

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**September 16, 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**

Larry Johnson

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Look at the heavens!

**All: They are shouting the glory of God.**

One: The days and nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

**All: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.**

One: Let our works of praise be acceptable to you.

**All: Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

**\*Opening Hymn #15 – “All Creatures of Our God and King”**

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

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah 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**

Susan Shockley

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 – “Open Thou Mine Eyes”**

## **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: Genesis 12:1-9      p8  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Matthew 28:19-20      p812

**Sermon-**                “Steps of Faith”                                Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn** #702 – “Christ Be Beside 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** #69 – “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

### **\*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 Dianne Overstreet in remembrance of our members who have eternal life with God.

**Next Sunday's guest preacher** will be the Rev. Charles Summers, Honorably Retired Member-At-Large, Presbytery of the James.

**Bull Hill Road Trash Clean Up – Saturday, Sep. 22 at 9-11:00 a.m.** Boy Scout Troop 900 has agreed to coordinate the clean-up effort along Bull Hill Road 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.

**Next Sunday's Sanctuary flowers:** Jason Cashing

### 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)

**9/16 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	<p><b>9:45a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship  <b>12:30</b> Session meeting  <b>5p</b> GS Tr 5000 awards &amp; bridging ceremony, Fellowship Hall</p> <p><i>Flowers: D. Overstreet</i></p>	16	<p><b>9:45a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Charles Summers</p> <p><i>Flowers: J. Cashing</i></p>	23
M		17		24
T	<b>6p</b> GS Tr 5000	18		25
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	19	<p><b>6p</b> BS Troop Honor Ct. &amp; dinner (set-up begins 1p)  <b>7p</b> Choir practice</p>	26
T	<p><b>2p</b> Church cleaning  <b>2p</b> News articles due in office</p>	20	<p><b>2p</b> Church cleaning  <b>2p</b> Newsletter out</p>	27
F		21		28
S	<b>9a</b> Bull Hill Rd. Clean-up; volunteers gather in GMPC parking lot	22		29

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	September 16, 2018	September 23, 2018
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Shockley	Valerie Harsh*
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson	Jennifer Smyth
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher

**\*5 Cents a Meal Offering**

**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	\$3,547.55
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 9, 2018	43	11		

## 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  
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)  
Carol Bowman (Sharon Entwhistle's mother, brain blockages)  
Sandra Perkins (recovering from eye procedure)  
Family/friends of Leigh Primmer, PG County Finance Dept. (d. 8/27)  
Family/friends of Donald ("Big Boy") Robinson, ret. PG Sheriff Dept. (d. 9/4)  
Family/friends of Travis Whitley, Janet Lammey's nephew (d. 9/5)