

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



“EASTER”

April 1, 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. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:

All: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Let this place resound with joy.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn #232 – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation, through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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

Patsy Johnson

The children are invited to our Easter Egg Hunt. We have 2 “hunt” areas: one for those kindergarten age & down, and another for the older kids.

Choral Anthem – “He Is Alive!”

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 1st Reading: Psalm 118:21-29 p493
 2nd Reading: John 20:1-18 p882

Sermon “The Joke’s on Death” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn** #246 – “Christ Is Alive!”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. *[from A Brief Statement of Faith]*

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *[see insert]*

***Departing Hymn** #233 – “The Day of Resurrection!”

***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!

Please use the enclosed envelope for the **“One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.”**

Worship Committee meets Monday, April 2 at 1:00 p.m.,

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Saturday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$8 and include spaghetti, salad, beverage and dessert. For purchasing tickets, contact GMPC Workcampers or adult Workcamp leader.

Easter lilies may be taken home after this morning's worship.

Coming soon: Gregory's Pocket Directory (Update). A draft is being prepared for you to make any changes needed in your contact information that is in the Pocket Directory. Next Sunday, The draft will be on the Narthex table for a couple of weeks to allow the congregation to make any needed changes. The plan is to make copies available by June.

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)

4/1 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	APRIL	1	8
S	EASTER 6:30a Sunrise service & breakfast 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship & Easter Egg Hunt for children during "Time for Children" <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i> 11a Holy Communion		9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship
M	1p Worship Com.	2	6p Crater Order of Arrow Drug Awareness class (open to public) Fellowship Hall 9
T	12:30p Circle 6p Congregational Care Com. 6p GS Tr 5000 7p Facilities Com.	3	6p GS Tr 553 10 7p Missions-Outreach Com.
W	7p Choir practice	4	7p Choir practice 11
T	2p Church cleaning 7p Christian Ed Com.	5	2p Church cleaning 12
F		6	5p Set-up for Workcamp Dinner fundraiser 13
S		7	6p Spaghetti dinner (Workcampers' fundraiser; set-up starts 5:30p) 14

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

	April 1, 2018	April 8, 2018
USHERS	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson	Jennifer Smyth
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 2/28//18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$19,645.37	3/4	\$3,317.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$22,517.64	3/11	\$2,895.76
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 2,872.27)	3/18	\$2,849.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			3/25	\$1,039.00

ATTENDANCE: March 25, 2018

Worship: 45	Sunday School: 12	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 8	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 & Helen Cibula's friend
Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister
Evelyn Lichvar, her son, Rick, & her brother, Martin (health issues)
Becky Smith
Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
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 & recovery)
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, Susan Shockley's neighbor (caregiver concerns)
Helen Cibula (in JRMC) & Grace Cibula
Elizabeth & H. F. Scott, Jr. (H. F. is recovering from surgery)