

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**July 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**

Dianne Overstreet

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while.

**All: God calls us to quiet and rest.**

One: Even as we minister to those in need.

**All: God calls us to quiet and rest.**

One: We can do all things in the strength of Christ.

**All: In him, our service shows God's Kingdom.**

**\*Opening Hymn #321 – “The Church’s One Foundation”**

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

God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls.

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**

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.

**Choral Anthem**

## **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: Mark 12:41-44

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 2:14-26

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**Sermon**

“To Be of Service”

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn #716 – “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*[excerpted from PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith]*

Commissioning of 2018 Workcampers

### **Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

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

### **\*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's Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God by Rose Scott and Wayne Powers in honor of our grandchildren.

**Today we commission our 2018 Gregory Workcampers** during this morning's worship. They will appreciate your prayers and support as we send them off for the week. A list of campers is available in the Church office. Workcamp base is: Vernon Johns, Jr., Middle/High School, 3101 Homestead Drive, Petersburg, VA 23805

**Lunch providers for Workcamp** (See "These Two Weeks" Calendar)

**Mailing address for the campers is:** [Camper's name], c/o Tri-Cities Workcamp 2017, P. O. Box 1761, Petersburg, VA 23805.

**Visitors to Workcamp site must first check in at the Workcamp base** at the school and be over the age of 18 and with a government-issued picture I.D. If you would like to attend the closing ceremonies for Workcamp 2018, come Vernon Johns Jr/Middle High School at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 28. *Thanks for giving us another year of your terrific support, Gregory congregation!*

**Sign-up for "Faith Night" with the Richmond Squirrels, August 9!!!** A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Narthex for our upcoming Squirrels baseball event. There will be pre-game, faith-based music and player testimonials. In addition, there will be "In Your Face Fireworks" after the game. Opening pitch will be at 6:35 p.m.!!! Don't miss this!! We have field-level seats reserved and the cost is only \$11 per ticket. If writing a check, please make checks payable to Patsy Johnson. All reservations and money is needed by July 20, 2018.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 5: "Sunday in the Park 2.0"; Worship service with Holy Communion, 11 a.m., followed by Pot Luck Lunch, Scott Park.
- Aug. 7: "National Night Out"; Rolling Meadows Community, GMPC parking lot; hot dogs, refreshments, 5-7 p.m.
- Aug. 9: "Faith Night" at The Diamond; Flying Squirrels Game; Limited tickets available; early sign-up on sheet in the Narthex is encouraged; details TBA.

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)

**7/22 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	<b>GMPC'S TRI-CITIES WORKCAMP WEEK</b> 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Commissioning of Workcampers 11a 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering  <i>Flowers: R. Scott</i>	22	29	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Local Emergency Aid Offering
M	Workcamp Lunch provided by: Christian Ed Com.	23	30	
T	Workcamp Lunch provided by: Missions-Outreach Com.	24	31	2p Committee reports due in office
W	Workcamp Lunch provided by: Congregational Care Com.	25	1	<b>AUG.</b>
T	Workcamp Lunch provided by: <del>Worship Com.</del> <b>Facilities</b> 2p Newsletter out 2p Church cleaning	26	2	2p Church cleaning 7p Christian Ed
F	Workcamp Lunch provided by: <del>Facilities Com.</del> <b>Worship</b>	27	3	
S	8:30a End TriCities Workcamp	28	4	

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

	July 22, 2018	July 29, 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	Megan Cashing*	Susan Shockley
JUNIOR CHURCH	Rose Scott	Marguerite Bishop
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Susan Shockley	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop

\*Also 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering

**FACTS & FIGURES -- Updates to be provided later**

		YTD	Thru 4/30/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$41,516.96	7/1	\$
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	( \$48,302.09)	7/8	\$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	( \$ 6,785.13)	7/15	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			7/22	\$
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**ATTENDANCE: July 15, 2018 -- Updates to be provided later**

Worship:	Sunday School:	Children:	Youth:
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## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

James Hartsell, Robert Hartsell's brother  
Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister  
Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother  
Maryland Blanchard, Grace 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)  
Eleanor Jones  
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother  
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  
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)  
Charlie Perkins  
Sharon Noblin, Susan Shockley's neighbor (caregiver concerns)  
Elizabeth & H. F. Scott, Jr.  
Travis Walker & family (preparing for transition to Ft. Drum, NY)  
Peggy Allen (home, physical therapy)  
Dink Armstrong's sister, "Shorty" (serious illness)  
Eddie Frankenstein  
Donna Fields-Duvall, Sheila Fields's daughter  
Ann Hartsell (broken pelvis)  
Nancy Adams  
Blake Bryant, family friend of Mary Kay Schroeter, (health issues)  
Johnny Maxie, father-in-law of Dianne Overstreet's son (health issues)  
Erle Potter, good family friend of Haskys (cancer diagnosis & treatment)  
Grace Cibula