Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



January 13, 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

Dianne Overstreet

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water. All: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved." All: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!" One: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength. All: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*Opening Hymn #488 – "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals, and deny that your way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. 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 Jason N. Cashing Youth are invited to use the "Worship Boards" on the front right pew.

Choral Anthem - "I Danced In The Morning"

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>1st Reading</u> Psalm 2:7-8 p425

2nd Reading Matthew 3:1-17 p784

Sermon "Legacy Realized" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #482 – "Baptized in Water"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, delivering us from death to life eternal. Thanks be to God. Amen. *[from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith]*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy, **All: Hear our prayers.**

*Departing Hymn #170 – "You Walk along Our Shoreline"

*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!

The Gregory Session will meet today after worship in the Session Meeting Room <u>at 12:30 p.m.</u>

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

James House, with co-sponsor Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., announces the following event scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 20 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at James House, 6610 Commons Drive, Suite C in Prince George: "Show Love for Your Neighbor While Helping Virginia Make History!" Our state has the historic opportunity to become the 38th and final state needed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment ("ERA"). Learn why the ERA is needed and sign a postcard to our legislators to add your support. [Contact: Cheryl Brooks-Brown, 804.731.3056]

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)

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		13		20			
	9:45a Sunday School		9:45a Sunday School				
S	11a Worship		11a Worship				
	12:30p Session meeting		12p Annual Congregational				
			Meeting for 2018				
M		14	8a-1p PG FF Union meeting,	21			
			Fellowship Hall				
Т	6p GS Tr5000	15	8a-1p PG FF Union meeting,	22			
	_		Fellowship Hall				
W	7p Choir practice	16	7p Choir practice	23			
Т	2p News articles due in	17	2p Newsletter out	24			
	office		2p Church cleaning				
	2p Church cleaning						
	7p Stewardship & Finance						
	Com.						
F		18		25			
S		19		26			

SUNDAY SERVANTS

O GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

	January 13, 2019	January 20, 2019
	Sheila Fields	John Carl Allen
USHERS	Janet Shill	Dianne Overstreet
USITERS	Marguerite Bishop	Rose Scott
	Valerie Harsh	Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON	Minister	Megan Cashing
NURSERY	Linda Johnson	Donna Allen
NURSERI	Mary Lykins	Mary Holc
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram	Donald Hunter
COUNTING	Rose Scott	Glenda Mayhew

FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 11/30/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$97,595.16	1/6	\$4,430.55
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$128,645.92)	1/13	\$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$21,466.20)	1/20	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			1/27	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
January 6, 2019	52	11		

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 Virginia Cogle

Family/friends of Michelle Coleman (d. 12/22)