

Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church



September 2, 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: Who may abide in the presence of God?

All: Who may live on God's holy mountain?

One: All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All: All those who speak truth from their heart.

One: God has lavished us with every perfect gift from above.

All: God has called us into deep relationship through Christ, our Lord.

***Opening Hymn #65 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving, righteous God, our hearts are defiled with the wickedness you hate. You have called us to yourself, but we have gone astray. Forgetting your living Word, we cling to dead traditions. Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your commandments. Hypocrites, we honor you with our lips while our hearts are far from you. Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions; cleanse our tongues from evil words so that our worship may be pure and undefiled, and we may live with you in love for others. 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 – 1st Grade are invited to Junior Church after the Anthem; ‘Worship Boards’ are on the front pew for older youth.

Choral Anthem – “Trust and Obey”

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 1st Reading: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 p4, 6

2nd Reading: Matthew 8:24-27 p789

Sermon "After the Rain" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn** #836 – "Abide with Me"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen. *[from The Iona Community]*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn** #611 – "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

***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!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, **September 9**. We will be celebrating **Back to Church Sunday!** This year we will be enjoying special music by The Finneys during worship service, to be followed by a covered dish luncheon. The Christian Ed Committee is providing hot dogs and barbeque, and we are asking all of you to bring a side dish and/or dessert. We look forward to a very inspirational service that will set the tone for the upcoming church year. See you there, and *don't forget to bring a friend!*

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)

Trustees

Mary Kay Schroeter (2018); Morgan Ingram (2019); Donald Hunter (2020)

9/2 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	2	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship & special program by The Finney Family 12:30 Potluck Lunch, Fellowship Hall	9
M	LABOR DAY	3		10
T	9a Preschool begins 12:30p Circle 6p GS Tr 5000 7p Facilities	4	7p Missions & Outreach Com.	11
W	7p Choir practice	5	7p Choir practice	12
T	2p Church cleaning	6	2p Church cleaning 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	13
F		7		14
S		8		15

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	September 2, 2018	September 9, 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	Megan Cashing	Minister
JUNIOR CHURCH	Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing	David Johnson Rose Scott

FACTS & FIGURES – JULY, 2018

		YTD	Thru 4/30/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$41,516.96	7/1	\$2,727.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$48,302.09)	7/8	\$2,160.25
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 6,785.13)	7/15	\$1,263.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			7/22	\$2,644.00
				7/29	\$1,451.00

FACTS & FIGURES – AUGUST, 2018

		YTD	Thru 6/30/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$59,160.80	8/5	\$1,449.10
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$71,899.28)	8/12	\$3,593.00
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$12,738.48)	8/19	\$2,116.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			8/26	\$ 636.00

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
August 26, 2018	43	12		

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Maxine Newton (mother-in-law of Wayne Powers' daughter)
Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister
Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother
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)
Jeff Mundy (heart procedure)
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 Entwistle (friend of Barb Taliaferro)
Elizabeth Scott
Harry Steele (friend of Dianne Overstreet)
Peggy Allen (home, physical therapy)
Dink Armstrong's sister, "Shorty" (serious illness)
Eddie Frankenstein
Erle Potter, good family friend of Haskys (cancer diagnosis & treatment)
Grace Cibula
Beverly L. Childress (Hospice care, at home)
Biff Riggan
The Fuller Family
Family/friends of Ronnie Mitchell
Family/friends of H.F. Scott (d .8/8)
Family/friends of Mike Juliano, Sr. (friend of the Cashings (d. 8/11)
Family/friends of Rev. Robert Livesay (d. 8/7)
George Poulson
Richard Harsh
Family/friends of Barbara Nester Kincaid (d. 8/16)
Family/friends of Jodie Linkous (d. 8/19)
Nancy Willis, grandmother of Corey Whelan, who's also Pat Hunter's
grandson (terminal cancer diagnosis)