

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



May 1, 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**

Valerie Harsh

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**All: Let all the peoples praise you.**

**\*Opening Hymn #307 – “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

## **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people, who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ 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** [TBA]

(Children ages 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade are invited to Junior Church after the anthem; ‘Worship Boards’ are on the front pew for older youth.)

**Choral Anthem – “Hymn Tapestry”**

## **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<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 16:9-15      p900  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 14:23-29      p877

**Sermon**      “Uncertain Homecoming”      Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #435** – “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

**Minute for Missions**      Grace Cibula

## **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 #716** – “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

### **\*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

	MAY			
S	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	1	“Mother’s Day” 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship  <i>Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering</i>	8
M		2		9
T	12:30 pm Circle (Cibula res.) 6:00 pm Congregational Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	3	6:30 pm Outreach 6:30 pm Missions	1 0
W	7:00 pm Choir	4	7:00 pm Choir	1 1
T	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	5	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:00 pm Relay for Life meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	1 2
F		6		1 3
S		7		1 4

### SUNDAY SERVANTS



**Gatekeeper:** Dennis Allen

	May 1, 2016	May 8, 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	TBA	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth	Susan Walker Breeana Hunter
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott	David Johnson Kevin Foster

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	\$2,346.00

### ATTENDANCE: April 24, 2016

Worship	52	Sunday School	14
		Spiritual Enrich.	9
		Fellowship	5
		Children	
		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)  
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 (rectal cancer diagnosis)  
Eleanor Jones  
Frank & Joy Stetts, cousin of Donald Hunter & Pat Hunter (Frank: heart surgery; Joy: hand surgery)  
Kenny Overstreet (upcoming precautionary surgery)  
Family/friends of Kay Alloway (d. 4/24)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Circle meeting** on Tuesday, May 8 will be held at the home of Helen and Grace Cibula, 3101 Kiser Drive.

**Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering** will be received next Sunday, May 8 ("Mother's Day). Offering envelopes with informational pamphlets will be included with May 8 bulletin.

**Third Sunday Luncheon** after morning worship on Sunday, May 15 will be hosted by the Congregational Care Committee. Please use the signup sheet in the Narthex to indicate the covered dish you will bring.

**2016 Tri-Cities Youth Workcamp meeting** will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m.

**Flying Squirrels game group outing** - A signup sheet is in the Narthex for those interested in attending the group outing to watch the Flying Squirrels baseball game at The Diamond on Saturday, June 18.

### 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)