

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



September 18, 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: Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

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

**All: The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**All: From this time on and forevermore!**

**\*Opening Hymn #610 – “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

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

Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given, and teach us to be generous in forgiving others; 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**

Susan Walker

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 – “O Lord, You're Beautiful”**

## **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.

<b>Scriptures</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 15:1-6	p10
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 3:8	p834

<b>Sermon</b>	“Children of God”	Rev. Jason N. Cashing
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**\*Reflective Hymn #305 – “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

### **\*We Affirm Our Faith**

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*[from The United Church of Canada]*

### **Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**\*Departing Hymn #547 – “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

### **\*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 18 11:00 am Worship	9:45 am Sunday School 25 11:00 am Worship  5 Cents A Meal Offering
M	19	1:00 pm PG Triad, PG Library 26 6-7:00 pm GS Tr. 553 7:00 pm Christian Ed.
T	5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000 20 6:30 pm Missions	27
W	7:00 pm Choir 21	1-9:00 pm BS Tr. 900 Court 28 of Honor (6:00 pm dinner), Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Choir
T	Autumn begins 22 2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	2-8:00 pm Cleaning 29
F	23	2:00 pm Committee reports in 30
S	24	OCT 1

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Gregg Webber

	September 18, 2016	September 25, 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	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Tara Foster Austin Smyth	Valerie Harsh Jamie Meurer
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 8/31/16	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$133,663	Inc.	\$101,341.39	9/04	\$2,552.00
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,387	Exp.	\$ 91,284.51	9/11	\$2,575.17
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$ 10,056.88	9/18	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			9/25	\$

ATTENDANCE: September 11, 2016

Worship 64	Sunday School 23	
	Spiritual Enrich. 12	Children
	Fellowship 11	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)

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

Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue)

Billy Robertson (home, feeling better)

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

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

Carol Hornbuckle, Megan Cashing's grandmother (recov., outpatient  
procedure)

George Poulson

Aida Faries (unable to receive transplant)

Family/friends of James Solesbee, Frank Solesbee's brother (9/12)

Family/friends of William "Billy" Campbell (d. 9/5)