

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**“PRESCHOOL SUNDAY”**

March 5, 2017

**“First Sunday in Lent”**

*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**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: People of God, on this journey to Life, what will you eat?

**All: The Word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

One: In this time of temptation, how will you live?

**All: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

One: At this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

**All: We worship the Lord our God alone.**

**\*Opening Hymn #63 – “The Lord Is God”**

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

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care, and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 - Program celebrating “Preschool Sunday”**

A short musical program by Gregory Memorial Preschool students under guidance of Ms. Janet Lammey, Preschool Director/Instructor of 4-Year Old Class, and Mrs. Angie Pruett, Instructor of 3-Year Old Class.

**Choral Anthem – “A Welcome Place”**

## **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: Psalm 15:1-5      p430  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 10:25-42      p844

**Sermon**      “Don’t Step Off the Path”      Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #707 – “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humanity. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to people, moving them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. *(from The Confession of 1967)*

### **Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**\*Departing Hymn #187 – “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

### **\*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>“PRESCHOOL SUNDAY”</b> <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <b>5:00 pm</b> Workcamp planning meeting, Fellowship Hall	5	<b>2:00 am</b> Daylight Saving begins <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship	12
M		6		13
T	<b>12:30 pm</b> Circle (Figg’s) <b>5:30-8:30 pm</b> GS Tr. 5000 <b>6:00 pm</b> Congregational Care <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship <b>7:00 pm</b> Facilities	7	<b>5:30-8:30 pm</b> GS Tr. 553 <b>6:30 pm</b> Missions <b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach	14
W	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	8	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	15
T	<b>12:00 pm</b> Lenten service & lunch (Host: GMPC) <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning <b>6:00 pm</b> Facilities Workshop	9	<b>12:00 pm</b> Lenten service & lunch (Host: Sycamore UMC) <b>2:00 pm</b> News articles in <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning <b>6:00 pm</b> Facilities Workshop	16
F		10		17
S		11	<b>9:00 am</b> BS Blood Drive (Eagle Project – Nall), GMPC parking lot	18

## SUNDAY SERVANTS



**Gatekeeper:** Doug Holc

	March 5, 2017	March 12, 2017
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Karen Tull	Tara Foster
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 1/31/17	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$12,691.75	2/5	\$2,838.25
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$ 9,489.27	2/12	\$3,810.50
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 3,202.48	2/19	\$2,175.89
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			2/26	\$1,344.25

ATTENDANCE: February 26, 2017

Worship 37	Sunday School 13	
	Spiritual Enrich. 9	Children
	Fellowship 4	Youth

## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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  
Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother (health issue)  
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)  
Eileen Mozucha (continued recov., home)  
Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.)  
Ralph Summerson  
George Poulson  
Aida Faries  
Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)  
Adrienne Wallace, member of Hopewell News staff  
Irma Honeycutt, Dave & Patsy Johnson's friend (health issue)  
Harvey Spain, (recov., heart surgery)  
Ed Armstrong (home, going through dialysis)  
T. J. Webb  
Jane & Ralph Archart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (health issues)  
Roger Overstreet  
Marguerite Bishop (broken wrist)  
Mae Grammer, Dianne Overstreet's friend (Col. Hgts. Healthcare Ctr.)  
Gladys Wiseman (Colonial Heights Rehab. Ctr.)  
Larry & Lisa Brown (in process of adopting)  
Velma Allen has now been declared cancer-free!  
Gene Vasek (health issue)  
Barbara Taliaferro (recov., knee surgery)  
Kay Slade, Rose Scott's friend (health issue)  
Dianne Overstreet (upcoming surgery)  
Ron Woody (health issues)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Workcamp Planning Meeting:** Today, at 5:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

**Today is “Preschool Sunday.”** Gregory Preschool’s students will present their Preschool program during “Time for Children” this morning.

**The Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ruth Figg, 1129 Tinsley Boulevard in Prince George.

### **2017 Lenten Service & Lunch Schedule:**

(Prayer begins at 12 noon; a simple lunch follows at 12:30 p.m.)

March 9: Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church  
March 16: Sycamore United Methodist Church  
March 23: Trinity United Methodist Church  
March 30: Gary’s United Methodist Church  
April 6: Bethlehem Congregational Church

**MARCH NEWSLETTER CHANGE:** Please note the following changes in the “Sunday Servants” for March:

<b>Sunday Servants</b>	<b>Mar. 5</b>	<b>Mar. 12</b>	<b>Mar. 19</b>	<b>Mar. 26</b>
<b>Junior Church</b>	Karen Tull	Tara Foster	Valerie Harsh	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram

### GMPC Information

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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

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

### Trustees

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