Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



March 25, 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

Larry Johnson

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

All: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross! One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

All: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

*Opening Hymn #197 – "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us — you have loved us to the end. We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy 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 Susan Shockley 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 – "Open the Gates"

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

1st Reading: Psalm 24:1-10 **Scripture** p436 2nd Reading: John 19:16b-22 p881

"Approaching the Gates" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

*Reflective Hymn #221 – "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*We Affirm Our Faith

Sermon

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of the mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore. Amen.

[Psalm 93]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy, All: Hear our prayers.

*Departing Hymn ##198 – "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

*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

Parents of Little Ones: We want worship to be a nurturing experience for your whole family. As such, Nursery services are available for your benefit and the enjoyment of your child. Let one of our greeters know and they'll help you get set up!

We will have our **annual Easter Egg Hunt** once again during "Time For Children"/Junior Church next Sunday. Children 3 years and older will be invited to join us for all the activities. We have two areas for hunting. One for children of kindergarten age and below, and one for the older kids. Please pass the word on to family and friends. (Contact: Patsy Johnson)

Next Sunday, (Easter), we will receive the "One Great Hour of Sharing Offering." Information on the offering is enclosed.

The Worship Committee will begin meeting on the 1st Monday of the month (in even-numbered months) at 1:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall beginning with its next meeting on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Coming soon: Gregory's Pocket Directory (Update). A draft is being prepared for you to make any needed changes in your contact info. If you have moved, or if you have a new phone contact number or an email address to include, this is when you can write it in. This info is needed to update church records and is included in the Pocket Directory as a convenience for you. The draft will be on the Narthex table after Easter Sunday for a couple of weeks. After changes are made and reviewed by Pastor Jason and the Congregational Care Committee, plans are to make copies available by June.

GMPC Information

www.gregorymemorial.orgwww.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)

| 3/2 | 3/25 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| | 9:45a Sunday School | 25 | APRIL | 1 | | | | |
| | 11a Worship | | EASTER | | | | | |
| | - | | 6:30a Sunrise service & breakfast | | | | | |
| | | | 9:45a Sunday School | | | | | |
| | | | 11a Worship | | | | | |
| S | | | & Easter Egg Hunt for | | | | | |
| | | | children during "Time | | | | | |
| | | | for Children" | | | | | |
| | | | One Great Hour of Sharing | | | | | |
| | | | Offering | | | | | |
| | | | 11a Holy Communion | | | | | |
| M | | 26 | 1p Worship | 2 | | | | |
| Т | | 27 | 12:30p Circle | 3 | | | | |
| | | | 6p Congregational Care | | | | | |
| | | | 6p GS Tr 5000 | | | | | |
| | | | 7 p Facilities | | | | | |
| W | 1-9p BS Honor Court | 28 | 7p Choir practice | 4 | | | | |
| | (6p dinner), Fellowship Hall | | | | | | | |
| | 7p Choir practice | | | | | | | |
| Т | Maundy Thursday | 29 | 2p Church cleaning | 5 | | | | |
| | 2p Church cleaning | | 7p Christian Ed | | | | | |
| | 7p Maundy Thursday service | | | | | | | |
| F | | 30 | | 6 | | | | |
| | | 21 | | 7 | | | | |

SUNDAY SERVANTS OF GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth (Mar.)

| | | Bobby Allen (Apr.) |
|---------------|--|--|
| | March 25, 2018 | April 1, 2018 |
| USHERS | Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson | Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Larry Johnson | Rose Scott |
| JUNIOR SERMON | Susan Shockley* | Patsy Johnson |
| JUNIOR CHURCH | Megan Cashing | Patsy Johnson |
| COUNTING | David Johnson | Sandy Hunter |

^{*5} Cents a Meal Offering

| 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 | \$2,895.76 |
| Mo. Budget needs | \$ 12,128 | Diff. | (\$3,249.16) | 3/18 | \$2,849.00 |
| Wk. budget needs | \$ 2,799 | | | 3/25 | \$ |

ATTENDANCE: March 18, 2018

| Worship: 46 | Sunday School: | 13 | |
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| | Spiritual Enrichment: | 9 | Children: |
| | Fellowship: | 4 | 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)

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

Sharon Noblin (neighbor of Susan Shockley), caregiver concerns

Family/friends of Jim Judkins, David Johnson's cousin (d. 3/12)

Family/friends of Perry Lewis, former PG County Sheriff (d. 3/13)