# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



September 10, 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

Mary Kay Schroeter

**Passing of the Peace** 

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns** 

### **Call to Worship**

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful!

One: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

All: Let the faithful sing for joy!

\*Opening Hymn #2 – "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your Word. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others, as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, and lead us in your paths, we pray 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

#### WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

**Time for Children – Junior Sermon** Rev. Jason N. 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.

Choral Anthem "For The Beauty Of The Earth"

#### **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: Genesis 1:1-2:4a p1 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 1:1-5 p862

**Sermon** "And God Spoke..." Rev. Jason N. Cashing

\*Reflective Hymn #13 – "The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

### 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 #459 – "O Word of God Incarnate"

### **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)**

Congregational Care Committee meets Tuesday, Sep 12 at 6pm.

Yard Sale (parking lot) & Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall) on Saturday, Sep. 23, 9 am -1pm sponsored by Missions-Outreach Committees. \$15 for 10' x 10' space; \$5 extra for a table, if needed. EVERYONE is asked to bake goodies and bring jams, jellies, etc. for the sale. We are famous for our delicious baked goods. More details (drop-off & pricing) to follow. Please help support this project as the proceeds will help defer some additional costs for our beautiful sign. Contact Sandy Hunter if you have any questions. (804) 733-8414.

Honoring our Sunday School Teachers: The Christian Education Committee thanks all of our Sunday School teachers for their commitment to helping others learn of God's love. The following people have supported our Sunday School this past year: Sandy Hunter, Donald Hunter, Lisa Brown, Megan Cashing, Patsy Johnson, Evelyn Foster, Diane Overstreet, and Grace Cibula.

A special thank-you goes to Grace Cibula for her years of dedication as a Sunday School teacher. Grace has officially retired as a Sunday School teacher after teaching here at Gregory for the best part of 25 years. We thank her for her willingness to serve and for sharing her wealth of knowledge with all of us.

Sunday School begins each Sunday morning at 9:45 with classes available for all ages. Please join us!

#### **GMPC Information**

www.gregorymemorial.orgwww.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); \_\_\_\_\_(2018)
Sandy Hunter (2019), Patsy Johnson (2019); (2019) Charles Smyth (2019)
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

#### Trustees

#### THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	"B L CL LC L "			17
	"Back to Church Sunday"	10		17
S	<b>9:30a</b> Breakfast, Fellowship Hall		9:45a Sunday School	
	11a Worship		11a Worship	
M		11	10a PG Churches	18
			Outreach/Foodbank meeting	
			(35th Anniv.), Fellowship Hall	
T	<b>6p</b> GS Tr 553, Fellowship Hall	12	<b>6p</b> GS Tr 5000, Fellowship Hall	19
	<b>6p</b> Congregational Care		7p Session meeting	
	<b>7p</b> Missions-Outreach			
	combined committees			
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	13	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	20
T	2p News articles due	14	<b>2p</b> Newsletter out	21
	2-8p Church cleaning		2-8p Church cleaning	
			<b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance	
F		15		22
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S		16	9a-1p GMPC Yard & Bake Sale,	23
			Parking lot & Fellowship Hall	

## SUNDAY SERVANTS OF GATEKEEPER Charles Smyth

	<b>September 10, 2017</b>	September 17, 2017	
	Charles Smyth	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen	
USHERS	Austin Smyth		
USHEKS	Morgan Ingram		
	Josh Ingram	Larry Johnson	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson	
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Susan Walker	
JUNIOR CHURCH	Tara Foster	Valerie Harsh	
COUNTING	David Johnson	Sandy Hunter	
COUNTING	Rose Scott	Glenda Mayhew	

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 7/31/17	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$83,762.54	9/3	\$3,267.25
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$78,076.62	9/10	\$
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 5,685.92	9/17	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			9/24	\$

### ATTENDANCE: September 3, 2017

Worship: 39	Sunday School:	12	
	Spiritual Enrichment:	7	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

Jane & Ralph Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friends (health issues)

Gene Vasek (health issue)

Ron Woody (health issues)

Gladys Wiseman (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)

Marguerite Bishop (broken foot)

Perry Lewis (pneumonia)

Bill Langston, friend of David Johnson (recov., bypass surgery)

Debbie Hudson, friend of Susan Walker (health issue)

Family/friends of Marquita Simpson (d. 9/4)

Family/friends of Ed Armstrong (d. 9/4)

Family/friends of Melissa Lucas (d. 8/29)

Family/friends of Joe Pearson (d. 8/30)

Family/friends of Peggy W. Barnes (d. 9/2)