

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



August 7, 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: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

All: The earth declares God's beauty.

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: God's Word shines forth in glory!

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, you call us to do good, to seek justice, and to care for those in need, yet how often do we place our own comforts above compassion for others? Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses, through Jesus Christ 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 – “Spirit of God, Abide With Me”

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: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 p548, 549
 2nd Reading: Luke 12:32-40 p847

Sermon “God’s Concerns” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #223 – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith**

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God’s kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord’s favor upon all creation.

[PCUSA Book of Order, F-1.01]

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 #511 – “Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”**

***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 <i>Holy Communion</i> | 7 | 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 14 |
| M | | 8 | 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Tr.553, Fellowship Hall | 15 |
| T | | 9 | | 16 |
| W | 6-9:00 pm Paint Night (Homecoming fund-raiser), Fellowship Hall | 10 | 5-7:00 pm James House Bd. Dir. Mtg. Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Choir | 17 |
| T | 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance | 11 | 9:00 am News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning | 18 |
| F | | 12 | | 19 |
| S | | 13 | | 20 |

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Donald Hunter

| | August 7, 2016 | August 14, 2016 |
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| USHERS | Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh | Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Dianne Overstreet | Valerie Harsh |
| JUNIOR SERMON | Valerie Harsh | Minister |
| JUNIOR CHURCH | Susan Walker Jamie Meurer | Pat Hunter Jared Smyth |
| COUNTING | Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter | Donald Hunter Rose Scott |

| 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 | \$2,944.00 |
| Wk. budget needs | \$ 2,796 | | | 7/24 | \$2,425.00 |
| | | | | 7/31 | \$1,668.50 |

ATTENDANCE: July 31, 2016

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|---------|----|-------------------|----|----------|--|
| Worship | 61 | Sunday School | 21 | | |
| | | Spiritual Enrich. | 13 | Children | |
| | | Fellowship | 8 | Youth | |

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Communities impacted by recent shooting tragedies

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, her son, Martin, and her brother, Rick Lichvar (health issues)

Becky Smith

Chuck Barnes, the Ingrams' friend

Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)

Helen & 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 of Martha King (recov., home)

Frank Solesbee (home)

Charlie Perkins (recov., heart issue)

Mary Coleman, (health issue: leukemia)

Ben Wilbourne, Webber family member, (continued recovery)

Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue)

Laura Baghetti, Susan Walker's co-worker (ready to give birth)

Billy Robertson (home, feeling better)

Emily Hudson, Rose Scott's niece (continued recovery, home)

Aida Faries (kidney transplant match)

Susan Walker (health & stress issues)

Otto Eickmeyer, Sandy Eickmeyer's father (ICU, health issues)

Cameron Mitchell, Harley Rosier's brother (car accident)

Sharon & Elise Hoover, Recher's daughter & granddaughter (Mission:Zambia)

Lynn Hornbuckle, Megan Cashing's mother (Mission: Puerto Rico)

Kensley Vohun (broken ankle/leg)

Catherine Velvet, WorkCamp resident (health issues)

Family/friends of Charles Oldaker, wife, Alice, is Pat Hunter's co-worker (d. 7/27)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of our anniversary (Aug. 6) by Sandy and Donald.

Painting Class: Homecoming Committee has planned an exciting fund-raiser for Wednesday, August 10 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Using provided acrylic paints, class participants will be guided through the process of painting their own interpretations of an artist's painting. Class cost is \$45 per person, all supplies included. As a Homecoming fund-raiser, \$20 of each registration paid will be returned to the church to be used for the Homecoming in November. Register at asouthernbrush.com, or contact Valerie Harsh. If paying by check, make check payable to: Kerry Rosier. Class participants are asked to bring a tray of finger-foods for sharing during the class.

5th Annual Back to School Fair sponsored by PG Dept. of Social Services will be held Thurs., August 25 at Scott Park. Area churches are challenged to fill 5 backpacks with school supplies. Copies of the needed items are in the Narthex. Fill a backpack yourself or contribute individual items from the list and bring back to church by Sun., August 14 for a "blessing of school supplies" during our morning worship!

If you prefer to contribute monetarily, donations are also being accepted. Please send your check made payable to: Prince George Social Services, and write "Back to School Fair" on the memo line. Mail the check to: Prince George Social Services, P. O. Box 68, Prince George, VA 23875.

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

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