

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



August 28, 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: God calls us to service,

All: Rather than honor.

One: God calls us to love the unknown,

All: Rather than the familiar.

One: We come to this time of worship,

All: Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ, who calls us.

***Opening Hymn #463 – “How Firm a Foundation”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves, and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your Spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. 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

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.

Choral Anthem – “The Lighthouse”

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.

Scriptures1st Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13

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2nd Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Sermon

“Knowing Our Place”

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #694 – “Great God of Every Blessing”*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.***Departing Hymn #722 – “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”*****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 5 Cents A Meal Offering	28	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	4
M		29		5
T		30	1 st Day of School 12:30 pm Circle 5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000 6:00 pm Congreg.. Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship Com.	6
W	2:00 pm Committee. reports in 6:00-9:00 pm Boy Scouts Camporee planning mtg.,, Fellowship Hall & kitchen (set-up is 4-6:00 pm) 7:00 pm Choir	31	7:00 pm Choir	7
T	SEP. 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Preschool orientation	1	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:30 pm Relay for Life meeting	8
F		2		9
S		3		10

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper:

Donald Hunter (Aug.)

Gregg Webber (Sep.)

	August 28, 2016	September 4, 2016
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Jerry Hasky Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing
JUNIOR CHURCH	Mary Holc Justin Ellis-Bowman	Lisa Brown Breeana Hunter
COUNTING	David Johnson Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 4/30/16	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$133,663	Inc.	\$80,224.79	8/07	\$2,395.60
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,387	Exp.	\$67,359.93	8/14	\$3,120.50
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$12,864.86	8/21	\$2,929.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			8/28	\$

ATTENDANCE: August 21, 2016

Worship 66	Sunday School 21	
	Spiritual Enrich. 12	Children
	Fellowship 9	Youth

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Communities affected by recent acts of violence

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

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

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

Helen & Grace Cibula

Elizabeth Scott

Kenneth & Sue Andrews, Childress family's friends

Jimmy Clark

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)

Ruth Figg

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

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)

Catherine Velvet, WorkCamp resident (health issues)

Gladys Wiseman (thumb injury)

Eileen Mozucha (stroke recovery)

Kerry Rosier, arm injury

Michelle Coleman (health issues & recovery)

Mae Grammer, Dianne Overstreet's friend

Mary Coleman (hospital stays)

Ralph Summerson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat Hunter in honor of birthday of daughter, Tiffany

"Fresh Start" Sunday will be on Sept. 11 with breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m. The program is entitled, "Trust and Obey" and will feature a Prince George police officer and his canine partner. This interactive program is for all ages. On that day, the Sunday School collection/donations received will be used to support the "Heifer Project", a very worthwhile mission. *[from Christian Ed. Committee]*

This year our Sep. 11 "Patriot Day" observance falls on a Sunday. On this day in previous years, our Sanctuary has been open for a brief time to those wishing to offer silent prayer and reflection. This year, anyone wishing to gather in the Sanctuary for silent prayer and reflection may do so at 10:45 a.m.; we encourage those who enter the Sanctuary to attend our regular 11:00 a.m. worship service to gather in silence, so as not to disturb the thoughts and prayers of each other.

Pocket Congregation Directory – Please, if you haven't already done so, stop by the Narthex table and make any necessary changes to your listed information. And, if there are no changes to be made, write your initials beside your info so we will know you are aware of how your info is being listed. We have until Sept. 11 to make changes. Thanks for your help!

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)