

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



July 17, 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: Love the Lord your God,

All: With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind!

One: Love your neighbor as yourself,

All: With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind!

One: Do this and you will live!

All: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #331 – “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things, and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we might serve you completely. In Christ our Lord, 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

Pat Hunter

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

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious Lord, open our ears that we might hear your Word to us this day, and follow where it leads us. 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: Amos 8:1-12 p748
 2nd Reading: Luke 10:38-42 p845

Sermon “The Better Part” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #450 – “Be Thou My Vision”**

Commissioning of 2016 Workcampers [Please refer to insert.]

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[Apostles’ Creed,, Glory To God Hymnal, p35]

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #69 – “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”**

***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 17 11:00 am Worship <i>Commissioning of Gregory's Workcampers during worship</i>	9:45 am Sunday School 24 11:00 am Worship <i>5 Cents a Meal Offering</i>
M	9:00 am Tri-Cities Workcamp 18 (Lunch by: Stewardship & Finance.)	7:00 pm Christian Ed 25
T	9:00 am Tri-Cities Workcamp 19 (Lunch by: Worship)	26
W	9:00 am Tri-Cities Workcamp 20 (Lunch by: Congreg. Care)	27
T	9:00 am Tri-Cities Workcamp 21 (Lunch by: Facilities) 2:00 pm News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	2:00 pm Newsletter out 28 2-8:00 pm Cleaning
F	9:00 am Tri-Cities Workcamp 22 (Lunch by: Missions)	29
S	23	30

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Doug Holc

	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016
USHERS	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson Madison Foster	Megan Cashing Kaitlyn Hartsell
COUNTING	Kevin Foster Glenda Mayhew	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 4/30/16	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$133,663	Inc.	\$55,981.47	7/03	\$2,920.50
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,387	Exp.	\$45,772.84	7/10	\$1,533.00
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$10,208.63	7/17	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			7/24	\$
				7/31	\$

ATTENDANCE: July 10, 2016

Worship 40	Sunday School 16	
	Spiritual Enrich. 5	Children 4
	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)
Paul Cerny, Jr. (recov., surgery)
Ruth Figg
Ruth Dalton
Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother (rectal cancer diagnosis)
Eleanor Jones
Dottie Adkins, Bobby Allen's co-worker (recov., home)
Vivian Johnes (improved, at-home rehab)
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
Katherine Lee, mother/mother-in-law of Martha & Keith King
(recov., home)
Frank Solesbee (home)
Charlie Perkins (recov., heart issue)
Family/friends of those involved in Orlando shooting tragedy
Mary Coleman, (health issue: leukemia)
Ben Wilbourne, Webber family member, (MCV, work inj.)
Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue)
Laura Baghetti, Susan Walker's (maternity health issues)
Billy Robertson (recov., successful surgery)
Emily Hudson, Rose Scott's niece (car accident)
Family/friends of Ellen Rusnak (d. 7/7)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Bobby Allen in honor of all of the folks going to Workcamp.

Today we will commission our 2016 Gregory Workcampers during this morning's worship. They will appreciate your prayers and support as we send them off for the week. Work Camp base is: Colonial Heights Middle School, 500 Conduit Road, Colonial Heights, Va.

Lunch providers: Mon.- Stewardship & Fin.; Tues.- Worship; Wed.- Congregational Care; Thurs.- Facilities; Fri.- Missions.

Mailing address for the campers is: [Camper's name],
c/o Work Camp 2016,, P. O. Box 1761, Petersburg, VA 23805.

Visitors to Workcamp site must first check in at the Workcamp base at the school and be over the age of 18 and with a government-issued picture I.D. If you would like to attend the closing ceremonies for Work Camp 2016, come to Colonial Heights Middle School at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 23. *Thanks for giving us another year of your terrific support, Gregory congregation!*

Homecoming Committee is collecting info to make sure all family and friends, present and past, are invited to our Homecoming celebration in November, and to that end we would greatly appreciate your help! If you have current addresses for any previous church members not currently in our directory, please pass that info onto a member of the Homecoming Committee. Thank you!

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)

COMMISSIONING OF WORKCAMPERS

[The adult and youth Workcampers are asked to come forward and stand facing the congregation.]

PASTOR: *This week these youth and adults leave Prince George for an incredible mission of service and love. During the Workcamp they, together with other Christians, will touch the lives of hundreds of people. Through the hard work of these Workcampers, the residents of Petersburg, Virginia will see God's love in action. Please join in this commissioning by reading responsively.*

WORKCAMPER ONE: James 2:17-18 says, "So faith by itself, if it had no works is dead."

WORKCAMPER TWO: But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works."

WORKCAMPER ONE: "Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith."

ALLWORKCAMPERS: During the Workcamp, we will repair homes:

CONGREGATION MEN: Nailing, painting, cleaning, sawing...

CONGREGATION WOMEN: Caulking, weatherizing, repairing and digging.

ALL WORKCAMPERS: During the Workcamp we will repair lives:

CONGREGATION MEN: Caring, sharing, hugging, praying...

CONGREGATION WOMEN: Listening, growing, crying and laughing.

ALL WORKCAMPERS: The people of Petersburg, Virginia, will never be the same.

PASTOR: *Lord, bless the attitudes and actions of these Workcampers. Help them see you have made them to be valuable tools of love.*

ALL CONGREGATION: All of us can't be at the Workcamp. Will you be our church's representatives in Petersburg?

ALL WORKCAMPERS: We will gladly represent Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church.

ALL CONGREGATION: Will you freely give of your time, energy, and Christian love?

ALL WORKCAMPERS: We will be servants of God.

ALL CONGREGATION: We are grateful for your commitment to service and pray for God's blessings on you.

ALL WORKCAMPERS: Will you, as a congregation, continue to support us with your prayers?

ALL CONGREGATION: We will pray for your safety and growth each day.

ALL WORKCAMPERS: Will you see **US** as an extension of **YOU**?

ALL CONGREGATION: Yes, and we will celebrate your efforts.

ALL WORKCAMPERS: Will you pray that God uses our week of work to demonstrate His love?

ALL CONGREGATION: Will pray that the people of Petersburg see a glimpse of God at work through you.

PASTOR: *As a church family, we offer these prayers:*

[At this time, each Workcamper can offer a brief prayer voicing a specific hope, or one Workcamper can pray on behalf of the group. The pastor and/or other church members may offer one-line prayers for the campers.]

PASTOR: *With the strength and power of the Holy Spirit, Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church gladly joins in sending you to Petersburg, Virginia. May God's presence be with you.*

ALL CONGREGATION: God Bless You as you experience the joy of giving!

PASTOR: *We send you in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*