

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**July 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**

Dianne Overstreet

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

**All: We will proclaim your faithfulness for all generations!**

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: God's faithfulness is as high as the heavens.**

One: Happy are those who sing God's praises;

**All: Happy are they who extol God's righteousness all the day!**

**\*Opening Hymn #367 – "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

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

Merciful God, your creatures cry, creation groans, but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Bring us back to life, O Lord, and wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through us until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing. In Christ's name. 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**

Awarding of Christine Belsches Memorial Scholarships

## **WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD**

**Time for Children – Junior Sermon**

Megan Cashing

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.

**Special Music "He Touched Me"**

*CCLI #3162073*

Performed by Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

### **Prayer for Illumination (unison)**

Gracious Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.

**Scripture**    1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 138: 1-8                    p503  
                                 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 21:1-4                                 p856

**Sermon**                    “Gracious Giving”                    Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #712** – “As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*[from the Iona Abbey Community]*

Baptism of Mark Westin Brown (Parents, Larry & Lisa Brown)

#### **Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**\*Departing Hymn #150** – “As with Gladness Men of Old”

#### **\*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!**

**Ne Chase ("Christi") THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>11a</b> 5 Cents A Meal Offering <b>11a</b> Belsches Schol. Fund Awards <b>11a</b> Infant Baptism	23	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>11a</b> Local Emergency Aid Offering	30
M		24	<b>2p</b> Committee reports due	31
T		25	<b>6p</b> "Nat'l Night Out, GMPC Parking lot	1
W		26		2
T	<b>2p</b> Newsletter out <b>2-8p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Scholarship Committee	27	<b>2-8p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Christian Ed	3
F		28		4
S		29		5

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**



GATEKEEPER: Gregg Webber (Jul.)  
Bobby Allen (Aug.)

	<b>July 23, 2017</b>	<b>July 30, 2017</b>
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Susan Walker	Pat Hunter
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 5/31/17	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$58,332.69	7/2	\$2,521.50
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$55,243.55	7/9	\$5,900.50
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 3,089.14	7/16	\$2,871.80
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			7/23	
				7/30	

**ATTENDANCE: July 16, 2017**

Worship: 93*	Sunday School: 15	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 10	Children:
	Fellowship: 5	Youth:

\* Commissioning of GMPC Workcampers

Adult Sunday School Classes meet as a combined group in July & August.

## 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)  
Ed Armstrong (home, going through dialysis)  
T. J. Webb  
Jane & Ralph Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (health issues)  
Gene Vasek (health issue)  
Ron Woody (health issues)  
Gladys Wiseman (home)  
Janet Shockley, Susan Walker's mom (recov. after surgery)  
Sandy Eickmeyer (recov., home)  
Perry Lewis  
Roger Overstreet (continued health concerns)  
Eddie Frankenstein, ret. PGPD Chief (health issues)  
Steve "Dee" Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue)  
Charles Story  
Shirley MacNeil (heart issues)  
Family/friends of Gail Vargo (d. 7/10)  
Family/friends of Thomas P. Keese, Jr. (d. 7/17)  
Family/friends of Christine Chase ("Christi") Lucy (d. 7/17)  
Family/friends of Mila Campen, Ann Hartsell's mother (d. 7/19)

**\*Pastoral Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction & Postlude**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our special music next Sunday, July 30,** will be a performance given by the very talented soloist, Mrs. Carolyn Cregar, of Sycamore UMC.

### 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)