

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



April 2, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

“Fifth 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

Rose Scott

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: In times of security and times of uncertainty,

All: O Lord, you hear our prayers.

One: Confident in your faithfulness,

All: We will ever praise your name.

One: Through the abundance of your steadfast love you have gathered us into your house.

All: In the holiness of your presence, we bow down to worship and adore you.

***Opening Hymn #450 – “Be Thou My Vision”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus 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

Patsy Johnson

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 – “The Upper Room”

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 84:1-4, 10-12 p472, 473
 2nd Reading: Luke 18:31-19:10 p853

Sermon “Opening Your Eyes” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

*Reflective Hymn #451 – “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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)*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *[Please refer to the insert.]*

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn** #691 – “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

***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>Holy Communion</i> <i>James House collection event</i> <i>Last day to order Easter Lilies</i>	2	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	9
M		3		10
T	12:30 pm Circle (Recher) 5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000 6:00 pm Congregational Care	4	6:00 pm GS Tr. 553	11
W	7:00 pm Choir	5	7:00 pm Choir	12
T	12:00 pm Lenten service & lunch (Host: Bethlehem CC) 2:00 pm Session agenda out 2-8:00 pm Church Cleaning 6:00 pm Facilities Workshop 7:00 pm Christian Ed	6	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 2-8:00 pm Church Cleaning 6:00 pm Facilities Workshop 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday service & Holy communion, Sanctuary	13
F		7	<i>Good Friday</i>	14
S	8:00 am -1:00 pm Church Work Day & breakfast for volunteers, Fellowship Hall	8	<i>Holy Saturday</i> 8:00 am-1:00 pm Rain date: Church Work Day 8:30 am Bull Hill Rd. Cleanup 8:30 am Clean Community Day	15

SUNDAY SERVANTS

GATEKEEPER: Charlie Smyth	April 2, 2017	April 9, 2017 "Palm Sunday"
USHERS	Jerry Hasky Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Megan Cashing	Jennifer Smyth
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher

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	\$2,133.75

ATTENDANCE: March 26, 2017

Worship	43	Sunday School	12		
		Spiritual Enrich.	6	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)
Gene Vasek (health issue)
Barbara Taliaferro (recov., knee surgery)
Kay Slade, Rose Scott's friend (health issue)
Ron Woody (health issues)
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)
Janet Shockley (surgery, 3/29)
Mike Franklin (hospital MCV, treatment for leukemia)
Russell Noblin (home, hospice care)
Gladys Wiseman (home)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day to receive donated items for Project James House. Please place the items in the designated collection area in the Fellowship Hall meeting room.

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

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

Easter Lilies: Today is the last day to place your order for Easter lilies. Please use the enclosed order form for ordering. 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.) 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.)

April 6: Bethlehem Congregational Church

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

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)