

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



November 18, 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: Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

All: Our strength is exulted in God.

One: Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

All: God has given us the victory.

One: There is no Holy One like the Lord;

All: There is no Rock like our God. Praise the Lord!

***Opening Hymn #321 – "The Church's One Foundation"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. 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

Patsy Johnson

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 – "Give Thanks"

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: Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7 p578, 579
2nd Reading: Matthew 5:14 p786

Sermon "A New World" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

***Reflective Hymn** #840 – "When Peace Like a River"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

[Nicene Creed, p.34 of Glory to God hymnal]

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn** #372 – "O for a World"

***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!

Session meeting: Today at 12:30 p.m.

Nursery Schedule Meeting - There will be a brief meeting after church today to answer any questions about the upcoming Nursery Schedule. All who volunteered for Nursery duty are asked to stay for this meeting in the front of the Sanctuary immediately after the service. Thanks again for volunteering for this very important ministry. *[Patsy Johnson]*

Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church (20800 Templeton Rd., Carson, Va.) is hosting the **Ecumenical Thanksgiving service** today at 6 p.m. Refreshments will follow the service. Gregory's congregation is invited!

Christmas Open House - The PG Christmas Parade is at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, 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 brought to church from 2-4 p.m. on Friday 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 by Dec. 16. *Messages are especially appreciated!*

Church office Hours, during upcoming holidays:

Thanksgiving Week: Mon. - Wed., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (*no Thurs. hours*)

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*)

Christmas Poinsettias - Cost: \$12 each. Please make your check payable to Gregory Memorial Church and place with your completed order form (form enclosed with this bulletin; extras in Narthex) in the collection plate by Nov. 25 deadline.

GMPC Information

www.gregorymemorial.org www.facebook.com/gmpcva
804.732.1081 Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

11/18 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 12p Meeting of Nursery volunteers, Sanctuary 12:15p Session meeting 6p Ecumenical Thanksgiving service, Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church; refreshments after service	18	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15p Potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall; decorating of church for Advent/Xmas	25
M	9a Church office open	19		26
T	9a Church office open 6p GS Tr5000	20		27
W	9a Church office open 2p Newsletter out 2p Church cleaning 7p Choir practice	21	7p Choir practice	28
T	Thanksgiving Day	22		29
F		23	2p Committee reports due	30
S		24	DECEMBER 1 3p Christmas Open House: Cookies & Cocoa in Fellowship Hall after PG Christmas Parade	1

SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

	November 18, 2018	November 25, 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	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter*
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh	Megan Cashing
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing

*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	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			11/25	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
November 11, 2018	43	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 Entwistle (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 Entwistle'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)