

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



May 21, 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

Valerie Harsh

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Bless the Lord; O people, sing!

All: Let the sound of praise ring out!

One: Come and hear what the Lord has done!

All: The Lord who has made all things!

One: Let us celebrate and praise our Lord and Savior!

All: Let us praise the One who brings Life and Love!

***Opening Hymn #4 – “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the waters of life that we may live again, through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. 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 – “Sunshine In 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: Luke 18:9-14 p853
2nd Reading: Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21 p945, 946

Sermon “Authenticated by the Spirit” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #703** – “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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 #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!

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

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|---|--|----|--|----|
| S | 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 5p Conversations at Woodlawn Presby Ch. Hopewell | 21 | 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a 5 Cents a Meal Offering | 28 |
| M | 12:30p BS Crater Dist. meeting set-up, Fellowship Hall 6p BS dinner | 22 | | 29 |
| T | 6p GS 553 | 23 | 6p GS 5000 | 30 |
| W | 7p Choir practice | 24 | 2p Committee reports due 7p Choir practice | 31 |
| T | 2p Newsletter out 2-8p Church cleaning | 25 | JUNE 2-8p Church cleaning | 1 |
| F | | 26 | | 2 |
| S | | 27 | | 3 |

SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

| | May 21, 2017 | May 28, 2017 |
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| USHERS | Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers | Charles Smyth Jared Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Valerie Harsh | Mary Kay Schroeter |
| JUNIOR SERMON | Patsy Johnson | Pat Hunter |
| JUNIOR CHURCH | Marguerite Bishop | Lisa Brown |
| COUNTING | David Johnson Ron Recher | Sandy Hunter Mary Kay Schroeter |

| Facts & Figures | | YTD | Thru 3/31/17 | Offrg. | Rec'd. |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|--------|------------|
| Pledged/proj. incr. | \$137,530 | Inc. | \$35,508.53 | 5/7 | \$1,210.00 |
| Ann. budget exp. | \$145,537 | Exp. | \$33,615.43 | 5/14 | \$3,371.55 |
| Mo. budget needs | \$ 12,128 | Diff. | \$ 1,893.10 | 5/21 | \$ |
| Wk. budget needs | \$ 2,799 | | | 528 | \$ |

ATTENDANCE: May 14, 2017

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| Worship: 52 | Sunday School: 10 | |
| | Spiritual Enrichment: 7 | Children: |
| | Fellowship: 3 | 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
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 re-assignment in June)
Mila Campen (hospice care)
Gladys Wiseman (home)
Sandy Eickmeyer (recov., home w/physical therapy)
Matt Metschke, Mattie-Lynn's dad (lap-band surgery, recov., home)
Perry Lewis
Roger Overstreet (continued health concerns)
Emily Henry, Mary Holc's sister (health issue)
Family/friends of Aida Faries (d. 5/8)
Family/friends of Mike Franklin (d.5/12)

***Pastoral Benediction**

***Choral Benediction & Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honoring the Tull family - The choir invites everyone to join in honoring the Tull family for their continued service to our country on Sunday, June 4th immediately after church. Joe, Karen and Alex will be leaving us on June 16th as Joe travels to South Korea and Karen and Alex will go to Georgia to be close to Karen's family. A baked potato bar, salad and dessert will be served. Help us give this amazing family a wonderful send off!

Squirrels Game Sign-up - The sign-up sheet is now in the Narthex for the Squirrels game on June 24th. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth up to 18 years of age. The party deck has been reserved so make sure you reserve your space for this family fun activity. Space is limited!

We'll meet today at 5:00 p.m. at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church in Hopewell for light refreshments and engaging conversation! Any who are interested are invited to join a conversation with other Presbyterians in our area concerning stewardship, and how we, as disciples, live our faith through the gifts we offer to God.

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)