

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



December 10, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

“Second 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

Dianne Overstreet

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is coming to his temple.

All: We watch and wait for his coming.

Candle Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

***Opening Hymn #104 – “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best, or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of 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– Junior Sermon

Rev. Jason N. 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 – “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

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: Ezekiel 37:1-14 p704
 2nd Reading: John 11:25-26 p874

Sermon “The Walking Dead” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #96 – “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. *[John 1:1-5]*

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #362 – “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”**

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 Gladys Wiseman's 93rd birthday by the family.

It's Open House season, and you're invited! Jason & Megan warmly invite you to stop by their home on Saturday, December 16, at any time between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for light refreshments and wonderful fellowship! Our address is in the directory, and we'll happily answer any questions you may have!

Our Christmas cantata will be performed during morning worship service next Sunday, December 17.

A "**Darkest Night**" service has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21.

With Christmas Eve falling on Sunday this year, it was decided by Worship Committee to have one evening **Christmas Eve service with Holy communion (by intinction)**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on December 24.

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	2nd Sunday of Advent 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship <i>Flowers: R. Scott</i>	10	3rd Sunday of Advent 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Xmas Cantata	17
M	Poinsettias delivered to Sanctuary	11		18
T	6p GS Tr. 553	12	6p GS Tr. 5000	19
W	1-9p BS Tr. 900 & O. A. Xmas party 7p Choir practice	13	7p Choir practice	20
T	9:30a Preschool Xmas field trip, Swift Creek Playhouse 2p Church cleaning 2p News articles due	14	2p Church cleaning 2p Newsletter out 7p "Darkest Night " service	21
F		15		22
S		16		23

SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

	December 10, 2017	December 17, 2017
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Tara Foster	Valerie Harsh
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 11/30/17	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$121,031.90	12/3	\$2,393.25
Ann. budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$122,348.59	12/10	\$
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 1,316.69)	12/17	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			12/24	\$
				12/31	\$

ATTENDANCE: December 3, 2017

Worship: 47	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)
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)
Karen Titmus & family, friends of the Wiseman/Scott families
(health concerns)