

# **Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church**



**January 7, 2018 – 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**

Rose Scott

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Nicole Childress Ball

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**All: The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.**

One: God said, "Let there be light."

**All: And God saw that it was good.**

One: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.

**All: The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove.**

One: God said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am pleased."

**All: We will listen to him, and seek to follow his ways!**

**\*Opening Hymn #20 – "All Things Bright And Beautiful"**

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

Holy and Merciful Lord, on this second Sunday after the celebration of your birth, we know of the joy and peace you bring to the earth. We know of the mercy and grace you bestow on each human being. And yet, we offer less and less peace to one another, we stifle the joy of knowing you as Lord, and fail to dispense grace and mercy when it is needed most. Humbly forgive our failings and missteps. Ignite in us a passion for peace, justice, and service, guided by your Holy Spirit, and in response to your amazing love for each of us. Through Christ our Lord, we pray, 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** – “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

**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 31:7-14      p641  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 1:1-18      p862

**Sermon**      “Camping With Jesus”      Rev. Nicole Childress Ball

**\*Reflective Hymn #366** – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Affirmation of Faith**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*[From Romans 8]*

**Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**\*Departing Hymn #318** – “In Christ There Is No East Or West”

**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)

Welcome to this morning's guest preacher, Rev. Nicole Childress Ball. Rev. Ball is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College and Union Presbyterian Seminary. She has previously served as Staff Chaplain at Mary Washington Hospital and in Seminary Relations at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Since June 2017, she balances supply preaching for the Presbytery and raising her 18 month old daughter, Stella. Nicole and her husband, Tyler, reside with Stella in the Museum District of Richmond. She lives for Dunkin' Donuts coffee, Sesame Street reruns and Crossfit.

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

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

**The Annual 2017 Congregational Meeting** for conducting 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).

### 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 Shockley (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	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <i>Guest Preacher:</i> <i>Rev. Nicole Childress Ball</i>	7	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>6p</b> Tri-cities WorkCamp meeting	14
M		8		15
T	<b>12:30p</b> Circle <b>6p</b> GS Tr. 553 <b>7p</b> Facilities <b>7p</b> Worship	9	<b>6p</b> GS Tr. 5000 <b>7p</b> Session meeting	16
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	10	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	17
T	<b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Missions/Outreach	11	<b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>2p</b> News articles due <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance	18
F		12		19
S		13		20

### SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	January 7, 2018	January 14, 2018
USHERS	Jerry Hasky Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Megan Cashing	Jennifer Smyth
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

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	\$1,846.25

### ATTENDANCE: December 31, 2017

Worship: 44	Sunday School: 10	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 7	Children:
	Fellowship: 3	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 Shockley's friend (recov. surgery)  
Janet Shockley, Susan Shockley's mom (surgery on 10/8)  
Verne & Clara Smith  
Kenny Overstreet (health issue)  
Brenda Wahl, Keith Spain's mother (health issues)  
Leigh Primmer, PG County Finance Dept. (health issue)  
Scott Guelcher, friend of Larry Johnson (health issues)  
Carole Kreiger, friend of Dianne Overstreet (health issues)  
Carol Knight, friend of Rose Scott (health issues)  
Les Mayhew (recovering from surgery)  
Karen Titmus & family, friends of the Wiseman/Scott families  
(health concerns)  
Donna Fields-Duvall, Sheila Fields' daughter (health issues)  
Ed Hornbuckle, Megan Cashing's grandpa (recovering from surgery)  
Family/friends of Marvin Springston, Karen Titmus' brother (d. 12/24)  
Family/friends of John Romaine (d. 12/28)