

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



September 9, 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: God created all things, visible and invisible; none other.

All: God provides food for your stomach and spirit; none other.

One: God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

All: Let us worship the Trinity, and none other.

***Opening Hymn #2 – “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. 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

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: Psalm 125:1-5 p498
 2nd Reading: Mark 7:24-37 p819

“Proclaiming the Gospel Through Song” – The Finney Family

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 #610** – “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*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!

Potluck Luncheon is today! Don't forget to join us after today's worship for our covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

A big "THANK-YOU!" goes out to Sandy Hunter. Sandy is the "Moderator" for the Adult Sunday School class and deserves many thanks. She keeps everyone on track and motivated. Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. The class is currently reading books of the Bible with some very interesting and enlightening discussion. All are welcome!

– *Christian Ed Committee*

Bull Hill Rd. Trash Clean Up – 9 a.m. -11:00 a.m., on Saturday, Sep. 22. Boy Scout Troop 900 has agreed to coordinate the clean-up effort along Bull Hill Road beginning this fall and is seeking volunteers from the church congregation to lend a hand. If you want to volunteer, please join the Scouts in the church parking lot at 9 a.m. before proceeding to the cleanup starting point.

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)

9/9 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship & special program: "Proclaiming the Gospel Through Song" - The Finney Family 12:30 Potluck Lunch, Fellowship Hall	9	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:30 Session meeting 5p GS Tr 5000 awards & bridging ceremony, Fellowship Hall <i>Flowers: D. Overstreet</i>	16
M		10		17
T	7p Missions & Outreach Com.	11	6p GS Tr 5000	18
W	7p Choir practice	12	7p Choir practice	19
T	2p Church cleaning 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	13	2p Church cleaning 2p News articles due in office	20
F		14		21
S		15	9a Bull Hill Rd. Clean-up; volunteers gather in GMPC parking lot	22

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	September 9, 2018	September 16, 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	Minister	Susan Shockley
JUNIOR CHURCH	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Patsy Johnson
COUNTING	David Johnson Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew

FACTS & FIGURES

	YTD	Thru 6/30/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$59,160.80	9/2 \$2,552.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$71,899.28)	9/9 \$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$12,738.48)	9/16 \$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			9/23 \$
				9/30 \$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
September 2, 2018	37	8		

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 Archart, 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
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)
Sharon Entwhistle (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
George Poulson
Richard Harsh
Nancy Willis, grandmother of Corey Whelan, who's also Pat Hunter's
grandson (terminal cancer diagnosis)
Family/friends of Leigh Primmer, PG County Finance Dept. (d. 8/27)