Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 3, 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: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship!
All: Praise the Lord!
One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
All: Let us worship God!
One: For the Lord dwells among the people;
All: The glory of God abides with us!

***Opening Hymn** #32 – "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in our affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ. 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 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 – Solo "Amazing Grace"
Performed by Megan Cashing

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: Ezekiel 3:1-15 p673
2nd Reading: Matthew 5:1-7:29 p785

Sermon "Sermon on the Mount" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn** #629 –"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
[Apostles' Creed, p. 35 of Glory to God hymnal]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer
One: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn** #757 – "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

***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**

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

"Back to Church Sunday" will be September 10, 2017. Breakfast will be served promptly at 9:30 a.m. This year we will be treated to a program by our Workcampers. We have enjoyed a wonderful summer and now it is time to recommit ourselves to our Lord and to our Church. Mark your calendar so that you won't miss this special occasion.

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	3	**"Back to Church Sunday"** **9:45a** Sunday School **11a** Worship	10
M	LABOR DAY	4		11
T	**9:30a** Preschool begins **12:30p** Circle **6p** GS Tr 5000, Fellowship Hall **7p** Worship Committee	5	**6p** GS Tr 553, Fellowship Hall **6p** Congregational Care **7p** Missions-Outreach combined committees	12
W	**7p** Choir practice	6	**7p** Choir practice	13
T	**2p** Session agenda out **2-8p** Church cleaning **7p** Christian Ed Committee	7	**2p** News articles due **2-8p** Church cleaning	14
F	.	8	.	15
S		9		16

SUNDAY SERVANTS GATEKEEPER Charles Smyth

	September 3, 2017	**September 10, 2017**
USHERS	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson	Tara Foster
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing	David Johnson Rose Scott

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	$1,265.50

ATTENDANCE: August 27, 2017

Worship: 41	Sunday School: 10	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 5	Children:
	Fellowship: 5	Youth:

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas & Gulf Coast region
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 & H. F. Scott, Jr.
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)
Perry Lewis (pneumonia)
Bill Langston, friend of David Johnson (recov., bypass surgery)
Debbie Hudson, friend of Susan Walker (health issue)