

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



August 27, 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: We come to give thanks to God with our whole hearts.

All: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

One: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

All: The love of God lasts forever!

One: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

All: We, who are many, are called to worship God.

One: Let us join our voices as one, worshipping our Lord!

***Opening Hymn #634 – “To God Be the Glory”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to the world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest to the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' 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**

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Time for Children – Junior Sermon

Pat Hunter

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 by Gregory Choir Quartet

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 1st Reading: John 16:20-22 p879
2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5 p1007, 1008

Sermon "The End of the Beginning" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #81** – "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Almighty God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and set him above all rule and authority, has given to him all power in heaven and on earth, not only in this age but also in the age to come. God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ Head of the Church, which is his body. The Church's life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work. Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God. Christ is present with the Church in both Spirit and Word. Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills. Amen.

[from The PC(USA) Book of Order]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #321** – "The Church's One Foundation"

***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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

“Back to Church Sunday” will be celebrated on Sunday, Sep. 10, beginning with a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m., followed by a program by GMPC's 2017 Workcampers. Food will be provided. All we need is YOU! Please plan to join us!

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)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a 5 Cents A Meal Offering	27	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	3
M		28	LABOR DAY	4
T		29	9:30a Preschool begins 12:30p Circle 6p GS Tr 5000, Fellowship Hall 6p Congregational Care 7p Worship Committee	5
W	7p Choir practice	30	7p Choir practice	6
T	2p Committee reports due 2-8p Church cleaning 5p Preschool Orientation for parents, Fellowship Hall	31	2p Session agenda out 2-8p Church cleaning 7p Christian Ed Committee	7
F	SEP. 1 Gatekeeper: C. Smyth	1		8
S		2		9

SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen (Aug.)
Charles Smyth (Sep.)

	August 27, 2017	September 3, 2017
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat hunter	Megan Cashing
JUNIOR CHURCH	Lisa Brown	Patsy Johnson
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 7/31/17	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$83,762.54	8/6	\$3,200.05
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$78,076.62	8/13	\$2,067.25
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 5,685.92	8/20	\$1,983.16
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			8/27	\$

ATTENDANCE: August 20, 2017

Worship: 47	Sunday School: 11	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 6	Children:
	Fellowship: 5	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
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
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)
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 (health issues)
Marquita Simpson (Vibra Health/Rehab, Richmond)
Ed Armstrong (Hopewell Health Center)
Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (health concerns)
Marguerite Bishop (broken foot)
Susan Walker & Kyle Walker (for safe travels)
Perry Lewis (pneumonia)
Bill Langston, friend of David Johnson (recov., bypass surgery)
Family/friends of Bill Elliott (d. 8/17)
Family/friends of Peggy Barnes