

Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church



March 10, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

1st Sunday in Lent

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

Larry Johnson

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Come to the Lord with openness.

All: We seek God's presence, whatever it brings.

One: Bring your doubts; bring your belief.

All: We will seek the Lord, that we may live!

***Opening Hymn #35 – "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name 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

Choral Anthem – "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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.

Scriptural Readings

1 st Reading	Psalm 32:1-2	p440
2 nd Reading	Matthew 18:15-35	p799

Sermon “As Forgiven” Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #438 – "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, the one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God’s kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord’s favor upon all creation. Amen.

[from The PC(USA) Book of Order, F-1.01a]

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn** #716 – "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*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 & Postlude**

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!



REMINDER: Today's the last day of the Tri-Cities Workcamp Fund-Raiser: "Coffee or Tea."

Time to reserve your Easter lilies! Easter lilies will be delivered to the church Sanctuary the week of April 7. Deadline to receive your completed order forms with checks made payable to "Gregory Memorial Church" is Sunday, March 31. The lilies cost \$12 each. To order, please print your dedication information on the enclosed Lily Order form and place with payment check in the collection plate. Order forms are also on the Narthex table!

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!*

Lenten services will be held at these area churches beginning at 12 p.m. on the dates given below. A simple lunch will follow.

- March 14 Church of the Sacred Heart**
9300 Community Lane, So. Prince George, Va.
- March 21 Trinity UMC**
10021 County Drive, Disputanta, Va.
- March 28 Sycamore UMC**
9710 Old Stage Road, Prince George, Va.
- April 4 Gary's UMC**
13501 Sunnybrook Road, Petersburg, Va.
- April 11 Bethlehem Congregational Church**
10501 Pole Run Road, Disputanta, Va.

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)

3/10 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	1st Sunday in Lent 10 2a Daylight Saving Time starts 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Last day for "Coffee/Tea" workcamp fund-raiser	2nd Sunday in Lent 17 St. Patrick's Day 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:30p Session meeting
M	11	18
T	12	19
W	7p Choir practice 13	7p Choir practice 20
T	12p Lenten service & lunch, Host: Church of Sacred Heart 2p Church cleaning 14	12p Lenten service & lunch, Host: Trinity UMC 2p News articles due in office 2p Church cleaning 7p Stewardship & Finance Com. 21
F	15	22
S	16	8a Cub Scouts Yard Sale, GMPC parking lot 6p Spaghetti Dinner (Tri-Cities workcampers' Fund-raiser, Fellowship Hall (Set-up all day)) 23

SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Gregg Webber

	MAR. 10 1st Sun. in Lent	MAR. 17 2nd Sun. in Lent
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
NURSERY	Diane Overstreet Mary Kay Schroeter	Jennifer Smyth Charlie Smyth
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing

FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 11/30/18	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$97,595.16	3/3	\$4,519.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$128,645.92)	3/10	
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$21,466.20)	3/17	
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			3/24	
				3/31	

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
March 3, 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 friend
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
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 (recov., 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)
Mattie-Lynn's Metschke's brother, Montana (in VCU
w/failed placenta)
Mary Holc (recov., surgery)
Patsy Johnson (recov., surgery)
Courtney Stewart, celebrating healthy birth of baby
Cathy Moore, Glenda Mayhew's sister (health issue)
Family/friends of Ellen Zaborsky (d. 2/26)