

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



January 8, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

“Baptism of the Lord”

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

Mary Kay Schroeter

Passing of the Peace

Mrs. Lauren Slingerland
Guest Preacher

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Christ has come!

All: We have hope and are invited to new life.

One: We are invited to life abundant, a life of freedom and joy in Christ!

All: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #816 – “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

In baptism, you claim us and seal us to show that we belong to you, O God, but we hide our identity in layers of busyness. You join us to the body of Christ, the church, but we hesitate to create and nurture our community. Forgive us and enliven us by your Holy Spirit. Remind us of the promise you make in baptism, so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.

(A Moment of Silent Confession)

Promise of God’s Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news:

All: Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old life is finished, new life has begun.

One: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and called to new life.

All: Believe the good news.

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 Mrs. Lauren Slingerland
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 – “A New Star”

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: Psalm 51:6-17 p452
2nd Reading: Luke 3:1-22 p834

Sermon “What Then Should We Do?” Mrs. Lauren Slingerland

***Reflective Hymn #375** – “Shall We Gather at the River”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker 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, Glory to God hymnal, p35]

Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #482** – “Baptized in Water”

***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	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Guest preacher:</i> <i>Lauren Slingerland</i>	8	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	15
M	6-7:00 pm GS Tr. 553, Fellowship Hall/kitchen	9		16
T	6:30 pm Missions 6:30 pm Outreach	10	5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000, Fellowship Hall/kitchen	17
W	7:00 pm Choir	11	7:00 pm Choir	18
T	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	12	2:00 pm News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance	19
F		13		20
S		14		21

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper Gregg Webber

	January 8, 2017	January 15, 2017
USHERS	Rose Scott Wayne Powers Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Lisa Brown Kaitlyn Hartsell	Megan Cashing Austin Smyth
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter	David Johnson Ron Recher

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 9/30/16	Offgr.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$133,663	Inc.	\$111,373.04	1/1	\$2,150.25
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,387	Exp.	\$101,623.85	1/8	\$
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,116	Diff.	\$ 9,749.19	1/15	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,796			1/22	\$
				1/29	\$

ATTENDANCE: January 1, 2017

Worship	38	Sunday School	15	
		Spiritual Enrich.	10	Children
		Fellowship	5	Youth

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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 .

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

J. A. Williams, Donald Hunter's friend

Harvey Spain, (recov., heart surgery)

Ed Armstrong (home, going through dialysis)

Traveling mercies for all who are traveling this holiday season

Family/Friends of Brianna Sulc, friend of many in

congregation, particularly Rose & Marguerite (d. 12/31)

Family/friends of Mary Helen Fitzsimmons, friend of Dianne
Overstreet (d. 12/29)

Family/friends of the Hon. Nathan C. Lee, Judge, 6th Judicial
Circuit (d. 1/1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our guest preacher today is Mrs. Lauren Slingerland. Lauren is a candidate under care of Foothills Presbytery and is certified ready to receive a call. She is currently living out her call as a 5th grade teacher at Swift Creek Elementary in Midlothian where she lives with her husband, Stephen.

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Session Members

Mary Holc (2017); Susan Walker (2017); Robert Hartsell (2017)
Blake Bishop (2018); Valerie Harsh (2018); Marquita Simpson (2018)
Patsy Johnson (2019); Charles Smyth (2019)
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

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