# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



January 27, 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 Mary Kay Schroeter

Passing of the Peace Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns** 

Call to Worship

One: God, who has created all that is seen and unseen, calls us

to build our lives:

All: To restore broken places and continue to grow.

One: God calls us to build our faith:

All: To study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

One: God calls us to build our community:

All: To build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

\*Opening Hymn #459 – "O Word of God Incarnate"

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

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to right relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. 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** Susan Shockley Youth are invited to use the "Worship Boards" on the front right pew.

Choral Anthem - "Blest Are They"

# **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 1:1-3 p424

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Matthew 5:1-20 p785

**Sermon** "Fruitful Trees" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #719 – "Come, Labor On"

## 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 #634 - "To God Be the Glory"

\*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!

Enclosed with the bulletin today is information on the Christian-based "Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities, Inc." For the past three years our Women's Circle has contributed about 30 layettes to them each year. The Center provides a dedicated and needed service to the surrounding community. Volunteers are always welcome!

#### **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
Treasurer: Kevin Foster

Pianist: Gail Rollings
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)

# 1/27 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

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S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	27	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	3				
M		28	1p Worship Com.	4				
Т	<b>6p</b> GS Tr5000	29	<ul><li>1p Circle</li><li>6p Congregational Care Com.</li><li>6p Facilities Com.</li></ul>	5				
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	30	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	6				
Т	2p Committee reports due 2p Church cleaning	31	2p Church cleaning	7				
F	FEB.	1		8				
S		2	<b>2p</b> Cub Scout Crossover event, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall	9				

#### SUNDAY SERVANTS

GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen (Jan.)
Doug Holc (Feb.)

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	January 27, 2019	February 3, 2019			
	Charles Smyth	Bobby Allen			
USHERS	Austin Smyth	Donna Allen			
USHEKS	Morgan Ingram	Velma Allen			
	Josh Ingram	Larry Johnson			
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson			
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Shockley*	Valerie Harsh			
NURSERY	Rose Scott	Marguerite Bishop			
NURSER I	Susan Shockley	Blake Bishop			
COUNTING	David Johnson	Sandy Hunter			
COUNTING	Ron Recher	Susan Shockley			

<sup>\*5</sup> 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	\$0*
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	( \$21,466.20)	1/20	\$5,497.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			1/27	\$

<sup>\*</sup>No church: snow

#### ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
January 20, 2019	46	12		

#### **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 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)

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)

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

Doris Harmison (Colonial Heights Health Care)

Billy Robertson (health issue)