

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**March 11, 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**

Valerie Harsh

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

**All: But to us it is the power of God!**

One: We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

**All: The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom.**

One: The weakness of God is stronger than our strength.

**All: Heaven and earth declare God's glory.**

One: The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

**All: But to us it is the power of God!**

**\*Opening Hymn #37 –“Let All Things Now Living”**

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

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways, that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name 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 – Jr. Sermon**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

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 – “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”**

## **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 145:10-13                    p506  
   2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 18:28-40                    p881

**Sermon**                    “A King of What?”                    Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #265** – “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

## **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 #370** – “This Is My Father's World”

### **\*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

**Session meeting** - Due to conflicting schedules, the March 20 Session meeting has been re-scheduled to Sunday, March 18 at 12:30 p.m., in the Session Meeting Room..

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

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

March 15: Oakland Baptist Church

March 22: Bethlehem Congregational Church

**REMINDER: Time to reserve your Easter lilies!** Easter lilies will be delivered to the church Sanctuary the week of March 25. Deadline to receive your completed order forms with checks (make payable to “Gregory Memorial Church”) is **next Sunday, March 18.** Please print your dedication information on the enclosed Lily Order form and place with payment check in the collection plate. 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)

### 3/11 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<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	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>12:30p</b> Session meeting  <i>Last day to Reserve Easter lilies</i>	18
M	<b>1-9p</b> Order of Arrow, Fellowship Hall <b>7p</b> BS Class on Internet Safety, Drug Awareness	12		19
T	<b>6p</b> GS Tr. 553	13	<b>6p</b> GS Tr. 5000	20
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	14	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	21
T	<b>12p</b> Lenten service & lunch (Host: Oakland Baptist Ch.) <b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance	15	<b>12p</b> Lenten service & lunch (Host: Bethlehem Congregational Ch.) <b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>2p</b> Newsletter out	22
F		16	<b>11a</b> Easter Lily order to florist	23
S		17		24

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

	March 11, 2018	March 18, 2018
USHERS	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Jared Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Megan Cashing
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 1/31/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$8,026.82	3/4	\$3,317.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$11,275.98	3/11	\$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$3,249.16)	3/18	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			3/25	\$

### ATTENDANCE: March 4, 2018

Worship: 45	Sunday School: 15	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 10	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)