

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



December 31, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

“First Sunday after Christmas Day”

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: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God from the heavens!

One: Young men and women alike, offer praise.

All: Old and young, sing together!

One: Let us praise the name of the Lord;

All: The Lord's name alone is exalted above heaven and earth!

***Opening Hymn #143 – “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful 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– Junior Sermon

Patsy Johnson

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

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: Psalm 32:1-2 p440
 2nd Reading: John 1:19-34 p862

Sermon “Direction in the Wilderness” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn #152** – “What Star is This, with Beams
So Bright”

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 #133** – “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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)

Our guest preacher for next Sunday, January 7, will be Rev. Nicole Ball.

Church office Hours, during New Year's Week:

Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Congregational Care Committee will not meet in January.

A Tri-Cities WorkCamp meeting will be held on Sunday, January 14, 6:00 p.m.

The Session will meet Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.

The **Annual 2017 Congregational Meeting** on the business of the church, the corporation and the election of officers will be held following worship on Sunday, January 28 (or the first possible Sunday following, if weather becomes a factor).

For those interested in attending the **Ft. Lee Playhouse production of Driving Miss Daisy**, we will be attending as a group on February 11 for the 3pm matinee. Cost of a ticket is \$13. If more than ten go, price drops to \$11. Please get your payment to me by January 14 so that names can be turned in to Ft. Lee for easy access to the Post on that day. If attendance exceeds ten, a refund will be forwarded to you. If any questions, call Judy Recher.



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)

/31 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	1st Sunday after Xmas Day 31 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Local Emergency Aid Offering	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship <i>Guest Preacher: Rev. Nicole Ball</i>	7
M	JAN 1 New Year's Day		8
T	9:30a Preschool begins 2 nd semester 6p GS Tr. 5000	12:30p Circle 6p GS Tr. 553 7p Facilities 7p Worship	9
W	7p Choir practice	7p Choir practice	10
T	2p Church cleaning 7p Christian Ed	2p Church cleaning 7p Missions/Outreach	11
F			12
S			13

SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	December 31, 2017	January 7, 2017
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Jerry Hasky Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Megan Cashing
COUNTING	David Johnson Blake Bishop	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing

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	\$1,623.30
Mo. budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 1,316.69)	12/17	\$3,880.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			12/24	\$ 1,656.50
				12/31	\$

ATTENDANCE: December 24, 2017

Worship: 64	Sunday School: 9	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 8	Children:
	Fellowship: 1	Youth:

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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)
Les Mayhew (upcoming surgery)
Karen Titmus & family, friends of the Wiseman/Scott families
(health concerns)
Donna Fields-Duvall, Sheila Fields' daughter (health issues)
Our joy for the birth: Jason Holc, Jr., Doug & Mary's grandson
Family/friends of Lauren ("Lin") O'Steen (d.12/15)