# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



October 16, 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: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: The One who made heaven and earth, and set the stars in their courses.

One: Sisters and Brothers, let us worship God!

All: Let us sing praises at the foot of God's throne!

\*Opening Hymn #33 – "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

# Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings, we do not keep your word before us in all ways and in all things. Instead, we turn from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own interests rather than yours. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice; turn our hearts to your commandments and words of grace. We pray in Christ's 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 – 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 - "Step By Step"

### **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<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 p213, 214 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 1:46-55 p832

**Sermon** "Faithful Response" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

\*Reflective Hymn #687 – "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*We Affirm Our Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Makes 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. (*The Apostles Creed*)

# Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy, All: Hear our prayers.

\*Departing Hymn #100 – "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

# \*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

11	HESE TWO WEEKS AT GRE	LGOKY		
S	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	16	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	23
			5 Cents A Meal Offering	
M		17	<b>6-7:00 pm</b> GS Tr. 553	24
Т	<b>5:30-8:30 pm</b> GS Tr. 5000 <b>7:00 pm</b> Session meeting	18		25
W	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	19	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	26
Т	2:00 pm News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	20	2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	27
F		21		28
S	8:00 am Breakfast & GMPC Work Day	22	8:00 am Rain date: GMPC Work Day	29

#### SUNDAY SERVANTS

COUNTING

SUNDAY SERVANTS	Gatekeeper: Bobby Allen		
	October 16, 2016	October 23, 2016	
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet	
	Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Rose Scott Wayne Powers	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh	
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing	
JUNIOR CHURCH	Megan Cashing Justin Ellis-Bowman	Jennifer Smyth Breeana Hunter	

Donald Hunter Ron Recher

Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter

Facts & Figures	YTD	Thru 9/30/16	Offrg.	Rec'd.	
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$133,663	Inc.	\$111,373.04	10/2	\$4,249.50
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,387	Exp.	\$101.623.85	9/11	\$ 956.50
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$ 9,749.19	9/18	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			9/25	\$

# ATTENDANCE: October 9, 2016

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Worship 45			Sunday School	11	
			Spiritual Enrich.	7	Children
			Fellowship	4	Youth

#### **OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS**

Communities affected by Hurricane Matthew

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 recov., home)

Gladys Wiseman (thumb injury)

Eileen Mozucha (stroke recov.)

Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.)

Mae Grammer, Dianne Overstreet's friend

Ralph Summerson

George Poulson

Aida Faries (unable to receive transplant)

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

Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (moved into Brighter Living)

Velma Allen (hospital visit)

Mary Webber (minor inj., car accident)

Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)

Family/friends of Don Schraner (d. 10/10)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today's Sanctuary** flowers are given to the glory of God by Rose Scott in memory of Peg Ward and Roland Wiseman on their birthdays by the families.

**2017** Calendars are here! Please help yourself to a new 2017 calendar from the box in the Narthex.

#### **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)