

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



May 15, 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

Larry Johnson

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: How manifold are your works, O Lord!

All: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

One: You send forth your spirit and they are created;

All: And so you renew the face of the earth.

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

All: I will praise my God while I have my being.

***Opening Hymn #289 – “On Pentecost They Gathered”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that, filled with your peace, our dreams and visions may be as one with yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. 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

Valerie Harsh

(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 – “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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 1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21 p885
 2nd Reading: John 14:8-17 p877

Sermon “Slaves of the Spirit” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #269** – “Lead On, O King Eternal!”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” 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 #724** – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome our Gregory Preschool children and their family members to our morning worship's "Time for Children." The Preschoolers are presented by Ms. Janet Lammey, Director/instructor of the 4-yr. old class, and Ms. Angie Pruitt, instructor of the 3-yr. old class.

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of our wedding anniversaries. [*Sandra and Charles Perkins and Marguerite and Blake Bishop*]

All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for our Third Sunday Luncheon today after this morning's worship.

REMINDERS

Youth Workcamp meeting – May 22 at 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Flying Squirrels baseball game - June 18. Sign-up required.

"Contemplative Prayer Practice: A Spiritual Retreat for Adults" at Camp Hanover – May 20-21. Cost: \$55/person includes lodging, 3 meals and program. Visit Camp's website www.CampHanover.org for more information and to register.

GMPC Information

www.gregorymemorial.org www.facebook.com/gmpcv
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)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

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| S | "Day of Pentecost" 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>& Pentecost Offering</i> Third Sunday Luncheon | 15 | 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>& 5 Cents a Meal Offering</i> 5:30 pm Youth Workcamp meeting, Fellowship Hall | 22 |
| M | 1-9:00 pm Scouts District Awards meeting (6:00 pm dinner), Fellowship Hall | 16 | 12-9:00 pm Scouts Order of Arrow; (6:00 pm dinner), Fellowship Hall 1:00 pm PG Triad, PG Library 7:00 pm Christian Ed | 23 |
| T | | 17 | | 24 |
| W | 5-7:00 pm James House Bd. Dir. Meeting, Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Choir | 18 | 7:00 pm Choir | 25 |
| T | 9:00 am News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning | 19 | 2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning | 26 |
| F | | 20 | | 27 |
| S | | 21 | | 28 |

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Dennis Allen

| | May 15, 2016 | May 22, 2016 |
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| USHERS | Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson | Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Larry Johnson | Rose Scott |
| JUNIOR SERMON | Valerie Harsh | Patsy Johnson |
| JUNIOR CHURCH | Patsy Johnson Madison Foster | Pat Hunter Kaitlyn Hartsell |
| COUNTING | Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew | Donald Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter |

| Facts & Figures | | YTD | Thru 3/31/16 | Offrg. | Rec'd. |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|--------|------------|
| Pledged/proj. incr. | \$133,663 | Inc. | \$44,794.55 | 5/01 | \$3,981.60 |
| Ann. budget exp. | \$145,387 | Exp. | \$34,429.06 | 5/08 | \$2,131.60 |
| Mo. budget needs | \$ 12,116 | Diff. | \$10,365.49 | 5/15 | \$ |
| Wk. budget needs | \$ 2,796 | | | 5/22 | \$ |
| | | | | 5/29 | \$ |

ATTENDANCE: May 8, 2016

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| Worship | 72 | 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

Terry Robertson, Billy Robertson's son

Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (health issue recurrence)

Peggy Allen

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)

Dottie Adkins, Bobby Allen's co-worker (upcoming surgery)

Chris Johnes, in Jordan for next month

Vivian Johnes,(Chris Johnes' mother (recov.: heart attack)

Billy Robertson, health issue

Kenny Overstreet, awaiting results

Family and Friends of Anita Arth, Ruby Hasky's sister (d. 5/8)

Alan Foster (recov.: surgery, detached retina)