

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**December 30, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day**

*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**

Larry Johnson

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Peter Smith

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Praise the Lord, all you peoples!

**All: Praise God in the heavens!**

One: Praise the Lord from the earth!

**All: Young and old alike, lift your voices!**

One: Men and women, rejoice together!

**All: Praise the Lord, for the arrival of Emmanuel!**

**\*Opening Hymn #143 – "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

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

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; 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**

Patsy Johnson

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

**Choral Anthem**

## 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.

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Readings</u>	Psalm 27:7-10, 13-14 Isaiah 40:28-31	p437, 438 p583
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<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</u>	Luke 2:25-38	p833
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<b>Sermon</b>	"What a Wait."	Rev. Dr. Peter Smith
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**Reflective Hymn #148 – "Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple"**

## 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.**

**\*Departing Hymn #546 – "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your 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

## 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!

**We welcome to Gregory's pulpit today** the Rev. Dr. Peter Smith. Dr. Smith recently finished nearly 15 years at Blackstone Presbyterian Church. He has changed hats and is currently the Director of Elections for Amelia County and is also pulpit-, supplying around the Virginia countryside. He is married and has three teenage daughters.

### **Church office Hours, during upcoming holidays:**

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 Pianist: 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)

**12/30 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Xmas</i> 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Local Emergency Aid Offering  Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Peter Smith	30	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Xmas Day</i> 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	6
M		31		7
T	<i>New Year's Day</i> 9a Church Office open 6p GS Tr5000	1	1p Circle 6p Congregational Care Com.	8
W	8:30a Presch. begins Spring semester 9a Church Office open 7p Choir practice	2	7p Choir practice	9
T	9a Church Office open 2p Church cleaning	3	2p Church cleaning	10
F		4		11
S		5	9a Officer Training followed by Session meeting	12

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**

 GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth (Dec.)  
Bobby Allen (Jan.)

	<b>December 30, 2018</b>	<b>January 6, 2019</b>
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Pat Hunter
NURSERY	Mary Webber Donald Hunter	Valerie Harsh Sandy Hunter
COUNTING	David Johnson Blake Bishop	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing

**FACTS & FIGURES**

		YTD	Thru 11/30/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$97,595.16	12/2	\$4,049.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	( \$128,645.92)	12/9	\$ *
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	( \$21,466.20)	12/16	\$3,954.55
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			12/23	\$3,365.00
				12/30	\$

\*no church: snow

**ATTENDANCE**

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
December 23, 2018	93	10		

## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister  
Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother  
Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister  
Evelyn Lichvar, brother, Martin, & her son, Rick (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 Michael Preston (family friend of Shirley MacNeill)  
Otto Eickmeyer