

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



December 3, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

“First Sunday of Advent”

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

Rose Scott

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

All: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

Candle Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

***Opening Hymn #106 – “Prepare the Way, O Zion”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. 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

Megan Cashing

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 – “The Wonder of Christmas”

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

➤ **TODAY:**

Angel Tree Gifts deadline; gifts should be wrapped and labeled with tags, please!

We begin Advent readings.

Interested youth & parents are requested to attend **Workcamp 2018 planning meeting** at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

➤ **A Hanover Xmas! Fri. & Sat., Dec. 8 & 9,** suitable for all ages & physical abilities. See interactive re-enactments by candle lit path, then relax by fireplace for treats & musical performances. Overnight accommodations available. For more info, call 804.779.2811 or visit www.CampHanover.org.

➤ **Registration for Winter Camp at Camp Hanover** is open for 3-day program for youth currently in grades 5-12, also camp veterans & newcomers. Small groups of 10-12 with 2 counselors for as many of our camp activities as the weather allows! To register, visit www.camphanover.org/winter-camp or call camp office 804.779.2811.

➤ **DON'T FORGET:**

Ft. Lee Playhouse will be featuring "Driving Miss Daisy" in February. Tickets are \$13.00. Carpool from church parking lot. Sign-up sheet in Narthex. Tickets will be purchased in advance of show. Date TBA. [*Outreach Committee -- Judy Recher*]

Use Christmas Card Box in the Narthex for congregation's cards.

Church office Hours, during upcoming holidays:

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

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	1st Sunday of Advent 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Holy Communion\ 11a Angel Tree gifts due 6p 2018 Workcamp plan meeting	3	2nd Sunday of Advent 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship <i>Flowers by Rose Scott</i>	10
M	11a PG Churches Outreach /Foodbank Xmas meeting	4	2p Poinsettias delivery	11
T	12:30p Circle 6p GS Tr. 5000 6p Congregational Care	5	6p GS Tr. 553	12
W	7p Choir practice	6	1-9p BS Tr 900 Xmas meeting 7p Choir practice	13
T	2p Church cleaning	7	9:30a Preschool Xmas field trip to Swift Creek Mill Playhouse 2p Church cleaning 2p News articles due	14
F		8		15
S	9a-9p Fellowship Hall reserved	9		16

SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

	December 3, 2017	December 10, 2017
USHERS	Jerry Hasky Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson	Tara Foster
COUNTING	David Johnson Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew

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 \$1,979.00

ATTENDANCE: November 26, 2017

Worship: 43	Sunday School: 13	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 8	Children:
	Fellowship: 5	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)
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)
Leigh Primmer, PG County Finance Dept. (health issue)
Scott Gelcher, friend of Larry Johnson (health issues)
Carole Kreiger, friend of Dianne Overstreet (health issues)
Carol Knight, friend of Rose Scott (health issues)
Lauren O'Steen, Breeana & Owen Hunter's g'mother (health issues)
Les Mayhew (upcoming surgery)
Family/friends of Bill Langston, David Johnson's friend (d. 11/20)