# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



November 20, 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** 

Member of Session

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns** 

## Call to Worship

One: Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God; All: Honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary; One: Serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of Creation;

All: To Christ belong the power and the glory of the Almighty.

One: Praise be to God!

All: Praise be to God, indeed!

\*Opening Hymn #268 – "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

# Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christ-like in word, in deed, and in spirit. 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 – 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** – "A Round of Thanks"

## **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** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28 p646-647 31:31-34 p642

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 22:19-20

"Select Readings of Paul"

Member of Session

p857

\*Reflective Hymn #63 – "The Lord Is God"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*We Affirm Our Faith

Sermon

We believe that Almighty God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and set him above all rule and authority, has given him all power in heaven and on earth, not only in this age but also in the age to come. God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ Head of the Church, which is his body. The Church's life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work. Amen.

[from The PC (USA) Book of Order, Foundation]

# Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

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

\*Departing Hymn #295 – "Go to the World!"

# \*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

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	9:45 am Sunday School	2	Begin Advent	2						
	11:00 am Worship	0		7						
	Children's Thanksg Offerg.		9:45 am Sunday School							
	Potluck Lunch		11:00 am Worship							
	Decorate Church		5 Cents A Meal Offerg.							
S	<b>2:00 pm</b> Choir									
	<b>6:00 pm</b> Ecum Thanksg.		<b>2:00 pm</b> Choir							
	Service &, dinner, Church of									
	the Sacred Heartt									
	Last day to order Poinsettias									
M	9 am-2:00 pm Office open	2	<b>6-7:00 pm</b> GS Tr. 553	2						
	•	1	7:00 pm Paint Class	8						
T	9am-2:00 pm Office open	2	<b>5:30-8:30 pm</b> GS Tr. 5000	2						
	7:00 pm Paint Class	2	_	9						
W	9 am-2:00 pm Office open	2	2:00 pm Committee reports due	3						
	2:00 pm Newsletter out	3	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	0						
	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning		•							
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir									
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S		2	3:00 pm Cookies N Cocoa/Open							
		6	House after PG Xmas Parade	3						

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

Gatekeeper Dennis Allen

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	November 20, 2016	November 27, 2016	
USHERS	Sheila Fields	Robert Hartsell	
	Janet Swinton	Dianne Overstreet	
	Marguerite Bishop	Rose Scott	
	Valerie Harsh	Wayne Powers	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh	
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Patsy Johnson	
JUNIOR CHURCH	Marguerite Bishop	Mary Holc	
	Jamie Meurer	Jared Smyth	
COUNTING	Donald Hunter	David Johnson	
	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott	

Facts & Figures	YTD	Thru 9/30/16	Offrg.	Rec'd.	
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$133,663	Inc.	\$111,373.04	11/6	\$2,982.41
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,387	Exp.	\$101.623.85	11/13	\$ N/A
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$ 9,749.19	11/20	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			11/27	\$

# ATTENDANCE: November 13, 2016

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Worship 49	Sunday School 17						
	Spiritual Enrich. 11	Children					
	Fellowship 6	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 Bd..

Ed Armstrong (health issues)

Donald Hunter (surgery on 11/16)

Irma Honeycutt, Dave & Patsy Johnson's friend (health issue)

Family/friends of Dorothy Dickey, Karen Tull's grandmother (d.11/12)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship service will be led by members of Gregory's Session.

**Today's Sanctuary flowers** are given by Dianne Overstreet the glory of God: "Wishing Everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday."

#### **Today:**

- Collection of Children's Thanksgiving Offering.
- Potluck Lunch & Church Decorating: (Host: Worship Committee) Potluck lunch followed by decorating of church for Advent. Join us as we prepare our Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season!
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service & Dinner (Church of the Sacred Heart in New Bohemia), Service begins at 6:00 p.m.; dinner to follow hosted by Sacred Heart and Knights of Columbus for those who wish to partake.
- Christmas Poinsettias Today is the last day you may order your Christmas poinsettia. Cost: \$11 each. Please make your check payable to Gregory Memorial Church and place with completed order form in the collection plate.

**Date Correction –Paint Class:** The Paint Class will be held <u>on</u> <u>Monday, Nov. 28 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.</u> in the Fellowship Hall. Class cost is \$45 per person, all supplies included for a Christmas-themed painting. Register at <u>asouthernbrush.com</u>, or contact Valerie Harsh. If paying by check, make check payable to: Kerry Rosier. <u>Participants are asked to bring finger-foods for group snacking!</u>

**Advent Kick-off, – Dec. 8:** Congregational Care is planning a chili & soup dinner as part of the Advent Kick-off event on <u>Thursday, Dec. 8</u> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**SAVE THE DATE, YOU'RE INVITED!** Christmas Cantata, Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3:00 p.m.

#### **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
Treasurer: Kevin Foster Accompanist: Gail Rollings
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)