

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**January 1, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.**

## **“New Year’s Day”**

*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**

Valerie Harsh

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: We praise the Lord, for God has become our Savior.

**All: We praise God, who has set us free from fear and death.**

One: Praise God for the good news of Jesus!

**All: Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ!**

One: Praise God who is present with us still!

**All: God's glory shines in heaven and on earth! Praise the Lord!**

**\*Opening Hymn #133 – “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

## **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. We confess that we have not loved you as we should. We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans; we grow weary and give up when the way is hard. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend. Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence, we fail to recognize our own complicity. Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shared our flesh and blood. 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**

**Patsy Johnson**

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 – Special Music

### 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.

<b>Scripture</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 131	p500
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 2:21-38	p833

**Sermon**      “My Eyes Have Seen”      Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #145** – “What Child Is This”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### \*We Affirm Our Faith

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because we are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. Amen.

*(Galatians 4:4-7)*

### Prayers of the People

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**\*Departing Hymn #119** – “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

### \*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	<b>JAN.</b> <b>“New Year’s Day”</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	1	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship  <i>Guest preacher:</i> <i>Lauren Slingerland</i>	8
M		2	6-7:00 pm GS Tr. 553, Fellowship Hall/kitchen	9
T	12:30 pm Circle 5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000, Fellowship Hall/kitchen 6:00 pm Cong. Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	3	6:30 pm Missions 6:30 pm Outreach	10
W	7:00 pm Choir	4	7:00 pm Choir	11
T	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	5	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	12
F	6:00 pm BS Lock-in begins, Fellowship Hal; Jan 6-7	6		13
S	11:00 am BS Lock-in ends	7		14

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**



**Gatekeeper** Gregg Webber

	<b>January 1, 2017</b>	<b>January 8, 2017</b>
USHERS	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson Madison Foster	Lisa Brown Kaitlyn Hartsell
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter

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	\$2,153.05
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$ 9,749.19	12/18	\$3,325.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			12/25	\$ 630.00

ATTENDANCE: December 25, 2016

Worship 43	Sunday School *	
*no Sunday school	Spiritual Enrich.	Children
	Fellowship	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..  
Irma Honeycutt, Dave & Patsy Johnson's friend (health issue)  
J. A. Williams, Donald Hunter's friend  
Harvey Spain, (recov., heart surgery)  
Family/friends of Tommy Walker  
Famiy/friends of Anne P. Sanford, widow of A.K. Sanford (d. 12/18)  
Ed Armstrong (home, going through dialysis)  
Traveling mercies for all who are traveling this holiday season

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please note** that Pastor Jason will be in Louisville again for his next DMin courses, from January 2-13.

**Guest preacher** on January 8 will be Lauren Slingerland.

A potluck lunch will be held on Sunday, January 29, followed by the **Annual Congregational Meeting for 2016**.

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

### GMPC Information

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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

Gregg Webber (2017); Mary Kay Schroeter (2018); Morgan Ingram (2019)