

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**April 8, 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: Peace be with you.

**All: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.**

One: Receive the Holy Spirit.

**All: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

One: Our risen Lord is among us this day!

**All: Praise be to God!**

**\*Opening Hymn #245 – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”**

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

O God, you have shown yourself to us by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. 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 – “There Is a Green Hill Far Away”**

## **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 145:13-21

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 20:19-31

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**Sermon**

“That You May Believe”

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #238 – “Thine Is the Glory”****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.****\*Departing Hymn #299 – “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”****\*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!

**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.

**Workcamp planning meeting:** No meeting on April 15.

**Pocket Directory Update:** It's time to update the Pocket Directory! Please make necessary changes to your contact info on the draft that's on the Narthex table. The draft will be available only for 3 weeks, then reviewed by committee. 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)

### Trustees

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

## 4/8 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship	8	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship	15
M	<b>6p</b> Crater Order of Arrow Drug Awareness class (open to public) Fellowship Hall	9		16
T	<b>6p</b> GS Tr. 553 <b>7p</b> Missions-Outreach Com.	10	<b>6p</b> GS Tr. 5000	17
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	11	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	18
T	<b>2p</b> Church cleaning	12	<b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>2p</b> Newsletter articles due <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance Com.	19
F	<b>5p</b> Set-up for Workcamp Dinner fundraiser	13		20
S	<b>6p</b> Spaghetti dinner (Workcampers' fundraiser); set-up starts 5:30p	14		21

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

	April 8, 2018	April 15, 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	Minister	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Jennifer Smyth	Susan Shockley
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher	Donald Hunter Susan Shockley

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 2/28//18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$19,645.37	4/1	\$5,068.01
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	\$22,517.64	4/8	\$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 2,872.27)	4/15	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			4/22	\$
				4/29	\$

## ATTENDANCE: April 1, 2018

Worship: 88	Sunday School: 17	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 12	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, & 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)  
Grace & Helen Cibula (Helen is home now)  
Elizabeth & H. F. Scott, Jr. (H. F. is recovering from surgery)  
Ruth Figg (recovering from knee surgery)