

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



April 24, 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

Dianne Overstreet

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

All: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Opening Hymn #14 – “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus’ name. 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 – “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious Lord, open our ears that we might hear your Word to us this day and follow. Open our eyes, that we might witness you in the world and proclaim your presence with joy. For the glory of your Kingdom, we pray. Amen.

Scriptures	1 st Reading: Acts 11:1-18	p 895
	2 nd Reading: John 13:31-35	p 877

Sermon “Core of the Message” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #279** – “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

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 #295** – “Go to the World!”

***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	2 4	MAY 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	1
M		2 5		2
T		2 6	12:30 pm Circle 6:00 pm Congregational Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	3
W	7:00 pm Choir	2 7	7:00 pm Choir	4
T	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	2 8	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	5
F		2 9		6
S	2:00 pm Committee reports in	3 0		7

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Josh Ingram (Apr.)
Dennis Allen (May)

	April 24, 2016	May 1, 2016
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Megan Cashing Jamie Meurer	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 3/31/16	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$133,663	Inc.	\$44,794.55	4/03	\$3,777.00
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,387	Exp.	\$34,429.06	4/10	\$1,542.07
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$10,365.49	4/17	\$3,336.25
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			4/24	\$

ATTENDANCE: April 17, 2016

Worship	72	Sunday School	20
		Spiritual Enrich.	10
		Fellowship	9
		Children	1
		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

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 (recov., knee replacement surgery)

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

Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother (colon cancer diagnosis)

Eleanor Jones

Kay Alloway, (cancer diagnosis)

Frank & Joy Stetts, cousin of Donald Hunter & Pat Hunter (Frank: heart surgery; Joy: hand surgery)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by the Webbers in celebration of their wedding.

GMPC Information

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Pastor: Rev. Jason Cashing (Jason@gregorymemorial.org)
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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)