

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



April 16, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

*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 would 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 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: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Sin and death shall reign no more!

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Let this place resound with joy!

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**\*Opening Hymn #232 – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

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

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal to us again your triumph over sin and darkness. Forgive our sin, and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation. For your sake 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

Pat Hunter

(Children ages 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade are invited to Junior Church after the anthem;  
'Worship Boards' are on the front pew for older youth.)

**Choral Anthem** – "Christ Is Arisen"

**Scripture**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 118:17, 21-24

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 24:1-12

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**Sermon**

"Remembering"

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #246** – "Christ Is Alive!"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*We Affirm Our Faith**

We undoubtedly believe, since it was impossible that the sorrows of death should retain in bondage the Author of life, that our Lord Jesus crucified, dead, and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification, and the destruction of him who was the author of death, and brought life again to us who were subject to death and its bondage. Amen.

*(from The Scots Confession)*

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**\*Departing Hymn #233** – "The Day of Resurrection!"

**\*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**

## 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, son, Martin, and 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)  
Gladys Wiseman (home)  
Janet Shockley, Susan Walker's mom (recov. after surgery)  
Mike & Brenda Franklin (Mike is home; outpatient treatment- leukemia)  
Sandy Eickmeyer (upcoming procedure)

**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	<i>Easter</i> <b>6:30 am</b> Sunrise Service <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Easter Egg Hunt for Children <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i>	16	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering.</i>	23
M		17		24
T	<b>5:30-8:30 pm</b> GS Tr. 5000	18	<b>5:30-8:30 pm</b> GS Tr. 553 <b>7:00 pm</b> Session meeting	25
W	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir practice	19	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir practice	26
T	<b>2:00 pm</b> News articles in <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Church Cleaning	20	<b>2:00 pm</b> Newsletter out <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Church Cleaning	27
F		21		28
S	<b>8:00 am</b> Workcamp Fundraiser <b>2:00 pm</b> Pork Butt (pre-ordered pick up, GMPC <b>5-7:00 pm</b> Pork BBQ dinner (fundraiser); Fellowship Hall	22		29

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**



**GATEKEEPER:** Charles Smyth

	<b>April 16, 2017 "Easter"</b>	<b>April 23, 2017</b>
USHERS	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson	Susan Walker
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter	David Johnson Blake Bishop

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 1/31/17	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$12,691.75	4/2	\$2,230.50
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$ 9,489.27	4/9	\$1,921.25
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 3,202.48	4/16	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			4/23	\$
				4/30	\$

**ATTENDANCE: April 9, 2017**

Worship	44	Sunday School	17
		Spiritual Enrich.	11
		Fellowship	6
		Children	
		Youth	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Easter lilies** are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of/in memory of those we wish to remember as indicated in the enclosed dedication sheet. Please, remember to take your lilies home today after worship.

**Immediately following today's Jr. Sermon**, children and youth are invited to look for Jesus speaking to them (along with other Easter goodies) in the eggs that will be hidden for them outside! Our Jr. Church volunteers will take youth for a time of searching for God's Word to them on this day, just as the women sought Jesus at the empty tomb, and as we listen for God's Word to us as well.

Please use the envelope provided in the bulletin for your **"One Great Hour of Sharing" offering** that will be received today.

**Camp Hanover's Open House is next Sunday.** Camp Hanover, our Presbytery's Camp, is hosting a Camp Fun Day next Sunday, April 23, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., rain or shine. Bring the whole family (and friends!) to this free event and sample some campfire cooking, enjoy a hayride, get your face painted, take a walk in the woods, and play some classic camp games. Open House is a great time to learn about Camp Hanover's summer camp opportunities for youth ages 7-17, or to just have fun! For more info, visit [www.CampHanover.org](http://www.CampHanover.org) or call (804) 779-2811.

**If you haven't returned your Homecoming RSVP card yet**, you may drop it off at the Church office on Tuesday, April 18.

### GMPC Information

[www.gregorymemorial.org](http://www.gregorymemorial.org)      [www.facebook.com/gmpcva](http://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))