

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



September 25, 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: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,

All: Those whose hope is in the Lord their God are sustained.

One: The Lord God reigns forever,

All: From generation to generation the Lord remains.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: The name of the Lord be praised!

***Opening Hymn #321 – “The Church’s One Foundation”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you love. In the name of Christ 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

Susan Walker

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 – “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

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	1 st Reading: Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22; 26-34 50:15-21	p30 p 42
	2 nd Reading: Luke 6:35	p838
Sermon	“Devine Forgiveness”	Rev. Jason N. Cashing
*Reflective Hymn #435 – “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”		

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 #829 – “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

***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>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i>	25	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Peace/ Global Witness Offering</i>	2
M	1:00 pm PG Triad, PG Library 6-7:00 pm GS Tr. 553 7:00 pm Christian Ed.	26		3
T		27	12:30 pm Circle 5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000 6:00 pm Congregational Care	4
W	1-9:00 pm BS Tr. 900 Honor Court (6:00 pm dinner), Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Choir	28	7:00 pm Choir	5
T	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	29	2:00 pm Session agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	6
F	2:00 pm Committee reports in	30	2:00 pm Committee reports in	7
S	O C T	1	8:00 am BS Jamboree, GMPC	8

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Gregg Webber (Sep.)
Bobby Allen (Oct.)

	September 25, 2016	October 2, 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	Susan Walker	Patsy Johnson
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh Jamie Meurer	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter

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	\$2,076.50
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			9/25	\$

ATTENDANCE: September 18, 2016

Worship 50	Sunday School 15		
	Spiritual Enrich. 8	Children	
	Fellowship 7	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)

Mary Tate, Grace & Helen Cibula's great-niece (health issue)

Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mothe, (wrist injury)

Family & Friends of Joyce Taylor, Sandy Hunter's cousin (d. 9/17)

Family/friends of Dr. William B. ("Billy") Russell, Sr. (9/15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homecoming Celebration – Our Homecoming celebration will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

“These Days” (Oct. – Dec. issue) is available in the Narthex publication wall rack. Be sure to pick up a copy for some inspirational reading!

Next Sunday, Oct. 2, is “World Communion Sunday” and the day we will receive the “Peace & Global Witness Offering” (formerly “Peacemaking Offering”). Please refer to the enclosed leaflet for information regarding the offering.

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)