

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**April 15, 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 bread of life opens our eyes.

**All: The word of life opens our ears.**

One: The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

**All: And by those wounds we are healed.**

One: Peace be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

**\*Opening Hymn #450 – “Be Thou My Vision”**

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

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. 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 – “'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus”**

## **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: Matthew 6:24      p787  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 9:1-9a      p893

**Sermon**      "Only One Response"      Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #69** – "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

## **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 #451** – "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

### **\*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:** On behalf of our youth and adult campers going to WorkCamp this year, thank you for your support during our fundraiser dinner last night!

**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 for 3 weeks, after which it will go to Congregational Care Committee for review. 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)

## 4/15 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	15	<b>PRESCHOOL SUNDAY</b> 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Special program by Gregory Preschool 11a 5 Cents a Meal Offering	22
M		16		23
T	6p GS Tr. 5000	17		24
W	7p Choir practice	18	7p Choir practice	25
T	2p Church cleaning 2p Newsletter articles due 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	19	2p Church cleaning 2p Newsletter out	26
F		20		27
S		21		28

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

	April 15, 2018	April 22, 2018
USHERS	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Megan Cashing*
JUNIOR CHURCH	Susan Shockley	Pat Hunter
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Susan Shockley	David Johnson Blake Bishop

\*Also 5 Cents A Meal Offering

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	\$1,241.55
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 2,872.27)	4/15	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			4/22	\$
				4/29	\$

## ATTENDANCE: April 8, 2018

Worship: 41	Sunday School: 14	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 11	Children:
	Fellowship: 3	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)  
Elizabeth & H. F. Scott, Jr. (H. F. is recovering from surgery)  
Ruth Figg (recovering from knee surgery)  
Grace Cibula  
Family/friends of Helen Cibula (d. 4/9)