

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**September 17, 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**

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| <b>Prelude</b>                     | Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings |
| <b>Chiming of the Hour</b>         |                                |
| <b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b> | Larry Johnson                  |
| <b>Passing of the Peace</b>        | Rev. Jason N. Cashing          |
| <b>Sharing of Joys/Concerns</b>    |                                |

## **Call to Worship**

One: People of God, bless the Lord!

**All: Bless God's holy name!**

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**All: So great is God's steadfast love for us.**

One: Give praise to God!

**All: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!**

**\*Opening Hymn #63 – “The Lord Is God”**

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

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us; we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us; we have not forgiven others. You have loved us; we have not loved ourselves, nor have we loved one another. Have mercy on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. 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**

Susan Walker

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**

## **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 21:1-3; 22:1-14      p14, 15  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 1:29      p862

**Sermon**      “At What Cost?”      Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #366** – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

## **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 #687** – “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

### **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)

**PG Churches Outreach/Food Pantry** representatives will hold its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow (Monday, September 18) at 10 a.m.

**Gregory Church's Yard & Bake Sale** will be held from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. this Saturday, September 23. Yard Sale will be in the parking lot, and the Bake Sale will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Cost: \$15 for 10' x 10' space; \$5 extra for a table, if needed.

Set up begins at 8 a.m. Vehicles must be moved to the lower parking lot by 8:30 a.m.

*Everyone* is asked to bring baked goodies and bring jams, jellies, etc. for the Bake Sale. We are famous for our delicious baked Goods. Baked goods may be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall from 5-7 p.m. on Friday evening or on Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Please price all of your items. Please help support this project as the proceeds will help defray some additional costs for our beautiful sign. Contact Sandy Hunter if you have any questions.  
(804) 733-8414.

**Bull Hill Road Trash Pick-up-** The volunteers for Missions & Outreach Committees' trash pick-up along Bull Hill Road will meet in the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 30 and then proceed to the pick-up site.

#### 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); \_\_\_\_\_ (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	17	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a 5 Cents A Meal Offering	24
M	10a PG Churches Outreach/Food Pantry meeting (35 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Fellowship Hall	18		25
T	6p GS Tr 5000 7p Session meeting	19		26
W	7p Choir practice	20	1-9p BS Honor Ct (6pm dinner) 7p Choir practice	27
T	2p Newsletter out 2-8p Church cleaning 7p Stewardship & Finance	21	2-8p Church cleaning	28
F		22		29
S	9a-1p GMPC Yard & Bake Sale, Parking lot & Fellowship Hall	23	8:45a Bull Hill Rd. Trash Pickup 9a-3p Eagle Scout Ct of Honor & Reception (Polemeni) Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall	30

## SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER Charles Smyth

	September 17, 2017	September 24, 2017
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Jerry Hasky Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Walker	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Inram Ron Recher

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	\$ 738.00
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 5,685.92	9/17	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			9/24	\$

## ATTENDANCE: September 10, 2017

Worship: 44	Sunday Sch/Special Program	35 *
	Spiritual Enrichment:	Children:
	Fellowship:	Youth:

\*"Back to Church Sunday" Breakfast; Program by GMPC Workcampers

## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Those affected by Hurricanes Irma & Harvey & emergency responders  
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)  
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)