

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



March 26, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

“Fourth 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

Larry Johnson

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

All: We were like those who dream.

One: Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

All: We rejoiced, “The Lord has done great things for us!”

One: May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

All: May they come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.

***Opening Hymn #438 – “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, in our homes and our churches, with the abundant love of Christ until we are all made new. 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

Valerie Harsh

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 – “Near the Cross”

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 st Reading: Psalm 41:1-3	p447
	2 nd Reading: Luke 16:19-31	p851

Sermon "Relational Faith" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn** #306 – "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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** #286 – "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

***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>5 cents a Meal offering</i>	26	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>James House collection event</i>	2
M		27		3
T	5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 553	28	12:30 pm Circle (Recher) 5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000 6:00 pm Congregational Care	4
W	12-9:00 pm BS Order of Arrow (6:00 pm dinner, Fellowship Hall/kitchen) 7:00 pm Choir	29	7:00 pm Choir	5
T	12:00 pm Lenten service & lunch (Host: Gary's UMC) 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:00 pm Facilities Workshop	30	12:00 pm Lenten service & lunch (Host: Bethlehem CC) 2:00 pm Session agenda out 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:00 pm Facilities Workshop 7:00 pm Christian Ed	6
F	2:00pm Committee reports in	31		7
S	APRIL 9:00 am-12:00 pm BS Pork Butt pick-up (pre-ordered); Temple Blg parking lot	1	8:00 am -1:00 pm Church Work Day & breakfast for volunteers, Fellowship Hall	8

SUNDAY SERVANTS



Gatekeeper: Doug Holc (Mar.)
Charlie Smyth (Apr.)

	March 26, 2017	April 2, 2017
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Jerry Hasky Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Patsy Johnson
JUNIOR CHURCH	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Megan Cashing
COUNTING	David Johnson Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew

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	\$2,268.25
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			3/26	\$

ATTENDANCE: March 19, 2017

Worship 41	Sunday School 14				
	Spiritual Enrich.	8	Children		
	Fellowship	6	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

The Circle meeting for April will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Judy Recher.

Christian Ed Committee will meet on Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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 Sunday, April 2.** 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 30: Gary’s United Methodist Church

April 6: Bethlehem Congregational Church

Homecoming – Please be sure to return your Homecoming Celebration RSVP card by Friday, April 14 (Good Friday).

Outreach is currently sponsoring a collection event for the James House. The items for the James House should be brought in by Sunday, April 2. Please remember to help assist the women who have been abused, and this wonderful organization whose mission is to educate and protect these women and children.

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)