

Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church



December 11, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.

“Third Sunday of Advent”

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: When Christ returns in power and glory, people will faint with fear.

All: But when you see these things, lift up your heads: our redemption is drawing near!

Candle Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

***Opening Hymn #93 – “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news, and for the sake of all of the world. 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 Rev. Jason N. Cashing
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 – “Look Again”

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: Isaiah 61:1-11 p603
 2nd Reading: Luke 4:16-21 p835

Sermon “Anointed Ones” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #87** – “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. *[John 1:1-5]*

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #88, vs.1, 5-7** – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

***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	“Third Sunday of Advent” 1 9:45 am Sunday School 1 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Choir		“Fourth Sunday of Advent” 18 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>& Christmas Joy Offering</i> <i>Last day bring Angel Tree gifts!</i> 3:00 pm Christmas Cantata, followed by light reception
M	5-8:00 pm GS Tr. 553 1 Fellowship Hall 2		Office open 1 9
T	1 3		Office open 2 7:00 pm Session meeting 0
W	1-9:00 pm BS Court of Honor 1 (6 pm dinner) Fellowship Hall 4 7:00 pm Choir		Office open 2 2:00 pm Newsletter 1 7:00 pm “Darkest Night” service
T	12:00 pm Preschool Christmas 1 program (parents) 5 2:00 pm News articles due 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Stewardship & Fin.		Office closed 2 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 2
F	1 6		2 3
S	1 7		<u>Christmas Eve</u> 2 6:30 pm Worship service & Holy Communion 4 11:00 pm Worship service & Holy Communion

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper Doug Holc

	December 11, 2016	December 18, 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	Minister	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh Breeana Hunter	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Kevin Foster Rose Scott

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 9/30/16	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$133,663	Inc.	\$111,373.04	12/4	\$5,562.40
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,387	Exp.	\$101,623.85	12/11	\$
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$ 9,749.19	12/18	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			12/25	\$

ATTENDANCE: December 4, 2016

Worship 57	Sunday School 15	
	Spiritual Enrich. 9	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
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)
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 (SRMC)
Irma Honeycutt, Dave & Patsy Johnson's friend (health issue)
J. A. Williams, Donald Hunter's friend

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting: Today there will be a brief congregational meeting following to vote on the slate of nominated officers for the coming term.

Those wishing to send **Christmas cards within congregation** are encouraged to use box in Narthex.

The “Christmas Joy Offering” will be received on Sunday, Dec. 18. Please refer to the enclosed brochure for information about the offering.

Angel Tree Gift Deadline – Sunday, Dec. 18.

Christmas Cantata - Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3:00 p.m. *You're invited!*

Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion (by intinction):
Saturday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service - December 25: We'll meet at 10:30 a.m. for cookies, cocoa/coffee, carols and stories of what makes Christmas so meaningful in the world and in our lives. Come relaxed; this will be a brief and ‘informal’ service! (NOTE: There will be NO Sunday School this day).

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)