

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



November 6, 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: Make a joyful noise, all the earth;

All: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

One: Sing praises to God with the lyre;

All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn.

One: Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

***Opening Hymn #686 – “God of Our Life”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of the covenant, who calls all people to reconciliation, you have made us members of the very body of Christ; yet we persist in wounding that body with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect. Forgive us, and teach us to nurture unity and peace. For the sake of Jesus Christ and the world he came to save; 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 – “Peace Be Still”

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.

Scripture 1st Reading: Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 p752, 753
 2nd Reading: Luke 18:3 p853

Sermon “Justice & Mercy” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #175 – “Seek Ye First”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith**

We believe in a bright and amazing God, who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf; who has risen in splendor and majesty; who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear white light, twinkling stars and sharp colors, over and over again. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World; that God believes in us, and trusts us, even though we make the same mistakes over and over again. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters, and to our Creator’s ministry in the world. God said: “Let there be light!” Amen. *[from the Iona Abbey Community]*

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #824 – “There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”**

***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	2:00 am End Daylight Saving Time ("Fall Back") 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Choir	6	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Choir <i>Order your poinsettias!</i>	13
M		7	6-7:00 pm GS Tr. 553	14
T	<u>Election Day</u> 6:30 pm Missions 6:30 pm Outreach	8	5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000	15
W	7:00 pm Choir	9	7:00 pm Choir	16
T	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	10	2:00 pm News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	17
F	<u>Veterans Day</u>	11		18
S		12		19

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper Dennis Allen

	November 6, 2016	November 13, 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	Valerie Harsh	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Pat Hunter Kaitlyn Hartsell	Rose Scott Austin Smyth
COUNTING	David Johnson Kevin Foster	Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew

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	10/9	\$ 956.50
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$ 9,749.19	10/16	\$3,374.50
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			10/23	\$1,752.50
				10/30	\$1,470.00

ATTENDANCE: October 30, 2016

Worship	75	Sunday School	17
		Spiritual Enrich.	8
		Fellowship	9
		Children	
		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
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)
Eileen Mozucha (continued recov., home)
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)
Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)
Adrienne Wallace, member of Hopewell News staff & former Dir.,
Local Emerg. Planning Board.
Family friends of Gregg Frankenstein, Eddie Frankenstein's
brother (d. 10/23)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brunswick Stew Sale to Benefit WorkCamp Crew - Quarts of Brunswick Stew are still available to purchase in support of the 2017 Tri-Cities WorkCamp crew. Cost is \$7/qt. Please see Valerie Harsh for more info.

Christmas Poinsettias! Order forms for reserving your Christmas poinsettias will be in the bulletin the next two Sundays (Nov. 13 and 20). Cost: \$11 each. Please make your check payable to Gregory Memorial Church and place in the collection plate by Nov. 20 deadline.

Potluck Lunch & Church Decorating – Nov. 20: *Worship is hosting a potluck and church decorating event after worship on Sunday, Nov. 20. Join us as we prepare our Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season!

Painting Class: Homecoming Committee has planned an exciting fund-raiser for Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Class cost is \$45 per person, all supplies included for a Christmas-themed painting. Register at asouthernbrush.com, or contact Valerie Harsh. If paying by check, make check payable to: Kerry Rosier.

Advent Kick-off – Dec. 8: Congregational Care is planning a chili and soup dinner as part of Advent Kick-off on Thursday, Dec. 8 starting at 6:30 p.m.. Sign-up sheet is 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)