

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



April 23, 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 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: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

All: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

One: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

All: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

One: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

All: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

***Opening Hymn #245 – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life, and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. 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

Music: “Hallelujah” performed by Tammy Anderson & Lloyd Post

Congregational Response (Hymn #606)

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Time for Children – Junior Sermon

Megan Cashing

Children ages 3 – 1st Grade are invited to Junior Church after the Anthem; ‘Worship Boards’ are on the front pew for older youth.

Special Music: “The Man In The Middle”

Performed by Tammy Anderson & Lloyd Post

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: Luke 23:33-34a, 46 p859
2nd Reading: Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60 p889, 891

Sermon “Telling Our Story” Rev. Jason Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #238 – “Thine Is the Glory”**

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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 #299 – “You Servants of God,
Your Master Proclaim”**

*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 5 Cents A Meal offering	23	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Emergency Aid offering Homecoming Celebration & luncheon 2:00 pm Special program 2:00 pm Committee reports due	30
M		24	MAY	1
T	6:00 pm GS Tr. 553 7:00 pm Session meeting	25	12:30 pm Circle (GMPC) 5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000 6:00 pm Congregational Care 7:00 pm Facilities 7:00 pm Worship	2
W	7:00 pm Choir practice	26	7:00 pm Choir practice	3
T	2:00 pm Newsletter out 2-8:00 pm Church Cleaning	27	2-8:00 pm Church Cleaning	4
F		28	9:00 am Sanctuary setup (wedding)	5
S		29	10:00 am Swinton-Shill wedding	6

SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth (Apr.)
Doug Holc (May)

	April 23, 2017	April 30, 2017 “Homecoming”
USHERS	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Susan Walker	Pat Hunter
COUNTING	David Johnson Blake Bishop	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing

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	\$6,998.75
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 3,202.48	4/16	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			4/23	\$
				4/30	\$

ATTENDANCE: April 16, 2017

Worship	100	Sunday School	16
		Spiritual Enrich.	11
		Fellowship	5
		Children	
		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, Rick, and her brother, Martin (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 Archart, 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; out-patient treatment- leukemia)
Sandy Eickmeyer (upcoming procedure)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's special music will be performed by the talented duo of Tammy Anderson and Lloyd Post.

Camp Hanover's Camp Fun Day is today. The Camp Hanover Camp Fun Day is today from 2 p.m. until 6 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. Camp Hanover is the outdoor ministry of the Presbytery of the James, of which our church is a member. For more info, visit **www.CampHanover.org** or call (804) 779-2811.

Upcoming wedding: Janet Swinton and Bill Shill invite you to attend their marriage ceremony that will be held in Gregory's Sanctuary on Saturday, May 6, 2017 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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)