# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



November 5, 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: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good. All: God's steadfast love endures forever! One: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so: All: God's steadfast love endures forever! One: This is the day that Lord has made! All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

\*Opening Hymn #410 – "God Is Calling through the Whisper"

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors, but slow to help with their own. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy. Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. 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.

\*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 Valerie Harsh Children ages  $3 - 1^{st}$  Grade are invited to Junior Church after the Anthem; 'Worship Boards' are on the front pew for older youth.

Choral Anthem - "Step By Step"

#### 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 Kings 19:1-18 2nd Reading: John 12:27-28

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Sermon "Bad Day at the Office" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

\*Reflective Hymn #824 – "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

#### 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 #716 – "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

### 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)**

Meeting date change - Congregational Care Committee will meet tomorrow, Mon., Nov. 6 at 6:00 p.m., instead of on Tues., Nov. 7 (Election Day).

The Personnel Committee will meet at the church on Monday, Nov. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

**Gregory Memorial Preschool** is closed on <u>Tues.</u>, <u>Nov. 7</u> (coincides with PG schools closing on Election Day.)

For Thanksgiving week, the church office will be open Mon. Tues., & Wed., (11/20, 11/21 & 11/23), 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Don't Miss the Fun!!! The Adult Sunday School class had such a great time last Christmas by doing a book study that we have decided to do it again!!! We have selected the book, <u>The First Christmas</u> by Marcus Borg. "<u>The First Christmas</u> enriches our understanding of Jesus in a desperately needed way," says author Brian McLaren.

This book will address both accounts of Jesus' birth as found in Matthew and in Luke. Although these two accounts are similar, they are very much different. Come and enrich your understanding of the Christmas message. Our study will begin during Sunday School, which begins at 9:45, beginning **Nov. 19.** The cost of the book is \$9. Hope to see you there! [Christian Ed]

**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)

<u>Trustees</u>
Gregg Webber (2017); Mary Kay Schroeter (2018); Morgan Ingram (2019)

#### THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

9:45a Sunday School

M 6p Congregational Care

ATTENDANCE: October 29, 2017

Sunday School:

Fellowship:

Spiritual Enrichment:

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Children:

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Worship: 39

11a Worship

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9:45a Sunday School

11a Worship

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#### **OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS**

Those affected by the recent Las Vegas tragedy & the emergency responders

Those affected by recent hurricanes & the emergency responders

Members of Franklinville Presbyterian Church, Franklinville, NY

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, former PGPD Chief (health issues)

Steve "Dee" Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue)

Charles Story

Shirley MacNeil (health issues)

Perry Lewis (health issue)

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)

Janet Shockley, Susan Walker's mom (surgery on 10/8)

Dink Armstrong (recov. surgery)

Verne & Clara Smith

Kenny Overstreet (health issue)

Brenda Wahl, Keith Spain's mother (health issues)

Richard Harsh (recov. from surgery)

Carol & Ed Hornbuckle (Megan Cashing's grandparents)

Leigh Primmer, PG County Finance Dept. (health issue)

Family/friends of Doug Sprague, PG firefighter (d. 10/24)

Our Joy: Birth of Ariella Moon Ellis-Bowman, Dianne Overstreet's first great-grandchild