

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



January 6, 2019 – 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

Rose Scott

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

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 #147 – "The First Noel"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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

Pat Hunter

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

Choral Anthem – "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

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.

1st Reading Psalm 96:10-13 p479

2nd Reading Matthew 2:1-23 p783

Sermon "The Second Noel" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #151 – "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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 #744 – "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"**

***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!

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Jana Lesikarova, David Mirejovsky, Martha Benesova, and Mary Sue Treslova in memory of deceased members of the Cibula and Mirejovsky families.

Training of the new officers for 2019 will be held on Saturday, January 12 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9 a.m., and will be followed by the January Session meeting.

The Annual Congregational Meeting (for 2018) will be held immediately after worship on Sunday, January 20 (or in case of inclement weather, after worship on the first viable Sunday thereafter.)

"These Days" (Jan.-Mar.) Spring quarter issues have arrived! A small quantity (20) is available in the Narthex. Pick up a copy today while supply lasts for some inspirational reading!

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

Sandy Hunter (2019); Patsy Johnson (2019); Charles Smyth (2019)
Pat Hunter (2020); Susan Shockley (2020); _____ (2020)
Blake Bishop (2021); Dianne Overstreet (2021); _____ (2021)

Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

Morgan Ingram (2019); Donald Hunter (2020); John Carl Allen (2021)

1/6 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	1st Sunday after Xmas Day 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 6p Workcamp planning meeting; camp deposits due at meeting	6	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	13
M		7		14
T	1p Circle 6p Congregational Care Com.	8	6p GS Tr5000	15
W	7p Choir practice	9	7p Choir practice	16
T	2p Church cleaning	10	2p News articles due in office 2p Church cleaning 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	17
F		11		18
S	9a Officer Training followed by Session meeting	12		19

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

	January 6, 2019	January 13, 2019
USHERS	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Minister
NURSERY	Valerie Harsh Sandy Hunter	Linda Johnson Mary Lykins
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

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	\$ 494.49

*no church: snow

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
December 30, 2018	29	7		

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)
Otto Eickmeyer
Family/friends of Michael Preston (family friend of Shirley MacNeill)
Family/friends of Betty Lucy (d. 12/23)
Family/friends of Virginia Cogle