

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**January 20, 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**

Valerie Harsh

**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 #620 – "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

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

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended upon possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through 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**

Megan Cashing

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

**Choral Anthem – "O Lord, You're Beautiful"**

## **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.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading                  Psalm 91:9-12                                  p477

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading                  Matthew 4:1-17                                  p785

**Sermon**                          "The Hard Road"                          Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Reflective Hymn** #168 – "Within Your Shelter, Loving God"

## **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** #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!

**The Annual Congregational Meeting (for 2018)** will be held immediately after worship today.

**James House** is co-sponsoring the following event with Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., today 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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)

**1/20 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 12p Annual Congregational Meeting for 2018	20	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a 5 Cents A Meal Offering	27
M	8a-1p PG FF Union meeting, Fellowship Hall	21		28
T	8a-1p PG FF Union meeting, Fellowship Hall	22	6p GS Tr5000	29
W	7p Choir practice	23	7p Choir practice	30
T	2p Newsletter out 2p Church cleaning	24	2p Committee reports due 2p Church cleaning	31
F		25	FEB.	1
S		26		2

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**

 GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

	January 20, 2019	January 27, 2019
USHERS	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Megan Cashing	Susan Shockley*
NURSERY	Donna Allen Mary Holc	Rose Scott Susan Shockley
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	David Johnson Ron Recher

**\*5 Cents A Meal Offering**

**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	\$N/A*
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	( \$21,466.20)	1/20	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			1/27	\$

\*No church: snow

**ATTENDANCE**

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
January 13, 2019	N/A	N/A		

## 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  
Doris Harmison (transitioning to nursing home)