Minister continues]...The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

One: Let us give thanks together:

All: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us, and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, on earth and in your heavenly host, with brothers and sisters around the world, we join in the song of your unending greatness. Amen.

Adapted from the Iona Abbey Community, Scotland

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9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	3	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	1 0			
4:00 pm Youth TriCities Workcamp meeting, GMPC						
	4	12-9:00 pm Order of Arrow (6:00 pm dinner), Fellowship Hall	1 1			
12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Cong. Care	5		1 2			
7:00 pm Choir	6	7:00 pm Choir	1 3			
2:00 pm Session agenda out	7	9:00 am News articles in	1			
2-8:00 pm Cleaning		2-8:00 pm Cleaning	4			
		6:30 pm Relay for Life mtg				
		7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance				
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8:00 am –2:00 pm GMPC Yard Sale (Homecoming fund-raiser)	9	7:00 am – 2:00 pm GMPC Yard Sale (Scouts' summer camp fund-raiser), GMPC parking lot 5:30-7:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner (Workcamp fund-raiser), Fellowship	1 6			
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SUNDAY SERVANTS Gatekeeper: Josh Ingram

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	April 3, 2016	April 10, 2016		
	Rose Scott	Bobby Allen		
USHERS	Wayne Powers	Donna Allen		
	Morgan Ingram	Velma Allen		
	Josh Ingram	Larry Johnson		
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson		
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Minister		
HINDOR CHUIDCH	Morgan Ingram	Valerie Harsh		
JUNIOR CHURCH	Josh Ingram	Austin Smyth		
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram	David Johnson		
COUNTING	Donald Hunter	Glenda Mavhew		

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	\$3,373.00

ATTENDANCE: March 27, 2016

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Worship 89	Sunday School 16			
	Spiritual Enrich. 9	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)

Ruth Dalton (Don Vtipil's mother), Chippenahm with heart problems

Myla Campden, Ann Hartsell's mother, colon cancer diagnosis

Eleanor Jones

Family/friends of Lynn Hunter, Donald Hunter & Pat Hunter's sister-in-law

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in by Gregg Webber in honor of the birthday of his son, Jason.

Youth attending TriCities Workcamp will meet today at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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 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 fundraising projects raised \$700 of the \$900 required for purchase of the materials/equipment. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation to the project may do so. [Contact: Ms. Jaanet Lammey, Preschool Director; tel. 704-0584]

<u>"These Days" (April-June issue)</u> is available in the Narthex publication wall rack. Be sure to pick up a copy for some inspirational reading!

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