

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



## **“PRESCHOOL SUNDAY”**

**April 22, 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**

Mary Kay Schroeter

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**All: He lays down his life for his sheep.**

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**All: He knows us, and we belong to him.**

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

**\*Opening Hymn #239 – “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”**

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

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk of love, but our actions betray us. We talk of love, but we neglect the poor. We talk of love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and 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** – Junior Sermon Megan 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.

## **Program Celebrating “Preschool Sunday”**

A short musical program by Gregory Memorial Preschool students under guidance of Ms. Janet Lammey, Preschool Director/Instructor of 4-Year-Old Class, and Mrs. Saundra Biggs, Instructor of 3-Year-Old Class.

## **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: Luke 6:18-19, 22-23            p838  
                                 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 16:16-34                    p900

**Sermon**                "Consider the Source"            Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #306** – "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

## **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 #475** – "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

### **\*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!

**Today we welcome our Gregory Preschoolers and instructors,** will give us a short musical program for "Preschool Sunday."

**All scholarship applications for the Fall 2018 semester** must be received at the church by May 31, 2018.

**Next Sunday, April 29,** our guest preacher will be Rev. Nicole Ball. Pastor Jason is conducting the Minister's DMin Retreat.

**Session meeting is May 15 at 7 p.m.** Please send all reports to Nancy Adams by Tuesday, May 1: office@gregorymemorial.org

**Christian Ed Committee** has no meeting in May.

**Minister's DMin Retreat:** April 27-29, 2018 at Camp Hanover.

**Bull Hill Road Trash Pick-up** (sponsored by Missions Com) will be on Saturday, May 12. Volunteers will meet in church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and proceed to pickup site. Boy Scouts will assist with the trash pick-up. [Contact: Sandy Hunter]

**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 (2020)

#### 4/22 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>PRESCHOOL SUNDAY</b> 22 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Special program by Gregory Preschool 11a 5 Cents a Meal Offering	<b>DMin Retreat</b> 29 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Local Emergency Aid Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Nicole Ball
M	23	2p Committee reports due 30
T	24	<b>MAY</b> 1 1p Circle, Fellowship Hall 6p Congregational Care Com. 6p GS Tr. 5000 7p Facilities Com
W	7p Choir practice 25	7p Choir practice 2
T	2p Church cleaning 26 2p Newsletter out	2p Church cleaning 3
F	<b>DMin Retreat 4/27-4/29</b> 27	4
S	<b>DMin Retreat</b> 28	5

#### SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen (Apr.)  
Gregg Webber (May)

	April 22, 2018	April 29, 2018
USHERS	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing*	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Pat Hunter	Rose Scott
COUNTING	David Johnson Blake Bishop	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing

\*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	\$1,485.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			4/22	\$
				4/29	\$

#### ATTENDANCE: April 15, 2018

Worship: 38	Sunday School: 14	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 9	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)  
Elizabeth & H. F. Scott, Jr. (H. F. is recovering from surgery)  
Ruth Figg (recovering from knee surgery)  
Grace Cibula  
Travis Walker & family (preparing for transition to Ft. Drum, NY)  
Family/friends of Helen Cibula (d. 4/9)  
Family/friends of Paul Cerny, Jr. (d.4/13)  
Family friends of Nace Metzner (mother is Susan Shockley's neighbor)