

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



March 12, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

“Second 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

Valerie Harsh

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: From where will our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: Who is our keeper?

All: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

One: How long will God protect us?

All: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

***Opening Hymn #32 – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace into the family of faith. In Christ’s name we pray. 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

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 122:1-9 p498
 2nd Reading: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 p848, 849

Sermon “Facing Hurdles” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #442 – “Just as I Am, without One Plea”**

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 #649 – “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

***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	2:00 am Daylight Saving begins 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	12	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	19
M		13		20
T	5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 553 6:30 pm Missions 6:30 pm Outreach	14	5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000	21
W	7:00 pm Choir	15	7:00 pm Choir	22
T	12:00 pm Lenten service & lunch (Host: Sycamore UMC) 2:00 pm News articles in 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:00 pm Facilities Workshop 7:00 pm Stewardship & Fin.	16	12:00 pm Lenten service & lunch (Host: Trinity UMC) 2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:00 pm Facilities Workshop	23
F		17	6:00 pm BS Set-up for Sat. Yard Sale in GMPC parking lot	24
S	9:00 am-3:00 pm BS Blood Drive (Eagle Project – Nall), GMPC parking lot	18	6:00 am -3:00 pm BS Yard Sale fund-raiser in GMPC parking lot 4-7:00 pm BS Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser, Fellowship Hall	25

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Doug Holc

	March 12, 2017	March 19, 2017
USHERS	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Jared Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Rose Scott Madison Foster	Valerie Harsh
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing

Facts & Figures and Attendance on Sunday, March 5, 2017 will be provided in the March 19, 2017 bulletin.

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 Arehart, 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

Boy Scouts' Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser: Sat., Mar. 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Includes spaghetti, salad, dessert & beverage; cost: \$7 (adults & youth ages 13 years & up) and \$5 (children ages 12 years & under). Purchase tickets from any Troop 900 member/Scouts' parents, or Advisor Phil Hagerich who lives closest to church (Tel.: 804.357.7369), Julie Stoke (804.458.4477) or Joann English (804.426.9435). Tickets also sold at door. The Scouts appreciate your support! Each Scout needs to raise \$2,000 to attend Jamboree, Summer Camp and Scouts' Ski Trip.

2017 Lenten Service & Lunch Schedule:

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

March 16: Sycamore United Methodist Church
March 23: Trinity United Methodist Church
March 30: Gary's United Methodist Church
April 6: Bethlehem Congregational Church

GMPC Information

www.gregorymemorial.org www.facebook.com/gmpeva
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)