

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**March 4, 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**

Dianne Overstreet

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Jesus, Light of the World,

**All: Give us eyes to see as you see!**

One: Once we lived in darkness, but now -

**All: As children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.**

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**\*Opening Hymn #39 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

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

Merciful God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. 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 – Jr. 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 – “More Than A Cross”**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God, send your Spirit to open our hearts and minds as we listen to your word, hearing again of your holy mysteries and invitations to life, for the glory of your Kingdom. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen

**Scripture**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 17:1-7  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 18:12-27

p431  
p880

**Sermon**

“Standing Firm”

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #824 – “There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD****\*We Affirm Our Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*[Apostles’ Creed, p. 35 of Glory to God hymnal]*

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

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**\*Departing Hymn #213 – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

**\*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**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Circle** will meet Tuesday, March 6 at 12 p.m. in the GMPC Fellowship Hall.

### **2018 Lenten Service & Lunch Schedule:**

All are welcome! Prayer service begins at 12 noon; a simple lunch follows at 12:30 p.m.

March 8: Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church  
March 15: Oakland Baptist Church  
March 22: Bethlehem Congregational Church

**Reminder:** The Facilities Committee has scheduled a **Church Work Day** on Saturday, March 10. The day will start at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall for the volunteers. (*Rain date: Saturday, March 31*)

**Daylight Saving Time** starts 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, March 11. Be sure to set clocks ahead 1 hour before bedtime Saturday night.

**Time to reserve your Easter lilies!** Easter lilies will be delivered to the church Sanctuary the week of March 25.

**Deadline is March 18** to receive your completed order forms with checks (make payable to “Gregory Memorial Church”). Please print your dedication information on the enclosed Lily Order form inserted in the bulletin and place with payment check in the collection plates. Extra order forms are on the Narthex table.

### 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

Blake Bishop (2018); Valerie Harsh (2018); Dianne Overstreet (2018)  
Sandy Hunter (2019), Patsy Johnson (2019); (2019) Charles Smyth (2019)  
Pat Hunter (2020); Susan Shockley (2020); \_\_\_\_\_(2020)  
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

### Trustees

Mary Kay Schroeter (2018); Morgan Ingram (2019); Donald Hunter (2020)

### 3/4 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship  <i>Reserve Easter lilies</i>	4	<b>2:00a</b> Daylight Saving Time begins (advance clocks 1 hr.) <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship  <i>Reserve Easter lilies</i>	11
M		5	<b>1-9p</b> Order of Arrow (6p dinner)	12
T	<b>12:30p</b> Circle, Fellowship Hall <b>6p</b> GS Tr. 5000 <b>6p</b> Congregational Care Com. <b>7p</b> Facilities Com. <b>7p</b> Worship Com.	6	<b>6p</b> GS Tr. 553	13
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	7	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	14
T	<b>12p</b> Lenten service & lunch (Host: GMPC) <b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Christian Ed	8	<b>12p</b> Lenten service & lunch (Host: Oakland Baptist Ch.) <b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance	15
F		9		16
S	<b>8a</b> Church Work Day, begins w/breakfast for volunteers in Fellowship Hal, ( <i>Rain date:3/31</i> )	10		17

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

	March 4, 2018	March 11, 2018
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Tara Foster	Valerie Harsh
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Susan Shockley	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop

Facts & Figures	YTD	Thru 1/31/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$8,026.82	2/4 \$2,210.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$11,275.98	2/11 \$3,780.00
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$3,249.16)	2/18 \$3,149.55
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			2/25 \$1,939.00

### ATTENDANCE: February 25, 2018

Worship: 43	Sunday School: 14	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 9	Children:
	Fellowship: 5	Youth:

## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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  
Michelle Coleman (health issues & recov.)  
Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital)  
Jane Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issues)  
Gene Vasek (health issue)  
Gladys Wiseman  
Steve "Dee" Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue)  
Perry Lewis (health issue)  
Verne & Clara Smith  
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)  
Karen Titmus & family, friends of the Wiseman/Scott families  
(health concerns)  
Reid Foster, recovering from ankle surgery  
Donna Fields-Duvall, Sheila Fields' daughter (recovering from surgery)  
Rev. Pat Elder (recovering from heart surgery)  
Discernment for Travis Walker  
Charlie Perkins  
Family/friends of Ralph Arehart (d. 2/23)