Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



March 19, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

"Third 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

Mary Kay Schroeter

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

One: O come, let us worship and bow down.

All: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

One: The hour is coming and is now here.

All: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn #39 – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. 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

Minute for Missions

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 – "There Was No Greater Love"

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.

1st Reading: Psalm 119:167-176 **Scripture** p497 p850

2nd Reading: Luke 15:1-32

"Packing Your Bags"

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

*Reflective Hymn #803 – "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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 #722 – "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

*Blessing

Sermon

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

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S	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5 pm Workcamp planning meeting, Fellowship Hall	19	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5 cents a Meal offering	26
M		20		27
T	5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000	21	5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 553	28
W	7:00 pm Choir	22	12-9:00 pm BS Order of Arrow (6:00 pm dinner, Fellowship Hall/kitchen) 7:00 pm Choir	29
Т	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	12:00 pm Lenten service & lunch (Host: Gary's UMC) 2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:00 pm Facilities Workshop	30
F	6:00 pm BS Yard sale Set-up	24	2:00pm Committee reports in	31
S	7:30 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	APRIL 9:00 am-12:00 pm BS Pork Butt pick-up (pre-ordered); Temple Blg parking lot	1

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Gatekeeper: Doug Holc

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	March 19, 2017	March 26, 2017
	Charles Smyth	Bobby Allen
USHERS	Jared Smyth	Donna Allen
USHEKS	Morgan Ingram	Velma Allen
	Josh Ingram	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
COUNTING	Donald Hunter	David Johnson
COUNTING	Megan Cashing	Rose Scott

Facts & Figures	YTD	Thru 1/31/17	Offrg.	Rec'd.	
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$12,691.75	3/5	\$3,571.00
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$ 9,489.27	3/12	\$2,188.00
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 3,202.48	3/19	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			3/26	\$

ATTENDANCE: March 5, 2017

Worship 86	Sunday School	13	
	Spiritual Enrich.	8	Children
	Fellowship	5	Youth

ATTENDANCE: March 12, 2017

Worship 53	Sunday School	12	
	Spiritual Enrich.	9	Children
	Fellowship	3	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

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)

Marguerite Bishop (broken wrist)

Gladys Wiseman (Colonial Heights Rehab. Ctr.)

Gene Vasek (health issue)

Barbara Taliaferro (recov., knee surgery)

Kay Slade, Rose Scott's friend (health issue)

Ron Woody (health issues)

Family & Friends of Mae Grammer (d. 3/6/17)

Carrie King (health issues)

Tull Family (Joe's deployment next year)

Mila Campen (hospice care)

Roger Overstreet (back in hospital)

Dianne Overstreet (recovering from surgery)

Family/friends of Zelda Ann Whitley, Janet Lammey's mother (d. 3/13)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Jimmy Wiseman's birthday by the family.

Easter Lilies: Please use the enclosed order form for ordering your Easter lilies. Cost: \$12.00 per lily. Place order form with check payable to "Gregory Memorial Church" in the collection plate. (Additional order forms on Narthex table.) All orders must be received by <u>Sunday</u>, <u>April 2</u>. Lilies will arrive at church in the week of April 9.

2017 Lenten Service & Lunch Schedule:

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

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

In case you missed this from the March 5 bulletin (changes made after the newsletter was published.)

MARCH NEWSLETTER CHANGE: Please note the following changes in the "<u>Sunday Servants</u>" for March:

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

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

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)