

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



October 15, 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: Our hearts know that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend.

All: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

One: We come, in praise and worship.

All: We come, lifting our hearts and uniting our spirits.

One: Glory be to God.

All: Glory to God in the highest. Amen!

***Opening Hymn #10 – “Sing Glory to the Name of God”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus 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– Jr. 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.

Choral Anthem – “O Cleansing Stream”

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: 1 Samuel 3:1-21 p215
 2nd Reading: John 20:21-23 p883

Sermon “Voices in the Night” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #724 – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the Church, for the Glory of God. Amen.

[from the Iona Abbey Community]

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #722 – “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”**

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)

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Peg Ward and Roland Wiseman by the families.

Bluegrass Music Festival at Camp Hanover today, 2-6 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.). The "Common Chords Jamboree" is an annual fund-raiser supporting Camp Hanover's summer camp ministry. Enjoy live music from some of the best Bluegrass bands around. Suggested donation is \$15/person, collected at the door. Brunswick stew, yeast rolls and other refreshments will be sold throughout the Jamboree. Camp Hanover is located at 3163 Parsleys Mill Road in Mechanicsville. For more information, call (804) 779-2811 or visit www.CampHanover.org

We hope you will join us in our 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch that will be after worship service on October 29 in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to indicate your potluck item(s). Visitors are welcomed to join us!

Recent shrubbery trimming was performed by Prince George Nursery with approval by the Facilities Committee.

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 Flowers: R. Scott	15	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 5 Cents A Meal Offering	22
M		16		23
T	6p GS Tr5000	17		24
W	Preschool Field Trip: Pumpkin Patch 7p Choir practice	18	7p Choir practice	25
T	2p News articles due 2-8p Church cleaning 7p Stewardship & Finance	19	11:30a Preschool's Hallowe'en Party 2p Newsletter out 2-8p Church cleaning	26
F		20		27
S		21	<i>Simultaneous events:</i> 1-9p Eagle Honor Ct. (Nall) 1-9p Order of Arrow's Hallowe'en party	28

SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER Doug Holc

	October 15, 2017	October 22, 2017
USHERS	Charles Smyth Jared Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson	Susan Walker
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 9/30/17	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$101,321.80	10/1	\$2,986.50
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$101,688.87	10/8	\$1,527.80
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 367.07)	10/15	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			10/22	\$
				10/29	\$

ATTENDANCE: October 8, 2017

Worship: 33	Sunday School: 11	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 9	Children:
	Fellowship: 2	Youth:

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Those affected by the recent Las Vegas tragedy & the emergency responders
Those affected by recent hurricanes & the 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
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
Teresa Knott, PG County employee (health issue)
Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.)
Ralph Summerson
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)
Gladys Wiseman
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, David Johnson's friend (recov., bypass surgery)
Debbie Hudson, Susan Walker's friend (recov. surgery)
Brendan Scott, Rose Scott's grandson (eye issues)
Kenny Overstreet (upcoming surgery)
Brenda Wahl, Keith Spain's mother (health issues)
Janet Shockley, Susan Walker's mom (surgery on 10/8)
Sandy Eickmeyer (cardiac issues)
Dink Armstrong (recov. hip surgery)
Verne & Clara Smith