

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



April 30, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

“Homecoming Celebration!”

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

Choral Call to Worship – “Worship God with Music”

Performed by Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings, CCLI# 3162073

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Larry Johnson

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Words of Worship

One: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin!

All: Alleluia!

One: By his rising we are free from the fear of death!

All: Alleluia!

One: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God!

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn #1 –“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, our world is filled with blindness: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world’s sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus’ resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. 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

Susan Walker

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 – “Then Sings My Soul”

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 30:1-12 p439
 2nd Reading: Luke 24:13-35 p860

Sermon “One More Move” The Rev. John Willingham

***Reflective Hymn #252 – “Day of Arising”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

[from The PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith]

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #488 – “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”**

***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. Emergency Aid offering Homecoming Celebration! & luncheon after worship	30	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 11:00 am Minute for Missions 1-6:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved (special event)	7
M	MAY	1	12-9:00 pm BS Crater Dist mtg/class, Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm BS Cyber class	8
T	12:30 pm Circle (GMPC) 5:30-8:30 pm GS Tr. 5000 6:00 pm Congregational Care 7:00 pm Facilities/Worship	2	12:30 pm Circle (GMPC) 6-7:00 pm GS Tr. 553 7:00 pm Missions/ Outreach combined committee	9
W	7:00 pm Choir practice	3	7:00 pm Choir practice	10
T	2-8:00 pm Church Cleaning 7:00 pm ""Telling Your Story"" Workshop, Fellowship Hall	4	12:00 pm Preschool Mother's Day Lunch for parents, Fellowship Hall 2-8:00 pm Church Cleaning	11
F	9:00 am-6:00 pm (Sanctuary res.)	5		12
S	4:30 pm Swinton-Shill Wedding	6		13

SUNDAY SERVANTS



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

	April 30, 2017 "Homecoming"	May 7, 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	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Pat Hunter	Rose Scott
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 3/31/17	Offgr.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$35,508.53	4/2	\$2,230.50
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$33,615.43	4/9	\$1,921.25
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 1,893.10	4/16	\$6,998.75
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			4/23	\$ 751.00
				4/30	\$

ATTENDANCE: April 16, 2017

Worship	35	Sunday School	9		
		Spiritual Enrich.	5	Children	
		Fellowship	4	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 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; out-patient treatment- leukemia)
Sandy Eickmeyer (recov., home)
Matt Metschke, Mattie-Lynn's dad (lap-band surgery, recov., home)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who have gathered here today to our Homecoming Celebration! We are glad that you join us in our Homecoming to commemorate the 130th anniversary of the establishment of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church (est. 1887).

We are excited to present The Reverend John Willingham, of Doylestown, Pa., as our Guest Speaker. Following immediately after this morning's worship, a wonderful luncheon (catered by Brock's Barbeque) will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

So, sit back and enjoy this lovely day here at Gregory Church!

Sanctuary floral arrangements are given to the glory of God by the Homecoming Committee in honor of all of our members, past and present, and in memory of those members who have gone before us.

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)