Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church



November 25, 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

Passing of the Peace

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Larry Johnson

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Call to Worship One: God established the world from of old. All: God's reign shall never end! One: God delivered us in freedom and truth. All: God's love is everlasting! One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All: The whole earth is full of God's glory!

*Opening Hymn #1 – "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to your call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it is to follow, even at the cost of our lives. 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. SermonPat HunterChildren ages $3 - 1^{st}$ Grade are invited to Junior Church after theAnthem; 'Worship Boards' are on the front pew for older youth.

Choral Anthem - "Here I Am To Worship, O Worship The King"

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 st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11 2 nd Reading: Matthew 21:12-13		p609, 617 p802
Sermon	"Getting Ready"	Rev. Jason	n N. Cashing
*Reflective	Hvmn #268 – "Crown H	Him With Many C	rowns"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

[from The PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith]

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer One: Lord, in your mercy, **All: Hear our prayers.**

*Departing Hymn #2 – "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*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 is the last day to order your Christmas Poinsettias! Cost: \$12 each. Please make your check payable to Gregory Memorial Church and place with your completed order form in today's collection plate. **Potluck lunch is today in the Fellowship Hall after morning's worship service!** After the lunch, our volunteers will decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

The following change has been made to our Sunday Servants volunteer schedule becoming effective on Sunday, Dec. 2: Junior Church is replaced by Nursery.

<u>Christmas Open House</u> - The PG Christmas Parade is <u>at 3 p.m. on</u> <u>Saturday, Dec. 1</u>, and Gregory will again have an Open House following the Parade. Outreach is asking for your support by baking 3 dozen cookies. Hot chocolate will also be served. Cookies can be <u>brought to church from</u> <u>2-4 p.m. on Friday</u>. or at noon on Saturday. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for bringing cookies. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Cards to Soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center - Missions will be sending Christmas cards to Recovering American Soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center. There will be cards in the Narthex for you to sign along with a greeting, or you may use a card from home. Place cards in the Narthex <u>by Dec. 16</u>. *Messages are especially appreciated*!

Church office Hours, during upcoming holidays:

Christmas Week: Wed. - Fri, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (*no Tues. hours*) New Year's Week: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (*regular schedule*)

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)

11/25 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

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9:45a Sunday School	25	1 st Sunday in Advent	2
11a Worship		9:45a Sunday School	
12:15p Potluck lunch in		11a Worship	
Fellowship Hall; decorating		11a Holy Communion	
of church for Advent/Xmas		5:30p Workcamp-2019 interest	
		meeting, Fellowship Hall	
Last day to reserve your Xmas			
Poinsettia!			
	26	1p Worship Com.	3
11a Poinsettia order placed with	27	6p Congregational Care Com.	4
florist by V. Harsh		6p GS Tr5000	
		7p Facilities Com.	
7p Choir practice	28	7p Choir practice	5
2p Church cleaning	29	1p Presbyterian Women's	6
		Lunch, E. Foster residence	
		2p Church cleaning	
2p Committee reports due	30	6p Setup for 12/8 event	7
DEC.	1	8a Cub Pack 910 Yard Sale,	8
3p Xmas Open House with		GMPC parking lot	
Cookies & Cocoa in		- -	
Fellowship Hall after			
PG Xmas Parade			
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SUNDAY SERVANTS

Or GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen (Nov.)

Charles Smyth (Dec.)

	November 25, 2018	December 2, 2018	
	Bobby Allen	Wayne Powers	
USHERS	Donna Allen	Brenda Bond	
USHEKS	Velma Allen	Glenda Mayhew	
	Larry Johnson	Les Mayhew	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott	
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter*	Megan Cashing	
JUNIOR CHURCH	Megan Cashing		
NURSERY		Glenda Mayhew	
NUKSEKI		Judy Recher	
COUNTING	Donald Hunter	David Johnson	
COUNTING	Megan Cashing	Rose Scott	

*5 Cents A Meal Offering

FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 10/31/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$97,595.16	11/4	\$4,027.55
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$117,516.44)	11/11	\$2,408.00
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$19,921.28)	11/18	\$1,162.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			11/25	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
November 18, 2018	57	13		

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Tree of Life Synagogue 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 Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother Courtney Stewart, friend of the Hunters (Duke Hospital) Jane Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issues) 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 Dink Armstrong's sister, "Shorty" (health issue) Eddie Frankenstein Erle Potter, good family friend of Haskys (in treatment for health issue) Grace Cibula **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) Dennis Allen (recovering from hip replacement surgery) Larry Hicks, husband of Doreen Hicks (health concerns) Donna Wilson (daughter of Doreen Hicks) Alex Titmus (recov. back surgery) Family/friends of Aileen Zahradka (d. 10/31) Family/friends of Robert Edward Lee Eley, Jr. (d. 11/1) Family/friends of Barbara Pollard (d. 11/2) Family/friends of Donna Vtipil (d. 11/3) Family/friends of Curtis Creech (d. 11/8) Family/friends of Emil Stech (d. 11/10) Family/friends of Earnest Wray (d. 11/18)