

# **Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church**



## **‘FIREFIGHTERS’ APPRECIATION SUNDAY”**

**May 6, 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: Give thanks to God!

**All: Proclaim God's goodness throughout all the world.**

One: Let all of us, gathered here, celebrate God's absolute love.

**All: Let us offer our lives in service to others.**

One: Thanks be to God for the blessings which have been poured on us

**All: Lord, enable us to use our gifts to serve you in your world.**

One: Give thanks to God!

**\*Opening Hymn #744 – “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”**

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

Almighty God, with the gifts we have received from you, we have been called to serve others in their times of need. How often we forget this calling, and focus instead on our own comforts. How often we neglect to see their pain and suffering, and see instead an interruption to our own lives. How often we tear others down instead of working to build them up. Forgive us and renew us, we pray, that we would continue to use the gifts you have given for the healing of those who hurt and the proclamation of your good news. In Christ 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**

Valerie Harsh

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 – “I Feel the Spirit”**

## **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 9:46-48      p843  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1:1-18a      p953

**Sermon**      "The Source of Greatness"      Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #435** – "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

## **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 #697** – "Take My Life"

### **\*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 celebrate the service of some of our firefighters by giving them a good meal. Please join us at our **“Firefighters’ Appreciation Luncheon”** in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

**The Presbyterian Women’s “Birthday” Offering** will be received during morning worship next Sunday, May 6 (“Mother’s Day”). Offering envelope will be provided in next Sunday’s bulletin.

### **REMINDER:**

**Deadline for submitting Fall semester scholarship applications** is Thursday, May 31, 2018.

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

**Pocket Directory Update:** Thanks to all who updated their contact info in the draft Pocket Directory in the Narthex! The draft will be retrieved this week for updating and will be forwarded to the Congregational Care Committee for finalizing. We’re still on track 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); Charles Smyth (2019)  
Pat Hunter (2020); Susan Shockley (2020); \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)  
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

**5/6 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	<b>“FIREFIGHTERS’ APPRECIATION SUNDAY”</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>12:30p</b> Firefighters’ Appreciation Lunch, Fellowship Hall	6	<b>“MOTHER’S DAY”</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>11a</b> Minute For Missions <b>11a</b> Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering	13
M	<b>7p</b> Worship Com.	7		14
T	<b>6p</b> GS Tr. 553	8	<b>6p</b> GS Tr. 5000 <b>7p</b> Session meeting	15
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	9	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	16
T	<b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>2p</b> Session agenda out <b>7p</b> Missions-Outreach Com.	10	<b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>2p</b> News articles due <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance Com.	17
F		11		18
S	<b>8:30a</b> Bull Hill Rd. Trash Pick-up; volunteers meet in GMPC parking lot first	12	<b>8a</b> The James House Vendor Fair, Fellowship Hall & parking lots	19

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Gregg Webber

	May 6, 2018 “Firefighters’ Appreciation Sunday”	May 13, 2018 “Mother’s Day”
USHERS	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Marguerite Bishop	Mary Holc
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew

Facts & Figures		YTD	Thru 3/31//18	Offrg	Rec’d.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$29,933.13	4/1	\$5,068.01
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	( \$37,339.05)	4/8	\$1,241.55
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	( \$ 7,405.92)	4/15	\$1,485.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			4/22	\$2,099.00
				4/29	\$1,509.00

**ATTENDANCE: April 29, 2018**

Worship: 40	Sunday School: 12	
	Spiritual Enrichment: 7	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)  
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)  
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)  
The Bennett family (fire destroyed their home)