

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**December 9, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.**

**2<sup>nd</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**

Dianne Overstreet

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: The season of Advent continues, as we continue to watch for our Lord.

**All: We continue to guard our hearts and minds against idleness and distraction.**

One: The Lord is coming to his temple.

**All: We watch and wait for his coming.**

*Candle Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring.*

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

**\*Opening Hymn #104 – "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"**

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

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best, or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

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



## 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 Congregational meeting to elect officers for 2019** will be held immediately after worship on Sunday, Dec. 16.

**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!*

**"Parents' Night Out" (Friday, Dec. 14) & "Parents" Morning Out" (Saturday, Dec. 22):** Boy Scout Troop 900 Sea Base Crew 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 an evening or morning of entertainment with supervision by Boy Scouts and adult Scout leaders in Gregory Memorial's Fellowship Hall. Friday activities include pizza dinner, holiday craft, movie with cookies and cocoa. Saturday activities include pancake breakfast, holiday craft and movie with cocoa. Children must be dropped off Friday by 6 p.m. and picked up by 9 p.m. On Saturday it's 9 a.m. for drop-off and 12 noon for pick-up. Registration is required by emailing Julie Stoke: **jce19@yahoo.com**

**A Fellowship Chili & Soup Luncheon** will be held after worship on Sunday, Dec. 23, in the Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m. We hope you will join us!

### **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)

## 12/9 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	9	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>12p</b> Congregational Meeting	16
M	<b>8a</b> PG Fire & EMS meeting <b>6p</b> Crater District Order of Arrow dinner (set-up 2p-5p) Fellowship Hall	10		17
T		11	<b>6p</b> GS Tr5000, Fellowship Hall	18
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	12	<b>12p</b> Presch. Xmas program <b>6p</b> BS 900 Hon. Ct. dinner (set-up 2p-5p), Fellowship Hall <b>7p</b> Choir practice	19
T	<b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>6p</b> Set-up for 12/14 event	13	<b>2p</b> Presch .Xmas break 12/20-31 <b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>2p</b> News articles due in office <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Fin. Com.	20
F	<b>6p</b> "Parents' Night Out" (BS supervised child-care fund-raiser); Fellowship Hall	14	<b>6p</b> Set-up for 12/22 event <b>7p</b> Darkest Night Service	21
S		15	<b>9a</b> "Parents' Morning Out" (BS supervised child-care fund-raiser); Fellowship Hall	22

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

	December 9, 2018	December 16, 2018
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Susan Shockley
NURSERY	Diane Overstreet Mary Kay Schroeter	Jennifer Smyth Charlie Smyth
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher

### FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 10/31/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$97,595.16	12/2	\$4,049.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	( \$117,516.44)	12/9	\$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$19,921.28)	12/16	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			12/23	\$

### ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
December 2, 2018	52	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