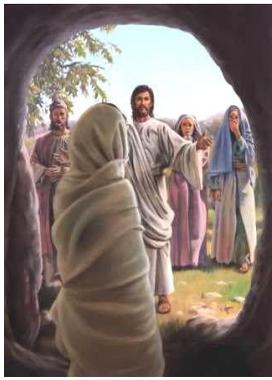


Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Second Sunday in the Season of Easter

Sunday, April 15, 2012 11:00 am

Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

*Let us prepare our hearts in silence
to meet God's Spirit in worship!*

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dianne Overstreet

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Mark Sprowl

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The palms of Palm Sunday no longer wave.

People: The chalice of Maundy Thursday is now dry.

Leader: The cross of Good Friday stands bare.

People: The tomb of Easter morning is found to be empty.

Leader: Yet, our hearts are full of hope and joy for Christ has risen...

People: Bringing with him the promise of new life for all!

Leader: Let us celebrate our living Lord of love...

People: The gracious God of Resurrection!

*Congregation please stand, if able; **bold** type read aloud

*HYMN #289 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* (Verses 1-2)

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

**Loving Jesus,
how often through the voices of Scripture or preacher
or Sunday School teacher or good friend,
have you called us to come out of the tombs in which we live,
where we're still wrapped up
in worries about the future, guilt about our past,
fears that we won't be accepted,
or grief and anger about circumstances we can't change.**

**And yet we ignore your invitation and stay where we are,
preferring the familiar to the untried,
even as we sense that if we stay in this dark place
we're dead to new possibilities and change.**

**Resurrected Jesus, remind us that as you were raised,
from death to new life, so we too are unbound
from that which has held us back in the past
and are now free to greet those around us in the light of a new day!**

(An opportunity for personal confession in silence.)

*GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: ...Amen. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
According to his promise, whoever follows him
will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

**People: Let us now come to that light,
for in Jesus Christ, we are restored and forgiven.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn #734)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND SELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#34 *Doxology*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN
CHOIR ANTHEM

Valerie Harsh

(Children ages 3 – 1st grade are invited to leave for Junior Church; Older children may pick up a "Worship Board" in the right front pew for their use.)

BIBLE READING

John 11:1-27

"I am the Resurrection"

*HYMN #289

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven (Verse 4)

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia to the Triune Majesty!**

BIBLE READING

John 11:28-44

Alive Again!

MESSAGE

What's Holding You Back?

Rev. Mark Sprowl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #414

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (Verses 1-2)

*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (John 1:9, 4:24, 14:6, Romans 8:14 &39, & 1 John 4:15-16)

We believe that...

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.

God is love, and those who love are born of God and know God.

Jesus is the Son of God, and all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Praise God! Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN #310 *Thine Is the Glory* (Verses 1-2)

*BLESSING (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

Leader: May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love
and surprised us with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart within us, invigorate our work, and enliven our speech.

People: May it be as the Lord has promised us. Amen!

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Alleluia No. 1*
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen

- WELCOME TO GREGORY MEMORIAL! -

We hope and pray that as you worship with us today you may experience the love of God and be encouraged for the coming week. Visitors, make sure to let us know of your presence by completing one of the registration cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate. We invite both visitors and “regulars” to use the cards to let us know of your prayer requests or special needs.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given today by Evelyn Lichvar to the glory and God and in loving memory of her husband Bob.

“KIDS FRIENDLY” SUNDAY - Next Sunday, April 22, worship will be designed to be more inclusive of the needs of children. Music, bulletin, sermon and more will be shaped to inspire both young and old!

NEW CHURCH SECRETARY – Stop by and say, “Hi!” to Sarah Hanbury, our new secretary, who’ll be working Wednesday through Friday, 9 am – 1 pm.

CAMP HANOVER OPEN HOUSE – Visit Camp Hanover next Sunday, April 22 to sample the range of summer activities they offer for children and youth. There will be hay rides, face painting, disc golf, canoeing, a climbing wall, s’more’s and more! 2:00-6:00 pm at 3163 Parlseys Mill Road, Mechanicsville. (The staff of Camp Hanover will lead Gregory’s Vacation Bible Camp, July 2-6.)

SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENT – Union Presbyterian Seminary celebrates its 200th anniversary with a worship service at the Richmond Convention Center next Sunday, April 22 at 4:00 pm. There will be a 200-voice choir and a sermon by Brian Blount, president of the Seminary. All are invited!

VISITOR INFORMATION – We have special informational packets for our visitors, both adults and children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS – The popular devotional *These Days* is available free of charge near the front doors of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Take one to a friend!

2012 Stewardship to Date

“The Facts”		“The Figures”	
Annual budget expense	\$137,754	Offering April 1	\$4860.52
Pledged & projected Income	\$133,804	Offering April 8	\$1788.85
Monthly budget needs	\$11,480		
Weekly budget needs	\$2,650		

Attendance April 1

Sunday School - 25, Worship - 116

This Week at Gregory April 15 - April 22

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	2:00 pm	Line Dancing
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
		5-Cents-A-Meal

Sunday Servants

Today

April 22

USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond	Wayne Powers Verne Smith Bobby Allen Marguerite Bishop
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Pat Hunter
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	Robbi Foster
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth	Mary Beth Coleman Madison Foster
COUNTING	Ron Recher Verne Smith	Donald Hunter Rose Scott

Prayer Concerns

Ruby Hasky	Ed Smiley (<i>Friend of Doug Holc</i>)
Christine Belsches	Katherine Tompkins
Aida Faries	Mary Chadwick (<i>Dink Armstrong's sister</i>)
June Hawks	Virginia Mika (<i>sister of Grace and Helen Cibula</i>)
Marian McDonald	Matt Mauger
Helen Cibula	Amy Harte (<i>David Johnson's cousin</i>)
Harry Johns	



We Welcome All Who Worship with Us this Morning!

If you are not active in a church home in this community, we invite you to consider joining our fellowship and sharing in this ministry of Christ here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We offer engaging classes each Sunday for all ages beginning at 9:45 am. Children, youth and one adult class meet on the second floor of the Educational Building, and another adult class meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for coffee in the kitchen before and after class!

NURSERY & JUNIOR CHURCH

During the worship service, we provide loving child care for infants and toddlers. Children ages pre-K through 1st grade are invited to join their parents in the service through the *Time with Children* after which they can follow their leaders to a worship-based activity appropriate for their age.

For children who remain in the worship service, there are “worship boards” in a box in the front right pew for their learning and enjoyment during the service.

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