

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**December 2, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

*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**

Rose Scott

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

**All: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.**

One: Today, the season of Advent begins, the season of longing and waiting, of hope and anticipation.

**All: We are invited to prepare our hearts, our minds, our lives, our world for the arrival of our Lord.**

*Candle Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

**\*Opening Hymn #106 – "Prepare the Way, O Zion"**

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

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. 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

Youth are invited to use the "Worship Boards" the front right pew.

**Choral Anthem – "My Lord He Is A-Comin' Soon"**

## **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: Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:17-19 p762, 764  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Matthew 26:36-38 p808

**Sermon** "A World in Need" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**\*Reflective Hymn** #357 – "The Days Are Surely Coming"

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. *[John 1:1-5]*

### **Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *[see insert]***

**\*Departing Hymn** #88, verses 1-4 – "O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel"

### **\*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!

A **Workcamp-2019 interest meeting** will be held today in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. Anyone at all interested in the 2019 Workcamp is encouraged to attend.

Please return your **Pledge cards** by 2 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 3.

**Christmas Cards to Soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center:-** Missions will be sending Christmas cards to recovering American Soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center. Cards will be in the Narthex for you to sign along with adding a message, if you wish, or you may use a card from home. Place cards in the Narthex by Dec. 16. *Messages are especially appreciated!*

**"Parents' Morning In" on Saturday, Dec. 22:** Boy Scout Troop 900 fund-raiser. Why not let the Scouts watch your kids while you do some last-minute shopping or packing? For a fee of \$25 per child and \$20 for each additional sibling (cash or check), parents may drop off their children ages K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade for a morning of entertainment with supervision by Boy Scouts and adult Scout leaders in Gregory Memorial's Fellowship Hall. Activities include pancake breakfast, holiday craft and movie. Children must be dropped off by 9 a.m. and must be picked up by 12 noon. Registration is required by emailing Julie Stoke: [jce19@yahoo.com](mailto:jce19@yahoo.com)

### 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](mailto:Jason@gregorymemorial.org))  
Secretary: Nancy Adams ([office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto: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)

## 12/2 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>11a</b> Holy Communion <b>5:30p</b> Workcamp-2019 interest meeting, Fellowship Hall	2	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship	9
M	<b>1p</b> Worship Com.	3	<b>6p</b> Crater District Order of Arrow dinner (set-up 2p-5p) Fellowship Hall	10
T	<b>6p</b> Congregational Care Com. <b>6p</b> GS Tr5000 <b>7p</b> Facilities Com.	4		11
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	5	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	12
T	<b>1p</b> Presbyterian Women's Lunch, E. Foster residence <b>2p</b> Church cleaning	6	<b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>6p</b> Set-up for 12/14 event	13
F	<b>6p</b> Setup for 12/8 event	7	<b>6p</b> "Parents' Night Out" (BS supervised child-care fundraiser); Fellowship Hall	14
S	<b>8a</b> Cub Pack 910 Yard Sale, GMPC parking lot	8		15

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

	December 2, 2018	December 9, 2018
USHERS	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing	Minister
NURSERY Begins	Glenda Mayhew Judy Recher	Diane Overstreet Mary Kay Schroeter
COUNTING	David Johnson Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew

### 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	\$1,477.01

### ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
November 25, 2018	47	10		

## **OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS**

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)  
For the Krenicky family