

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**November 26, 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**

Larry Johnson

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: The Lord God is our shepherd.

**All: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**

One: God will seek the lost and feed the hungry.

**All: God will care of the downtrodden and the lonely.**

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

**All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: For great is the Lord our God.

**All: A great and mighty ruler of heaven and earth!**

**\*Opening Hymn #268 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

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

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. 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**

Pat Hunter

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 – “O Worship the King”**

## **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: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14                      p638, 639  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 14:27    p877

**Sermon**     “Grow Where You’re Planted”     Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #260** – “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and give his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*[from A Brief Statement of Faith]*

### **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)

**Today's Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Sandy Hunter's birthday by Donald Hunter.

### **Church office Hours, during upcoming holidays:**

Christmas & New Year's Weeks: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Today is the last day to place your order for Christmas Poinsettias!** Cost: \$11 each. Make check payable to Gregory Memorial Church & put in collection plate with order form.

**The Christmas Card Box has been placed in the Narthex** for use by those wishing to send Christmas cards within our congregation.

**Advent reading material for family spiritual growth:** Today we distribute Advent reading material for use beginning next Sunday.

**Workcamp 2018 planning meeting\_** Sunday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Interested youth and parents are requested to attend.

### **Outreach Heads-Up:** [*Judy Recher*]

- The season is upon us which reminds everyone about the **PG Christmas Parade scheduled for Dec. 2.** This is an early request for your three dozen homemade cookies to be brought to the church for **our afternoon Open House.** Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Volunteers to help that afternoon are most welcome!

- **Ft. Lee Playhouse will be featuring "Driving Miss Daisy"** in February. We are wondering how many people would be interested in attending this play at a matinee performance on Sunday. Tickets are \$13.00. We could meet at the church and car pool to the show. Indicate your interest using the sign-up sheet in Narthex. Tickets will be purchased in advance of the show. Date to be determined. Watch for updates!

### 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)

## 6THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

|   |   |    |   |   |
|---|---|----|---|---|
| S | <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School<br><b>11a</b> Worship<br>5 Cents a Meal Offering<br><u>Last day to order</u> Christmas<br>Poinsettias<br><i>Flowers by the Hunters</i> | 26 | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br><b>9:45a</b> Sunday School<br><b>11a</b> Worship<br><b>11a</b> Holy Communion<br><b>6p</b> 2018 Workcamp plan meeting<br><i>Flowers by Rose Scott</i> | 3 |
| M |   | 27 | <b>11a</b> PG Churches Outreach<br>/Foodbank Xmas meeting   | 4 |
| T |   | 28 | <b>12:30p</b> Circle<br><b>6p</b> GS Tr. 5000<br><b>6p</b> Congregational Care  | 5 |
| W | <b>7p</b> Choir practice  | 29 | <b>7p</b> Choir practice  | 6 |
| T | <b>2p</b> Church cleaning<br><b>2p</b> Committee reports due  | 30 | <b>2p</b> Church cleaning<br><b>2p</b> Session agenda out   | 7 |
| F | <b>DEC</b>  | 1  |   | 8 |
| S | <b>3p</b> "Cookies/Cocoa" Open<br>House, Fellowship Hall after<br>PG Xmas Parade  | 2  | <b>9a-9p</b> Fellowship Hall reserved   | 9 |

## SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen (Nov.)  
 Charles Smyth (Dec.)

|               | November 26, 2017  | December 3, 2017  |
|---------------|--|---|
| USHERS        | Bobby Allen<br>Donna Allen<br>Velma Allen<br>Larry Johnson | Jerry Hasky<br>Brenda Bond<br>Glenda Mayhew<br>Les Mayhew |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Larry Johnson  | Rose Scott  |
| JUNIOR SERMON | Pat Hunter   | Megan Cashing   |
| JUNIOR CHURCH | Lisa Brown   | Patsy Johnson   |
| COUNTING      | Donald Hunter<br>Megan Cashing                             | David Johnson<br>Rose Scott                               |

| Facts & Figures     |           | YTD   | Thru 9/30/17 | Offrg. | Rec'd.     |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|--------------|--------|------------|
| Pledged/proj. incr. | \$137,530 | Inc.  | \$101,321.80 | 11/5   | \$2,728.80 |
| Ann. budget exp.    | \$145,537 | Exp.  | \$101,688.87 | 11/12  | \$2,270.25 |
| Mo. budget needs    | \$ 12,128 | Diff. | (\$ 367.07)  | 11/19  | \$1,410.00 |
| Wk. budget needs    | \$ 2,799  |       |              | 11/26  | \$         |

## ATTENDANCE: November 19, 2017

|             |                         |           |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Worship: 35 | Sunday School: 14       |           |
|             | Spiritual Enrichment: 8 | Children: |
|             | Fellowship: 6           | Youth:    |

## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Those affected by 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)  
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)  
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 Charles David ("Dave") Story, Jr., 57 yr.  
member of & former Chief of PGVFD (d. 11/15)  
Family/friends of Logan Knupp (d. 11/16)