

# **Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church**



**February 24, 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: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

**All: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.**

One: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

**All: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.**

One: With such reassurance, let us worship God, our refuge and help!

**All: Let us claim such joy by worshiping God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn #463 – "How Firm a Foundation"**

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through 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**

Susan Shockley

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

## Choral Anthem – "Peace, Be Still"

### 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 95:1-5	p479
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Matthew 14:13-33	p796

**Sermon**                      "Room at the Table"                      Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Reflective Hymn #8** – "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

## 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 #366** – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

### \*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!

**Breakfast Buffet (Boy Scout Troop 900 fund-raiser to support Sea Base trip)** is set for Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage/bacon, coffee or tea and other breakfast items as available. Cost: \$5/person, pay at door. *Let's support our Scouts!*

**Shrove Tuesday ("Fat Tuesday") Pancake Supper** on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief liturgy and service to burn our previous years' palms into ashes for Ash Wednesday service.

**Ash Wednesday service** will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for imposition of the ashes.

**Spaghetti dinner (Tri-Cities Workcampers fund-raiser)** is set for Saturday, March 23. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$8/person. Contact Gregory workcampers for tickets. *Let's support our Gregory workcampers!*

### 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

**2/24 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	24	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a 5 Cents A Meal Offering	3	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 6p Tri-Cities Workcamp planning meeting
M	25		4	
T	26		5	1p Circle 6p GS Tr5000 6:30p Shrove Tuesday pancake supper & service
W	27	2p Deadline: Annual .POJ reports 7p Choir practice	6	Ash Wednesday 7p Choir practice 7p Ash Wednesday service
T	28	2p Church cleaning 2p Committee reports due	7	2p Church cleaning
F	1	MAR. 6p Set-up Fellowship Hall for BS Tr900 fundraiser on 3/2	8	6p Crater Order of Arrow Presidential Awards reception, Fellowship Hall
S	2	9-11am BS Pancake Breakfast fundraiser Fellowship Hall	9	

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc (Feb.)  
Gregg Webber (Mar.)

	February 24, 2019	March 3, 2019 Transfig. of the Lord
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	Susan Walker*	
NURSERY	Megan Cashing Shirley MacNeill	Glenda Mayhew Judy Recher
COUNTING	David Johnson Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Susan Shockley

**\*5 Cents A Meal Offering**

**FACTS & FIGURES**

		YTD	Thru 11/30/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$97,595.16	2/3	\$3,932.38
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	( \$128,645.92)	2/10	\$1,970.29
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	( \$21,466.20)	2/17	\$2,012.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			2/24	\$

**ATTENDANCE**

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
February 17, 2019	33	9		

## 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 friend  
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother  
Courtney Stewart, the Hunters' friend (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, Larry Johnson's friend (health issues)  
Sharon Entwhistle, Barb Taliaferro's friend  
Elizabeth Scott  
Peggy Allen  
Dink Armstrong's sister, "Shorty" (health issue)  
Eddie Frankenstein  
Erle Potter, the Hasky family's friend (treatment for health issue)  
Grace Cibula  
Nancy Willis, (terminal diagnosis), Corey Whelan's grandmother;  
Corey's also Pat Hunter's grandson  
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)  
Larry Hicks, Doreen Hicks's husband (health concerns)  
Donna Wilson, Doreen Hicks's daughter  
Doris Harmison (Colonial Heights Health Care)  
Billy Robertson (health issue)  
Jaime Meurer (recovering from car accident)  
Jo Hatfield, Larry & Linda Johnson's friend (injuries from a fall)  
Jerry Hasky (health issue)  
Barbara DeLong, former church member (loss of husband)