

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



February 17, 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: Blessed are those whose trust is in the Lord.

All: They shall be like a tree planted by deep waters, sending out its roots by the stream.

One: In Christ, we are baptized and freed, and grounded in deep love.

All: In love, let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #4 – "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the Kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: the poor and hungry, the ones who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded.

Comfortable with the way things are, we are complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Patsy Johnson

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

Choral Anthem – "My Heart Rejoices"

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 st Reading	Psalm 84:1-7	p472
2 nd Reading	Matthew 13:24-43	p794

Sermon "Faith Renewed" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #729 – "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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 #643** – "Now Thank We All Our God"

*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!

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)

2/17 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	17	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a 5 Cents A Meal Offering	24
M		18		25
T	8a PG Fire & EMS meeting, Fellowship Hall 6p GS Tr5000	19		26
W	7p Choir practice	20	2p Deadline: Annual .POJ reports 7p Choir practice	27
T	2p Newsletter out 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	21	2p Committee reports due	28
F		22	MAR.	1
S		23		2

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	February 17, 2019	February 24, 2019
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Susan Walker*
NURSERY	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Megan Cashing Shirley MacNeill
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing	David Johnson Rose Scott

*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	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			2/24	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
February 10, 2019	96	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 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)