

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



October 14, 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, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of your people.

All: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

One: To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

All: God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

***Opening Hymn #625 – “O Lord My God”**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Rev. Jason N. 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 – “If We Will Seek The Lord”

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: Joshua 24:1-26 p187
 2nd Reading: Matthew 4:8-10 p785

Sermon "Choose This Day" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn** #838 – "Standing On The Promises"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

(from The Scots Confession)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn** #547 – "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

***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 in memory of Roland Wiseman's birthday by the family.

Church Work Day – Work Day has been rescheduled to **Saturday, Oct. 27**, and will begin with a breakfast for the volunteers at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A “fix-it” list is posted on the center bulletin board downstairs (Fellowship Hall) for you to write in any items you want repaired on Work Day.

Congregational Meeting – There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship next Sunday (Oct. 21) to discuss our current financial state and where we are headed.

Donate Items for James House – During October, Gregory congregation is collecting supplies (paper towels, cleaning supplies, soaps, etc.,) as well as personal items for women served by James House. Missions Committee will place collections baskets in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall's dining area to receive items donated.

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)

10/14 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship <i>Flowers: R. Scott</i>	14	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	21
M		15		22
T	8a PG Fire & EMS meeting, Fellowship Hall 6p GS Tr5000	16		23
W	7p Choir practice	17	7p Choir practice	24
T	2p Church cleaning 2p News articles due 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	18	2p Church cleaning 2p Newsletter out	25
F		19		26
S		20	8:30a Work Day at GMPC (begins with volunteers' breakfast at 8a , Fellowship Hall)	27

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Gregg Webber

	October 14, 2018	October 21, 2018
USHERS	Charles Smyth Jared Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Megan Cashing
JUNIOR CHURCH	Rose Scott	Marguerite Bishop
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 6/30/18	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$59,160.80	10/7	\$2,951.55
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$71,899.28)	10/14	\$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$12,738.48)	10/21	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			10/28	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
October 7, 2018	27	10		

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Communities recovering from recent hurricanes & tornados
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
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
Peggy Allen (home, physical therapy)
Dink Armstrong's sister, "Shorty" (health issue)
Eddie Frankenstein
Erle Potter, good family friend of Haskys (in treatment for health issue)
Grace Cibula
Biff Riggan
George Poulson
Richard Harsh
Nancy Willis, grandmother of Corey Whelan, who's also Pat Hunter's
grandson (terminal diagnosis)
Carol Bowman, Sharon Entwhistle's mother (health issue)
Debbie Hudson, Susan Shockley's friend (health concerns)
Michelle Daschner, PG Fire & EMS office intern (health issue)
Pam Henry, Mary Holc's family member (health issue)
Elisha Beverly, Valerie Harsh's daughter (in Hospice care)
Joy for birth of Jason & Megan Cashing's daughter, "Carrie" (b. 9/24)